

MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
Fall General Meeting, Thursday, October 22, 2015

Minutes

**1. Call to Order/Welcome**

President Rick Hayward called the meeting to order at 1105hrs

**2. Guest Speaker: Dale MacRae**

NBSRT Membership Secretary Dale MacRae presented to the group. He gave an overview of the hierarchical structure of the Executive of the NBSRT and a reminder that ALL branches, such as MARTA, also belong to the NBSRT and the National body. Currently there are 239 members of MARTA, with a total of 2718 members of NBSRT. Dale encouraged all members to keep the locals up to date about membership status. Some discussion was held with respect to the difference between local payment of dues compared to deduction at source. Dale also provided a brief overview of the NBSRT website, in particular the Member Only Login screen. Members are encouraged to register for the Member Only page as this is one vehicle for distribution of materials to members and will save mailing costs for the Association.

**3. Moment of Silence/Grace**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

*MOTION: Approved with 2 additions (Correspondence and Announcements)  
Rigley/MacPhee (Carried)*

**5. Minutes of Spring AGM - May 21, 2015**

The minutes of the previous AGM were read by Vice President Andrew Clark. A correction to the amount of the Bursary was noted and the minutes were approved as corrected.

*MOTION: approved as read with correction to Bursary Amount  
Brown/Hayward (Carried)*

**6. Business Arising**

One item arising from the minutes is the creation of an email distribution list. Rick is in the process of creating this now and it should be ready asap. Members are encouraged to contact Rick to have their names added to the list.

**7. Correspondence**

Thank you cards for MARTA Bursaries and Scholarships were received from: Riley Estey (NSER); Katie Corlett (JMH); Kelly Cornish (Bonar Law); Elyse Giourard (JMH); Madeline MacIsaac (MVHS); Jordyn Fortune (Blackville)

**8. Financial Report**

Richard Walsh provided details/explanation with respect to the Financial Report circulated for the period May 21-Oct 27th

*MOTION: adoption of report  
Walsh/Brown (Carried)*

**9. Committee Reports**

*MOTION: Committee Reports accepted as read*

*Clancy/Black (Carried)*

- Social - Cil Hickey  
Cil provided members with the dates of games events, indicating that because of Remembrance Day, the November games day has been cancelled.
- Reflections - Merle Milson  
Merle reminded members that "Reflections" produces three issues a year. He has recently submitted many photos and an article detailing the history of North and South Esk Regional School. Fortunately, there were no memorials since the last meeting and Merle encouraged members to contact him directly with submission ideas.
- Telephone - ???  
Gena extended her thanks to Committee members for their help in notifying members.
- Special Projects - Lenore Masterson  
Lenore noted that the 50/50 draw is working very well. The winner today was Janice Morrison who collected \$135.50. Lenore wished to thank Maria and Mary for their assistance. The Christmas Party is being held on Dec. 8th and Lenore reminded everyone that the \$5 admission is used to provide a \$100 donation to the food bank and the remaining funds are deposited with the Scholarship account. Participants are encouraged to bring along donations for the food bank and Lenore mentioned that cash donations, with receipts being issued for Income Tax are also acceptable.
- Newsletter - Bill Rigley  
Merle noted that the Spring AGM location is not confirmed because of a conflict with the date for the group catering. Once the location is finalized members will be notified.
- Website - Grant Hendry  
The website is currently under major renovation and redesign. Members are encouraged to check back often for updates.
- Membership - Wendy Matthews  
Wendy encourages any former retirees who are not already members to consider joining MARTA to keep up to date.
- Courtesy - Rosemarie Rigley  
There were four cards sent to the following individuals since the last General Meeting.
  - Carol Burt for her sister
  - David Woods for his wife
  - Judy Fox-Roy for her brother
  - Faye Gilks for her brother

Rick Hayward thanked the committee chairs and members for their hard work.

### **10. NBSRT Report - Rick Hayward**

Rick provided a brief summary of the NBSRT meeting he attended on Sept 29th, 2015. Details will be forwarded to Members via email and the full report will be posted on the website. Rick mentioned specifically a presentation by Mr. Clyde Spinney. Mr. Spinney discussed the concept that NBSRT does not represent retired teachers since all retired teachers are not members of NBSRT. Some discussion was held with respect to the pros/cons of NBSRT becoming an incorporated body. Further, the concept of legal liability for NBSRT and member branches was discussed. NBSRT is currently seeking clarification for itself and member branches regarding the purchase of Liability Insurance.

Mr. Guy Arseneault, NBTA President, presented to the group about a variety of topics of concern namely; the 10 year Education plan and associated public meetings, the revised teacher attendance policy being implemented this year and information about the Teacher's Pension

Plan. Retired members are encouraged to be vocal and involved in these discussions. The Miramichi Public Meeting re: the 10 year Education Plan will take place at JMH, on Tuesday, October 27th, 2015 from 5pm-8pm. These are designed to be very informal meetings. Other meetings have not been well attended and all members are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. Dale Weldon spoke about Group Insurance. The plan is currently up for review and Dale provided some information about potential changes to the Group Plan. Once the update is complete, members will be provided a summary brochure. This information will also be posted on the NBSRT website and, once again, members are encouraged to access the Members Only page to reduce mailing costs where possible.

### **11. New Business**

Under New Business, MARTA has agreed to host the NBSRT Biennial Meeting to be held on May 3rd, 2017. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Treasurer and including Marjorie MacPhee and Cil Hickey to date will meet to begin planning. Members wishing to contribute to this committee should contact Rick or Andy.

### **12. Announcements**

1. Helen Jones—Oranges—contact Helen
2. Pat Clancy—Evening with “The Betties” Fri, Nov 13th, 7pm, JMH, \$25/\$30
3. Gena Skidd—An Afternoon with John Bosma @ Season’s View, details on website asap
4. Thank you to Legion for meal

### **13. Adjournment @ 1241hrs**

*MOTION: Eleanor Watt*