

**MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MARTA Fall General Meeting**  
**St. Raphael's Church Hall, Blackville**  
**Thursday, October 19th, 2017, 11:00am**

**Call to Order:**

Vice-President, Grant Hendry, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. He welcomed the members, and visiting guest, June MacNairn, who was representing the NBSRT Executive.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

The agenda was amended to have Grace said at the conclusion of the meeting. Moved by Bill Rigley and seconded by Richard Walsh. **Motion carried.**

**Guest Speaker:** Dale McRae

The NBSRT Constitution has been revised. Dale explained the revisions made to form the New Constitution, "what we look like now". He also explained: the difference between an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a Biennial Meeting (everyone votes at an AGM); how you become a Director of NBSRT (Branch prerogative); how the number of directors is determined from each branch (one director for every one hundred members of the Branch); who the affiliates of NBSRT are (NBTF, NBTA, SERFNB, ECRT, ACER/CART); and the School Days Museum Inc. is now a separate branch of the NBSRT. Each of the diagrams used by Dale in his presentation can be found on the NBSRT website ([www.NBSRT.ca](http://www.NBSRT.ca)) under "Resources"

**Moment of Silence:**

The members paused to remember deceased members of MARTA.

**Special Presentations to MARTA Members:**

Grant introduced June MacNairn, First Vice-President of NBSRT, who brought greetings from NBSRT President, Marg Urquhart. She explained that the goal, of the NBSRT ad-hoc committee for Enhancing Membership, was to help the NBSRT become a more vibrant organization. Also, she named the co-chairs of the NBSRT Wellness Committee, Anne Kennedy and Garth Wade. June informed the meeting that there are now more retired teachers than active teachers in the province, hence the NBSRT's goal to grow the membership.

June presented an NBSRT Group Award to the MARTA Biennial Committee for their exceptional work in preparing for, and hosting, the recent NBSRT Biennial. Rick Hayward received the award on behalf of the committee.

Rick Hayward, Past-President of MARTA, announced that Cil Hickey was to receive a Merit Award. Cil's award, presented by June MacNairn, was in recognition of, and in deep appreciation for, her distinguished service to her community, to her church and to MARTA.

**Approval of Minutes from Spring AGM (May 30,2017):**

It was moved by Mike Butler and seconded by Trudy Underhill that the minutes be approved as read. **Motion carried.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

June MacNairn reported that Moncton would be hosting the next NBSRT Biennial meeting. There was no further business arising from the minutes

**Financial Report:**

Richard Walsh provided details/explanations with respect to the Financial Report (income/expenses) circulated for the period May 23, 2017 to October 16, 2017.

*Regular Fund Balance May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
*Scholarship Fund Balance Oct. 16, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
*Total Investments Balance Oct.16, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
*Petty Cash Balance Oct. 16,2017	\$ [REDACTED]
*Total Assets Oct. 16,2017	\$ [REDACTED]

A written Financial report was also submitted.

Richard noted that this year the funds for the bursaries and the scholarship were given directly to each of the recipients, not to the school. Student recipients submitted the required documentation before scholarship and bursary cheques were issued to them (in September). Each student did submit the required documentation.

Re: the notation on Investments: There was a misunderstanding at the bank regarding the GIC rate, therefore, Richard and Andy will be meeting with the Bank tomorrow, Friday (20/10/17), to decide the matter.

Richard Walsh moved for the adoption of the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Rick Hayward. **Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

It was moved that the committee reports be approved before being circulated. Motion made by Rose Rigley and seconded by Marjorie McPhee. **Motion carried.**

Branch membership: Dale reported for Wendy Matthews, that there are 259 current members of MARTA. If individuals know of retired teachers interested in joining MARTA, a registration form can be printed from the website, or you may contact Wendy

Branch Newsletter: Dates to Remember in the Newsletter were off by one day in 2018. Grant will post the corrected list on the MARTA website. Following is the *corrected* list.

Games afternoons: Nov. 14, (2018) Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 15  
December 12 Christmas Party-Nelson Seniors' Bldg. at 11:00  
February 15 Winter Executive Meeting, Portage restaurant, 9:30  
April 5 Winter Breakfast (location TBA)  
May 3 NBSRT Annual Meeting in Moncton  
May 10 MARTA Spring Executive Meeting, Portage Restaurant, 9:30  
May 23 Spring Annual General Meeting, St. Andrew's Hall  
In Memoriam: David Bowie and Lloyd Cameron

Courtesy: Since taking over the Courtesy Committee in June 2017, Maria Brown has sent sympathy cards to the following members: Marjorie Sinclair (her brother James), Gena Skidd (her sister Carol), Marilyn Creamer-Fowler (her son Derek Anthony), Betty Dawson (her brother Vernon), Eleanor McLaughlin ( her mother Mrs. Flett), Jane Waye (her husband Terry). Donations were sent to the Scholarship Fund in memory of our deceased members: David Bowie and Lloyd Cameron.

Reflections: The fall edition of Reflections includes: the Branch News, an In Memoriam for David Bowie and a feature article about Rosemarie and Bill Rigley, both Past-Presidents of MARTA. If members have ideas for articles for future editions of Reflections, or if a member would like to write an article, Merle can be contacted by phone or e-mail. His information is on the front cover of your next Reflections which should be arriving in late October or early November.

Special Projects: Lenore thanked everyone for purchasing 50/50 tickets, and she reported that these tickets bring in between \$130-\$152 each time. The prize today was \$122. The Christmas Party will be held December 12 in Nelson beginning at 11:00am. Admission is \$5.00 and members are asked to bring an item for the food bank, an item for the auction, if possible, and food for the potluck. \$100.00 from the proceeds will be given to the food bank.

#### Social Committee:

Cil announced the next Games Afternoon for November 14th at 1:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on King St. in Chatham. Those who were to provide the lunch for October, were asked to bring the lunch for November.

Website: Grant explained that the MARTA website is undergoing changes to a new platform, Weebly, which has a more user friendly format. The current site will be maintained while a mirror site is constructed.

#### New Business:

NBSRT - Copies of the highlights from the Fall Board of Directors Meeting, September 19th, were shared among the members.

Item # 13 on the documentation, the newly instituted Bi-annual Election, was explained. This change has made it necessary for our membership to meet in April since voting for this election must take place between April 1st -April 10th. Therefore, MARTA will hold a *Winter Breakfast*, April 5th, with a place and time to be announced later. Voting will take place then.

#### MARTA

An election of Replacement for the position of Treasurer was held by the membership. Grant Hendry, Vice-President, informed the membership that Merle Milson had allowed his name to be put forward as a nominee. Grant called for further nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. Grant moved that Merle be elected Treasure by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Rick Hayward. **Motion carried**

Grant Provided an update on the newly formed, ad-hoc committee for Membership (NBSRT/MARTA) Incentive. Members were asked to contact Grant if they are interested in

joining the committee. June MacNairn commented on the importance of increasing the strength of NBSRT membership. She gave the example of how a stronger membership may be able to impact the issues the membership may have with Johnson Insurance.

Three new ad-hoc sub-committees have been established for 2017-2018:

\*Constitutional Alignment re: MARTA and NBSRT, Chairperson: Grant Hendry

\*Scholarship and Bursary Policy/Bylaw Review, Chairperson: Rick Hayward

\*Bereavement Policy and Protocols Review, Chairperson: Andy Clark and Grant Hendry

**Thank-you acknowledgements:**

Rick read a letter from Andy, in which Andy expressed his congratulations to Cil Hickey and the MARTA Biennial Committee, on their awards. He also extended his appreciation, to Merle Milson, for allowing his name to stand for the position of Treasurer, and to June MacNairn for being present to present the awards on behalf of the NBSRT.

Thank-yous were also extended to Grant Hendry for chairing the AGM, Richard Walsh for his presentation of the Financial Report, and to the Ladies of St. Raphael's for hosting the AGM and providing the meal.

**Other:**

Vernon Goodfellow invited members, who may be interested in the non-profit Greencove Co-operative initiative, to contact him for further information. The Co-operative is recruiting members. They expect to break ground in the spring.

Rick announced that Mary King has "Conversational French", for those who are interested, at the Multicultural Center, Water St., on Tuesdays from 2-4pm.

Also, Mary is hosting a Literary Tour of the area, today. Those interested will be meeting at St. Michael's Museum at 2:30.

**Motion for Adjournment:**

It was moved by Bill Rigley to adjourn at 12: \_\_?. Judy Fox-Roy seconded the motion

**Motion carried.**

**Grace:** Richard Walsh

Submitted by

Marty Hawkes