

Miramichi Area Retired Teachers' Association

Fall General Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019

Call to Order/ Welcome

Vice-President Lois Gilliss called the meeting to order [at 11:00 am](#) and welcomed all the membership present. There were no new members.

Approval of the Agenda

Andy Clark moved to approve the agenda and Bill Rigley seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from Spring AGM- May28, 2019

Mary Alice Ahern presented a summary of the key points from the minutes. Full minutes are available on the MARTA website. Richard Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes. Merle Milson seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Andy Clark pointed out that Rick Hayward is no longer on the Online Media Committee.

Correspondence

A thank you card was received from the family of deceased member, Barbara Morrison.

Treasurer's Report (**See Treasurer's Report in MEMBERS ONLY for amounts**)

Merle Milson presented the financial report. Balances are as follows:

1) Regular Fund - [REDACTED]

2) Scholarship - [REDACTED]

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3) Petty Cash - [REDACTED]

4) Investments - On Oct.22, [REDACTED] was reinvested, plus interest [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] from Scholarship at a rate of 2%. New investment total is [REDACTED].

There was a problem with the Scholarship for Bonar Law. The student selected did not go to college. A substitute was chosen but confirmation has still not been received.

Bill Rigley made a motion to adopt the treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Marj McPhee. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Calling - Judy Fox Roy reported that her committee grouped the members by areas in an effort to get more members out to MARTA events. There are 16 people making calls or emailing.

Courtesy - Maria Brown

Since the Spring AGM, 4 sympathy cards were sent out and donations made to Scholarship Fund on behalf of deceased members - Helen Patterson, Kay Flanagan, Judy Mullin and Barbara Morrison. As well, 7 sympathy cards were sent to members acknowledging loss of loved ones.

Membership - Wendy Matthews

We currently have 258 members. Please notify Wendy of any changes in phone numbers or emails.

Newsletter - Bill Rigley

Prepared newsletters are on your tables.

Online Media - Andy Clark

Members are encouraged to check out the MARTA website for up- coming social events, "breaking news" updates, links to pertinent resources and documents, and birthday milestones.

Reflections-

Grant Hendry did the submission for the fall edition. Still looking for someone to prepare submissions for Winter and Spring editions.

Social - Cil Hickey

75 signed up for today's dinner.

72 showed up.

Special Projects - Maureen Le Blanc

Christmas Social ([Dec. 3](#)) at Nelson Seniors' Building. Bring items for Auction.

Wellness - Lois Gillis

Lois reported on events that have already happened this year. Next two events are

[Nov.6](#) - Bowling at Golden Hawk and

[Nov.14](#) - Bus trip to McAdam Train Station. Pick up times as follows:

8:30- leaving Douglastown Tim Horton's

8:45- leaving Newcastle Superstore

9:00- leaving Blackville Nine Pines

Meetings continue on 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next one scheduled for [Nov.20](#).

Everyone welcome.

New Business

NBSRT Director's Report Highlights

Full report can be viewed on the MARTA website. Lois did bring to the attention of the members the Trip Merchant Website link available on Members Only portion of the NBSRT website. Also the NBSRT voting for our area will take place at the MARTA [breakfast April 7, 2020](#).

Other

1) Gena Skidd had a cry for help for a refugee family being brought to Miramichi. They need everything! Contact Gena or Claire Gallant if you have anything to offer.

2) Bus Trip - 41 have confirmed. We were aiming for 50 so after today it will be open to general public.

3) Manford Wasson informed group of the passing of Ned Creamer.

4) Helen Jones addressed the group regarding up-coming Citrus Campaign (orders [due by Nov.6](#))

5) 50/50 draw (\$133.50) was won by Andy Clark.

Next Meeting

The Spring AGM will be held [on Tuesday, May 26, 2020](#). Location TBA.

Motion for Adjournment

Judy Fox Roy made the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Ahern