

**Miramichi Area Retired Teachers' Association**  
**Minutes re: Annual General Meeting**  
**May 31, 2022**

1. Call to Order/ Welcome

Grant Hendry called the meeting to order at 11:10 and welcomed everyone back after not having gathered for a couple of years due to Covid 19. Eighty-three people were present.

2. Welcome to New Members since last AGM

Grant welcomed all the new members and a show of hands indicated quite a few were in attendance.

Grant also welcomed and introduced Noreen Bonnell from NBSRT who brought greetings in place of Bob Fitzpatrick. She spoke briefly on the importance of individual branches and on increasing their memberships.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Charlotte Casey made a motion to approve the agenda. Laureena Black seconded. Motion carried.

4. Minutes

Mary Alice Ahern read the minutes from the last AGM from May 25, 2021 and moved the adoption of her report. Tony Vandijk seconded. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Grant is still seeking a Reflections rep for our branch to report on events happening in our branch. He asked if someone was willing to do even one issue. As a result, Merle Milson offered to do the Fall Edition and Helena Waye volunteered to do the Winter Edition. Only the Spring Edition left to be filled for the coming year.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

(i) Financial - Merle Milson

Account balances are as follows:

(a) Regular Fund --- \$11,224.00

(b) Scholarship Fund --- \$2983.32

(c) Petty Cash --- \$137.45

(d) G.I.C. Investments --- \$40,035.69

Total Assets --- \$54,380.46

Merle moved to approve his report and Richard Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

(ii) Committees

Communications - Judy Fox Roy

Judy reported that she has 16 members on her team. She thanked Laureena Black and Jeannie O'Neill for past service and welcomed Dianne Buggie and Mary Tozer to the team. If you change your phone number, provider or address, please notify Andy Clark for membership or someone on the team.

#### Courtesy - Maria Brown

A memorial candle was lit for deceased members and Cil Hickey read a lovely memorial poem, after which Maria read off names of deceased members. Maria reported that she had sent 74 cards.

#### Online Media - Andy Clark

In Andy's absence, Maria reported that between October 23, 2019 and May 31, 2022, MARTA gained 21 new members and lost 23. The current total general membership is 254.

#### Special Events - Maureen LeBlanc/ Cil Hickey

Maureen reported that the 50/50 draw went very well with a prize of \$161. The winner - Donald O'Neill

#### Membership - Andy Clark/ Rick Hayward

Currently we stand at 254 members.

#### Wellness - Lois Gilliss

Not much has happened in person since Covid 19 but an in person provincial meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 in Moncton. Lois also announced a program called Zoomers on the Go ---- a free 60 minute outdoor class travelling around the province. They will be at the Golden Hawk tennis court on June 7 at 9 AM.

#### Newsletter - Bill Rigley

Bill had Newsletters available at the reception table. He read a very fitting tribute in memory of Lenore Masterson who played a vital role in our branch for many years.

#### New Business

##### (a) Motion to Amend the Constitution re Member at Large

Grant gave a little background as to why this would be beneficial. Many people are apprehensive about taking a position on the Executive and members at large would provide these people with a better idea of what happens in the various positions. We need people who are interested, willing and able. Currently, our constitution doesn't allow this, hence the need for members at large. We would look for up to 5 for a term of 2 years and they can re-offer.

Charlotte Casey moved to amend our constitution to include Members at Large. Merle Milson seconded. Motion carried. Three have agreed to fill these positions thus far --- Elizabeth Price, Barb Hondas and Debbie Hill.

##### (b Motion to adopt a "Guest Attendance " Policy

Judy Fox Roy made a motion to adopt a Guest Attendance Policy for any non - business events. Eleanor Watt seconded. Motion carried.

(c) Election of Officers

President - Grant Hendry

Vice- President - Unfilled

Treasurer - Patsy Kingston

Secretary - Colleen Hayes

(d) Provincial AGM - Grant reported that a strategic plan was discussed as to where we are going in the next few years. Increased membership is key to success. The more members, the stronger the voice in such areas as pension and group insurance --- both of utmost importance to retirees. He encouraged us to talk to colleagues, who are not members already, about joining our group.

Grant declared the meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectively Submitted,  
Mary Alice Ahern