

**Miramichi Area Retired Teachers' Association**  
**2024 AGM**  
**Wednesday May 29, 2024**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 3**  
**18 McCurdy Street**  
**Miramichi, NB**

**1. Call to Order- 11:02 AM**

Meeting was called to order by our president, Charlotte Casey, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Welcome and Opening Remarks – special guest- NBSRT: Bob Fitzpatrick**

President, Bob Fitzpatrick, addressed members with a special greeting, and noted that at the 2024 NBTA Retired teachers' Luncheon, there were 81 retirees who attended this year. He also stressed that we need members to be relevant and be social. Members should encourage and to invite our fellow retired teachers to branch events and social gatherings. Personal contact is important to make and face to face makes a significant difference in encouraging our members to stay connected and involved, and it encourages other retired teachers to become members.

Dale has been assigned as Group Insurance Trustee and an Observer will be added on. Dues rebate has been stopped to new members as not having impact and not necessary anymore. There will be an increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a month. There has not been an increase since 2007.

\$1.00 goes to provincial branch.

\$1.00 goes to local branch.

**3. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members:**

Maria Brown, Courtesy Chair and Lois Gilliss, Wellness Chair, lighted a candle in memory of deceased members following a moment of silence.

The following names were recognized:

Betty Dawson, Carmel Gallant, Dorothy Colepaugh, Mildred Weaver, Mary Fletcher, and Margaret Murphy.

**4. Adoption of Agenda:**

Charlotte moved that the agenda be adopted with no additions.

It was seconded by Merle.

Motion carried.

**5. Minutes of last AGM, May 31, 2023:**

Secretary Colleen highlighted minutes from last AGM

She also read a touching thank you note from Dorothy Colepaugh's Family. Also, she thanked Executive for their support in the last two years as role of secretary.

**6. Business Arising from Minutes:**

Errors and correction of minutes

New member Cathy (Coster) Kingston was welcomed.

It was moved by Charlotte Casey that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Richard Walsh.

Motion was carried for minutes.

**7. Correspondence:**

None

**8. Reports:**

**Financial-** Patsy Kingston:

Patsy gave a thorough financial report on our bank balance with expenses as well as a balance on Scholarship and Bursary balance.

Investments were also noted as well as Total Assets.

On each table were copies of her statement so members could follow her explanation.

Patsy moved that her report be filed for audit, and it was seconded by Tony Vandijk.

Motion carried.

**9. Provincial Committees:**

**NBSRT Provincial Membership Committee:**

Rick Hayward was absent but his report is on website.

**Pension Committee:**

Grant Hendry was absent, but his report is on NBSRT website.

**Group Insurance - Dale MacRae**

Dale informed members that Home/Auto Insurance renewal with Bell Air Direct will be automatic with no premiums off of check. Members can do yearly instalments or have pre-approved debit from bank.

There is a slight increase in coverage rates.

Health insurance- Dale stated that this is in good shape

He emphasized to use number on back of membership card in an emergency whether out of country or in province. He assured members that they would be well looked after.

**10. MARTA Committees:**

**Archives - Marjorie Sinclair**

Marjorie reported that her and John were working on the history of NBRST.

Also copies of Reflections are at the UNB Harriet Irving Library Archives.

**Communications - Eleanor Watt**

Eleanor gave a heartfelt thank you to Gina and Marjorie who are retiring from the committee. She recognized all of her callers who make the personal contact with our members. There is info on website regarding all events taking place.

**Courtesy - Maria Brown**

Maria reported that 7 sympathy cards were sent out to our members. 3 of those were sent to the family of our deceased members. Donations were made to the Scholarship Fund.

Deceased Members:

Mary Fletcher - December 2, 2023

Dorothy Colepaugh - January 3, 2024

Margaret Murphy - January 17, 2024

**Honour Roll** was read since May 31, 2023:

Betty Dawson - July 15, 2023

Mildred Weaver July 19, 2023

Carmel Gallant September 27, 2023

Mary Fletcher December 2, 2023

Dorothy Colepaugh January 3, 2024

Margaret Murphy Jan 17, 2024

**Membership Database – Andy Clark**

Andy reported that we had 3 deceased members and 8 new members. No one has transferred in or out of our branch since November 15, 2023 as well as no one has withdrawn their membership. As of May 29, 2024, the current total branch membership of MARTA stood at 276.

**Online Media - Andy Clark**

Andy stressed the importance of the website's Events Calendar, in addition to the other categories of posts. He would also like to expand our members Birthday List.

Any committee reports for the website please have them emailed to Andy by mid June.

**Reflections - Merle Milson**

There have been 3 additions each year with Branch news as well as a feature article.

Merle thanked Lois (Carmel and Mary) and Helena (teaching in Brazil) and Merle did article on Read N.B.

Merle has done this position for 13 years and is retiring from position.

He is willing to offer advice and help in any way with the individual or group who takes over.

**Scholarship – Elizabeth Price**

Liz reviewed amounts allotted for each high school for scholarship and bursaries.

## **Wellness – Lois Gilliss**

Lois reported that the wellness committee has hosted 5 events:

Wine and cheese Christmas Social in December.

Winter Wellness Breakfast in February

Spring Pot Luck Luncheon in March

Afternoon of Bowling in April

AGM today.

Photos and details are on website and on Facebook.

Next event is trip to PEI on July 25 to see musical Jersey Boys. Please contact Troy directly at 506-627-6100 to reserve your seat. At end of June this will be open to the public. \$75.00

deposit.

The committee meets regularly at the Fundy Line Motel, on the third Thursday of each month welcoming new members.

June 20 is next meeting.

Lois thanked everyone for support and her committee.

## **50th Anniversary NBSRT AGM - May 2025 - D. MacRae**

Dale reported that the planning committee has been formed and are expecting 150 people.

They have 8 Corporate sponsors as well the Rodd has been booked for event. The budget will be finalized by the fall and are expecting huge numbers.

Motion was made by Charlotte Casey to accept all committee reports and was seconded by Francine LeGresley. Motion was carried.

## **New Business:**

### **Report from NBSRT AGM held in Saint John, May 13 and 14, 2024 - Charlotte Casey**

Charlotte reported that her and Barb Hondas, MARTA VP, attended this meeting in St. John.

Dr. William Randall spoke on “Aging as An Adventure”.

Barb has taken position of NBSRT Membership Secretary.

Reflections is available online, on the NBSRT website, in colour.

\$2.00 increase in NBSRT membership dues to go into effect, with &1.00 back to Branch.

## **MARTA Elections:**

Secretary - Mary Tozer

Member-at-Large - not filled

Reflections – Branch Correspondent - not filled.

**President’s Report** - Charlotte Casey – Complete report, as presented, is available under the Reports section of the MARTA website.

**Grace:**

Grace was said by Richard Walsh, just prior to the adjournment of the meeting and dinner being served.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM, followed a delicious meal served by Legion. Branch No.3. Charlotte thanked Legion staff for such a wonderful meal and wished everyone a great summer.

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Hayes

Secretary June 12, 2024