

**MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Spring AGM**  
**Renous Rec Centre**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to Order at 11:01AM by our President, Charlotte Casey.

**Recap Of MARTA Hosting NBSRT 50<sup>th</sup> AGM—Dale MacRae**

Dale's report covered the highlights of a very successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM, a special event that brought everyone together to celebrate five decades of the NBSRT. Planning began in June 2023, and a group of approximately 40 people spent the next 2 years contributing time and talents to produce the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM. There were 157 members register for the AGM.

On behalf of the members of MARTA, Charlotte Casey presented Dale a gift in appreciation of time and effort spent organizing this highly successful event.

**Moment Of Silence for Deceased Members and Honour Roll**

Margaret Barker	May 31, 2024
Dan Johnson	January 31, 2025
Paul Brennan	April 10, 2025

**Adoption Of Agenda**

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Richard Walsh and seconded by Cathy Kingston.

**Minutes Of Fall General Meeting, November 6, 2024**

Highlighted minutes were read. Approved by Mary Alice Ahern and Shirley Donovan.

**Correspondence**

Two thank you cards were received. One from Astrid Miousse on the passing of her brother, and another from Patty Brennan and Family on the passing of Patty's husband, Paul Brennan.

**REPORTS**

· **Financial**—P. Kingston

Patsy submitted the financial report for audit. Complete details, as presented by Patsy, are available to members under the password protected "members only" section of the MARTA website.

- **Provincial Committees**

Charlotte expressed thank you to members of MARTA who serve on Provincial Committees and invited others who are interested to let her know.

- Rick Hayward—Provincial Membership
- Dale MacRae—Online Media
- Grant Hendry—Pension
- Barb Hondas—Membership Secretary
- Elizabeth Price—Provincial Scholarship

## COMMITTEES

- **Archives**—Marjorie Sinclair

The Committee will continue to send reports from the Executive Meeting and AGM meeting to Provincial Archives for storage in the MARTA Collection.

- **Communication**—Cathy Kingston and Cynthia Russell

Cathy reported some of the events members were made aware of: Back to School Breakfast, Fall Meeting/Lunch, Christmas Social, Spring Potluck, Spring AGM.

Approximately 78 members prefer to be contacted by telephone, and 149 members prefer email.

- **Courtesy**—Maria Brown

Since our last General Meeting in November 2024, 21 sympathy cards have been sent out to our MARTA members. Two of those cards were sent to the family of deceased members. Donations were made to the scholarship fund.

Deceased Members:	Dan Johnson	January 31, 2025
	Paul Brennan	April 16, 2025
Honour Roll since May 2024:	Margaret Barker	May 31, 2024
	Dan Johnson	January 31, 2025
	Paul Brennan	April 16, 2025

- **Membership Database**—Andy Clark

Since the MARTA 2024 Fall General Meeting, held on Wednesday, November 06, 2024, our branch has lost 2 members who passed away; 0 withdrew his /her membership; 0 transferred his/her membership to another branch of NBSRT; and 1 who transferred into the MARTA Branch from another branch of NBSRT. During this same period, our branch has gained 1 new member. As of today, May 28, 2025, the current branch membership of MARTA stands at 286.

- **Online Media**—Andy Clark

The MARTA website continues to be a quick, convenient, and easily accessible location to check out everything related to the MARTA Branch, including events, greetings, birthday acknowledgements, summaries of events held and a great selection of photos of members enjoying themselves at social events and activities.

- **Reflections Correspondent**—Acting, Charlotte Casey/Going Forward, Bill Buggie

There are 3 deadlines for *Reflections* submissions: early Fall, early January, and late May. Submissions were sent for all editions. A huge thank you to Rick Hayward for "Walking the Trails of Sister Marie to the Cathedral of St. James". - Fall Issue, 2024. And a huge thank you to Grant Hendry- "Fish Friends" - Winter Issue, 2025. Thank you, as well, to Andy Clark for assisting me with submissions and deadlines.

- **Scholarship**—Elizabeth Price

The letters have been sent out to all 5 area high schools to offer the now \$500 bursary to each. This year the \$1000 local scholarship is offered to NSER; it rotates each year.

- **Wellness**—Lois Gilliss

Lois reported the committee continues to meet the third Thursday of each month, and meetings are open to any member of MARTA. The committee organized several events including 2 breakfasts, 2 bowling events, Christmas Social, Spring Pot Luck and Auction, a special project of Xmas cards to our membership, and a Guest Speaker, Dr. Bill Randall, via a Zoom meeting.

MARTA is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, so there will be planning involved in that event.

The Wellness Committee received a \$600 Wellness Grant to help with the cost of events.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**—Going forward, MARTA COMMITTEE reports will be posted on the MARTA website instead of being read at the Spring AGM and the Fall Meeting. There will be a few paper copies available at the meetings if necessary.

**NBSRT**—On the NBSRT website, *Reflections* is going to become public, not just members only. A standard obituary format is also going to be implemented. Charlotte made a motion, seconded by Lynne Montsion, for all retired teacher obituaries from the Miramichi and Rexton areas to be published in *Reflections*, not just MARTA members. Motion passed.

**MARTA 50<sup>th</sup> AGM DINNER 2026**—Hopefully a committee will be formed and planning started in the fall for the MARTA 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. A paper vote was taken to see where members wanted to hold our Spring AGM dinner. The choices were the Rodd Miramichi River Hotel and Renous Recreation Centre. The Rodd would be more expensive. Results of the vote are unknown at this time.

## **MARTA ELECTIONS**

Lynne Prichard was voted in as a Member-at-Large. There is another Member-at-Large position not filled.

The Vice-President position is not filled. If interested, contact Charlotte.

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**—Charlotte Casey

Charlotte encouraged members to consider running for Vice President of MARTA. She has worked for two years with help from the executive and committee members. She thanked the membership for all of their support.

## **OTHER**

A presentation was made to Merle Milson, recognizing his 13 years as *Reflections* Correspondent, and during that time he also took on the role of Treasurer of MARTA, for a five-year-period.

Grace was given by Merle Milson.

The 50/50 of \$180 was won by Janice Travis-Mutch.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM, followed by a delicious turkey dinner served by the Renous Recreation Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tozer, Secretary  
May 31, 2025