

MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MARTA)

Fall General Meeting And Dinner

Renous Recreation Centre

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to Order at 11:05 by our President, Barb Hondas.

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted by consensus

Minutes MARTA Spring AGM & Dinner, May 28, 2025

Highlighted minutes were read.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Committee reports will be posted on the MARTA website

Correspondence

None

Provincial Committee Reports

NBSRT Board of Directors meeting October 22, 2025--Barb Hondas

BelAir Direct Insurance is going to be sending out a survey to get feedback on the change in service provider. Bob Fitzpatrick is taking over from Rick Hayward as Head of the NBSRT Provincial Membership Committee. Online Media is being taken over by John Irvine. Scholarship Committee will be picking recipients soon. Wellness Committee will be chaired by Bill Peppard. NBSRT are looking for a new location for the School Days Museum.

Group Insurance--Dale MacRae

Dale reviewed general information about our group insurance plan, some background information, funding info and the projected deficit for the current year. There will be substantial premium increases starting on December cheque.

Reports

Finance---Patsy Kingston--As of November 4, 2025

Regular Account Balance	\$3,858.74
Current Account Balance	\$2,315.54
Petty Cash	\$ 200.65
Savings (Scholarship) Balance	\$50,337.46
Investment	<u>\$1,469.24</u>

Patsy submitted the financial report for audit.

MARTA COMMITTEES:

A. Archives – Marjorie Sinclair—Archival Reports will be sent to the Provincial Archives for storage after the meetings. Information on the MARTA Archives, MC4570 and P451 School Days Museum housed at the Provincial Archives along with the contact information for Julia Thompson, Manager of Private Sector Records, was provided to Dale MacRae to assist with the preparation for MARTA's 50th Anniversary.

B. Communication – Cathy Kingston --There are presently 16 members contacting the MARTA membership to inform them of upcoming events. Email is widely used while some members prefer to be called. A small number of members reside outside the area or province or are residing in extended care facilities. These members are not being contacted and there are also a few members who do not wish to have the information forwarded to them. Ninety members attended the breakfast in September and 92 members are attending the November luncheon.

C. Courtesy – Maria Brown—Since our last meeting on May 2025, 10 sympathy cards have been sent out to MARTA members. Four cards were sent to the family of our deceased members. Donations were made to the Scholarship Fund.

Deceased members:

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| 1. Joan Jardine | June 4, 2025 |
| 2. Irene Blakely | June 20, 2025 |
| 3. Marilyn Russell | June 21, 2025 |
| 4. Eric Cameron | October 31, 2025 |

D. Membership Database - Andy Clark-- Andy reported since the MARTA 2025 Spring AGM, our branch had 4 members who passed away, 0 who withdrew his/her membership, and 0 who transferred his/her membership to another branch of NBSRT, or who transferred into the MARTA Branch. During this same period, our branch has gained 16 new members. As of today, November 4, 2025, the current branch membership of MARTA stands at 298.

E. Online Media -- Andy Clark--Andy reported the MARTA online media platforms, which includes the website and closed Facebook group, serve as vital means of communication to keep the general membership informed and up-to-date with all upcoming events, wellness and good wishes, and other crucial information, throughout the year. This year, as we plan and prepare to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of MARTA, from its inception in 1976, please use the Facebook group and the website to learn of the latest details, as they unfold. It promises to be a memorable day with plenty of fun for everyone. Please mark the date of Wednesday, May 27, on your calendar and stay tuned!

F. Reflections Correspondent -- Bill Buggie--The deadline for the fall edition of Reflections was September 2. Three articles were submitted: a report on the Back to School Breakfast, an article from Dale MacRae on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the MARTA branch, and an article by Arlene Waugh on her first year of retirement. Four MARTA member obituaries were submitted.

G. Scholarship – Elizabeth Price— This year’s recipient of the \$1000 scholarship was NSER student, Joyce Brideau, who will enter the Social Services Community Worker program at NBCC Miramichi. The students chosen to receive the \$500 bursaries at the 5 high schools are: Logan Woodburn from MVHS, Regan Verner from NSER, Nicolette Andal from Bonar Law Memorial, Jaelyn Gilchrist from Blackville High and Lia Guimond from JMH.

H. Wellness – Lois Gilliss—Meetings for the Wellness Committee will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 12:30 at the Fundy Line Meeting Room. Any MARTA member is welcome to attend.

Both the Welcome Back Breakfast on September 2 and Halloween Bowling on October 30 were very successful. Future events include a Guest Speaker Series. The first speaker will be Lynn Pritchard on November 18 on the topic of Energy Healing Through Color. The Christmas activity will be a Christmas Pot Luck on December 4. Wellness has agreed to help with a fundraiser for the 50th Anniversary celebration by selling \$2.00 tickets on a \$50 gift card throughout the year. Future events include a six week yoga class starting in January, guest speaker #2, perhaps a Games Day, or a Ring in the New Year Social, and checking out a bus trip to Charlottetown to see Come From Away.

New Business:

MARTA 50th Anniversary Update - Dale MacRae and Andy Clark
The event will be held on May 27, 2026, at the Rodd. Dale and Andy have a Conference Room for us at no charge. Eleanor Watt is looking after online registration. Peter Gadd will be the official photographer. Cost of the meal will be a maximum of \$30. Any excess funds raised will go toward the Scholarship Fund and/or subsidize meal for teachers.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Marilyn Comeau--\$217.50.

John Bosma has written 2 books which he is selling for \$20.00 each. If a profit is made, money will be given to the Scholarship Fund.

North Side of the River & The Bay
South Side of the River & The Bay

Grace

Grace was said by Charlotte Casey, just prior to the adjournment of the meeting, and dinner being served. Meeting adjourned at 12:03, followed by a delicious roast beef dinner served by the Renous Recreation Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tozer, Secretary
November 4, 2025