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ANNUAL MEETING ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED UPEI EMPLOYEES

Friday November 25, 2016

Information and fun . . .

1:00pm – 3:00 pm

Retirees AGM

MacDougall Hall Lecture Theatre
(#12 on UPEI Map)

AGM Agenda:

Call to Order	Bob Mahen
Minutes of Previous AGM 2015 (on web at projects.upei.ca/retirees)	Barb Mullaly
Business Arising	Bob Mahen
President's Report	Bob Mahen
Treasurer's Report	Norine Hanus
Nominating Committee Report	Bob Mahen
Minute of Silence for deceased members	Bob Mahen
New Business	Bob Mahen
Adjournment	

Reception

Catch up with fellow retirees while enjoying light refreshments
(MacDougall Concourse)

Membership Fee:

Yearly dues may be paid at the Annual Meeting
\$30.00 per year (December 1 to November 30)

Parking:

Parking in the CARI/MacLauchlan Arena Parking Area next to the new Engineering Building. There is also limited metered parking adjacent to the Kelley Building (#11 on UPEI map).

We hope to see you there - Pass the word to fellow retirees

**The Association of Retired UPEI Employees
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting,
November 25, 2016 McDougall Hall, Room 242**

In Attendance: Velma Affleck, Betty Campbell, Roy Campbell, Ron Collins, Wayne Cutcliffe, Isabel DesRoche, Shirley Dillon, Albert Gosbee, Frances Gray, Suzanne Jones, James Hancock, Ed Hanus, Norine Hanus, Ronald Irving, Peggy Leahey, Robert Mahen (chair), Kaye Martell, Virginia McCarvill, Marion Morrison, Georgina Mulligan, Glenn Palmer, Terry Pratt, Mike Read, Andrew Robb, Verner Smitheram

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Bob Mahen, with 25 members in attendance.

Agenda:

The agenda had been sent with Notice of Meeting. It was moved by Verner Smitheram, seconded by Mike Read that the agenda be accepted as proposed. Carried.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2015 AGM had been posted on the retirees' website. However a few copies were also made available to those interested and time was provided for a quick review. The only amendments were for minor typing errors.

It was moved by Wayne Cutcliffe and seconded by Suzanne Jones that the minutes, with minor amendments, be approved. Carried.

Business Arising:

Bob remarked that, though he had hoped to get the AGM back to being held in October, this year, for various reasons, it was not possible. An attendance sheet was circulated for members to sign, and update if their e-mail or postal addresses had changed. Bob noted that not everyone had received the Notice of Meeting and apologized for any problems caused by this oversight.

President's Report:

President Bob Mahen thanked members of the Executive for their service over the past year. Meetings, when planning is done for the Winter Luncheon, the June BBQ and Golf, and the AGM, are usually less than two hours in length.

Last year CURAC made the suggestion that one way of recruiting new members was to hold coffee get-togethers throughout the year to which retirees are invited. These were held several

times with only members of the Executive showing up. Turns out, they were the only ones invited! If it is agreed to continue these in the coming year, we will make sure everyone receives an invitation.

This year CURAC is asking for continued support from its member institutions in lobbying the federal government to provide more health care assistance for seniors. Changes in funding practices are predicted to have the opposite effect than intended, resulting in less money than the 3% annual increase promised. CURAC continues to argue for two approaches to improve the situation:

1. A National Seniors Strategy which includes support for better Home Care, Pharmacare, and Palliative/End-of-life Care, and
2. A National Health Accord going beyond per capita funding to include a demographic top-up amount smaller provinces which would be disadvantaged under the per capita approach.

Last year we took advantage of the Sports Centre's invitation to join them in a shared reception following our AGM, and to take a tour of the facilities. Complimentary basketball game tickets were given for the men's and women's games that afternoon. About 36 members accepted this generous offer.

All activities this year were well attended. For the winter luncheon on February 19 we took the advice of Stephen Champion from last winter's luncheon to book a tour with Jeff Bowser of the "Fab Lab" at the UPEI School of Sustainable Design Engineering. Although limited to two groups of 12 because of the small confines of the lab, we were permitted to squeeze about 15 members into each session to hear of the fascinating programs and learn about the sophisticated equipment, including the 3-D printers working away at both ends of the lab.

The Annual BBQ and Golf event was held at Fox Meadow in June, attended by 39 members and 15 guests. This event is the highlight of our year and a nice way to keep connected with colleagues and friends. It was noted that this year the food was not up to the standard of other years. We will look into this before next June to make sure that the food will be more varied and plentiful. Murray and Fern Stevenson started this event many years ago and held it at their home until no longer able to do so. It was suggested that, in future, our Annual BBQ and Golf event will be named for them - the exact name to be chosen after a discussion with Murray. Members were unanimous in agreeing this was a good idea. The Executive will suggest one or more names for the event and run them past Murray for his opinion.

Parking remains an unresolved problem. Queen's University reported in its recent Association Newspaper that free parking can be made available to retirees only if they provide unremunerated service for teaching, theses advising, or research for at least 3 days per week per year, and with the approval of the Dean of Faculty. This does not seem like something we would want to pursue at UPEI.

The Library needed the room that was assigned to the Retirees and have relocated us to Room 323 on the second floor. The key can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. As this room is not large enough to hold a meeting, we will be given whatever space is available, possibly the Library Conference Room or another space if this is not available when we wish to meet.

Treasurer’s Report:

Norine Hanus reported an opening balance of \$1095.52 in November, 2015. The total revenue for the year was \$2310.69. After expenses of \$2264.44 the balance on hand, as of today, is \$1141.77. The balance is slightly higher than last year so, everything looks to be in good shape. (See Appendix 1 attached). A motion to accept the financial statement was moved seconded and carried. Some dues were collected for the 2017 year today.

President Mahen informed members that there will be a meeting at a later date to make changes to the Constitution. This will be held to clear up some vague information regarding terms of office and voting procedures.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating consisted of outgoing president, Bob Mahen and Betty Campbell, who is stepping down from the Executive. President Bob presented the following nomination report:

The following slate is reoffering:

President	Peggy Leahey
Vice President	Wayne Cutcliffe
Secretary	Barb Mullaly
Treasurer	Norine Hanus
Returning directors	Velma Affleck David Cairns
Past-president	Bob Mahen

Three positions will be vacated:

Satadal Dagsgupta
Vern Smitheram
Betty Campbell

The following retirees have been approached by the Nominating Committee and have agreed to let their names stand:

Faculty:	Ed MacDonald Ron Collins Frances Gray
Staff:	Kay Ross

Nominations were invited from the floor three times. When no nominations followed, Kay Ross was acclaimed to represent Staff and an election was held for the two Faculty positions. Ron Collins and Frances Gray were elected.

A motion to accept the slate as presented was made by Mahen and seconded by Smitheram. Carried.

President Mahen thanked the outgoing Executive and Directors for all their efforts. In particular, he acknowledged Betty Campbell who is a charter member of the UPEI Retirees Association Executive.

Minute of Silence:

A one-minute silence was held for members who had passed away since our last AGM:

Calder Campbell
Don Cregier
Lyla Garrett
Joe Revell

Mention was also made of the death of Bob Dillon, husband of Cathy and brother of Shirley.

New Business

A short discussion followed on pensions.

President Mahen thanked everyone for coming and invited them for a social time just outside in the hallway. As all items on the agenda were completed, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty Campbell
Acting Secretary

Appendix 1

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED U.P.E.I. EMPLOYEES

Statement of Income & Expenses

Financial Statement, November 7, 2015 to November 25 2016

Balance forward		1,095.52
INCOME		
Membership dues	1,890.00	
Income from luncheon and BBQ (spouse)	420.00	
Bank interest	0.69	
Income:	2,310.69	2,310.69
Total Income		3,406.21
EXPENSES		
Postage	66.40	
CURAC membership	59.25	
Winter luncheon costs	506.99	
Speaker's gift	75.00	
2015 AGM reception	150.00	
BBQ costs	1,398.30	
Bank charges	8.50	
	2,264.44	
Total Expenses		2,264.44
Balance in the bank November 25, 2016		1,141.77