

McMaster University Retirees Association

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 1990, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Room, Divinity College

1. The President, Mr. Charlie Cook, opened the meeting welcoming about 45 who attended including Mr. Sandy Darling representing the University.
2. The Secretary read the Minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting. No errors or omissions were noted. A motion was made by Ian Nelson, seconded by Marj Westoby, that the Minutes be approved. Carried.
3. The Financial statement was read. (A copy was included with the last newsletter.) A motion was made by Carm McMullen and seconded by Stuart Winn that the report be approved. Carried.
4. The President asked for approval from the floor to purchase a computer. A suggested amount of \$1500 would buy one compatible for MURA's needs. Fred Carson, Blythe Williams and Gil Murray, who are knowledgeable in this field, will make the decision on a suitable unit.

In order to overcome the use and storage problems Fred Carson suggested that a lap-top model would be better suited for portability.

A printer should not be considered as we would have access to one on campus.

A motion was made by Fred Carson and seconded by Bill MacPherson, that an amount of \$1500 be set aside for the purchase of a computer.

The members discussed the motion. Fred could see no problem in its compatability for use on campus. It could produce lists for the Telephone Committee, minutes, financial reports, labels for mailing.

However, some members were not convinced it would be a worthwhile investment. A show of hands indicated that any decision should not be made now pending a report at a later date.

5. The next item of business was whether or not to sponsor an award to a deserving student. A figure of \$1000 was suggested on a one-time basis to be re-considered each year.

After a discussion, it was concluded that this matter should be studied further.

A motion was made by Les Prince that the matter be set aside and set up a basic criteria committee to establish guidelines. It may be that other areas beside the Gerontology Department may be just as deserving. Seconded by Stella Curtis. Carried.

An interim report in about six months will be made.

6. Dr. Roy Levy expressed concern that out of a membership of approx. 700, only 270 have paid the \$10 fee in 1989. Dr. Carm McMullen commented that many members live outside this area and are not interested in the Association's activities.

7. The President reviewed the year's activities.

On behalf of MURA, he extended congratulations to Joan Wiley for having been voted 'Volunteer of the Year' sponsored by the Regional Association of Coordinators of Volunteers.

During 1989-90 many enjoyed social and volunteer activities which included a Christmas lunch at the Schwaben Inn where over 100 attended. Many were lucky enough to have their numbers drawn for the 'fabulous' door prizes.

Several volunteered to tape texts for a blind student. Many helped with the OSCE (nursing) exams in December and April.

A Gerontology student sent out a questionnaire to be completed by members who wished to take part.

Three newsletters were mailed out.

The School of Physical Education are conducting a study on motor and learning skills and needs 24 volunteers in the 60-80 age group for a one-time, two hour session, mid-July to September. Anyone interested is asked to sign the sheet available .

About ten ushers are needed for Convocation on each of three days - May 31, June 1 and June 2. Please get in touch with the Assistant Registrar for more information.

The Elderhostel program is of interest to many members. Dr. Roy Levy explained that it needs volunteers to act as hosts for visitors in the program. He will act as MURA's representative to the Elderhostel program at McMaster.

Our picnic will be at Lowville Park on June 20th.

The barbeque will be in the Refectory courtyard, weather permitting, in August. Members will be advised of the date and time.

The annual dinner at Canterbury Hills will be on September 20 at 5:30.

8. Dr. Gerry King, MURA's representative on the Pension Trust Committee, distributed his report which will be included with the next newsletter.

Efforts are being made to have Dr. King's status changed from observer to that of voting member on the Pension Trust Committee. It is important that MURA's interests be maintained along with Faculty and Alumni.

Mr. Sandy Darling expressed his views on the Pension Plan and the case now before the courts and the sincere hope that there will be an amicable solution.

9. The Past President, Bill MacPherson conducted the Election of Officers. Nominations are:

President	Charlie Cook
Vice-President	Blythe Williams
Council	Fred Carson
	Fumi Miyasaka
	Winn Cramm
	Jack Kennedy
	Bill McMicking
	Janet Fawcett

No other nominations received.

Barney Goldsmith moved and seconded by Les Prince that the nominations be closed and the nominees be elected for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Dorothy Jacobs will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

It is an honour and pleasure to announce that Dr. Harry Thode will continue as MURA's Honourary President.

10. Les Prince announced that Stuart Winn will be unable to continue as an active member of MURA because he and Paula are moving "down the road" to Bath, Ont. (near Kingston) and will not be able to continue as before.

On behalf of MURA, Les presented a lap-top desk to Stuart and a bouquet of flowers to Paula.

Les briefly reviewed some of the many contributions Stuart has made in the University community which include: President, Alumni Assoc.; Service Award - Alumni Assoc.; Involvement in the McMaster Games; Medical Chapter, Alumni Assoc.; Remembrance Day revival; MURA's founding member and his total involvement in University affairs.

Stuart expressed his thanks. He said his involvement in MURA has been most enjoyable in being able to have a part in getting the Association "off the ground".

He handed over his binder dating from 1982 which contains the history of MURA to date.

He hoped MURA will always be involved in University and community affairs.

An open invitation is extended to anyone to visit him and Paula in their new home.

11. Les Prince will receive an Honourary Doctorate degree at Convocation on June 1st. CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!
12. Charlie Cook announced we're still looking for a name for the newsletter.
13. There being no further business, a motion was made by Gerry King and seconded by Carm McMullen to adjourn the meeting.

The evening concluded with refreshments and chit-chat.

*Dorothy Sains
Secretary*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1989 - April 30, 1990

Opening balance May 1, 1989 3546.88

Income:

Membership fees 2780.00

Events receipts - Canterbury Hills 1160.00

Interest earned 601.56

8088.44

Expenses:

Misc: cards, flowers, stamps,
Bookstore 78.78

Sch. of Nursing - shipping books 100.00

* 2 wheelchairs & plaques 640.00 *

Prizes - picnic 28.80

Cant. Hills dinner 1188.00

Newsletter: printing 316.10
postage 1166.19
labels 28.00

Food Serv. - Ann. Mtg. 51.30

" " - Barbeque 798.50

Prizes Christmas lunch 59.52

Petty cash 100.00 4555.19

{Misc. exp. 95.21)

(On hand - 4.79)

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT APR. 30, 1990: 3533.25

Two Term Deposit Certificates, totalling \$3000, are held by the McMaster Credit Union for safekeeping. One for \$1000 at a fixed rate of interest of 10.5% matures Aug 30, 1990. The other for \$2000 at a fixed rate of interest of 11% matures February 28, 1991.

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