

McMaster University Retirees Association

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 1991, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Room, Divinity College

1. The President, Charlie Cook, welcomed about 35 who came out to the meeting.
2. A vote of thanks was extended to Jim Miyasaka for setting up a P.A. system enabling all of us to hear those who spoke. It was a great help.
3. Charlie's comments included having received a phone call from Stuart and Paula that they would be unable to attend and another call from Jim Walker that he too would not be at the meeting.

Blythe Williams, the Vice-President, who is hospitalized, is making good progress. We look forward to his return.

The President reminded members that the \$10 annual membership fee is always welcome and needed to carry out various projects.

4. The Minutes of the 1990 Annual General Meeting were briefly reviewed by the President:

There is a need for a computer on which to record names of retirees, fees paid, expenses incurred and other erlevant information. Approximately \$1200 would be the cost of a computer suitable for our needs.

A motion was made by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Bill Langton that we look into obtaining one. Carried.

An annual award of \$300-400 to a 3rd or 4th year Gerontology student, OR to a student in Phys. Ed. studying in the cardiology recovery program. *

After a discussion, a motion was made by Helen Clayton, seconded by Bill Langton that a sum be awarded annually to one of the above starting in 1992. Carried. *

The Minutes of the 1990 AGM were approved with a motion by Carm McMullen, seconded by Bill MacPherson. Carried.

5. The financial report was included with the recent newsletter. The balance in the account is \$4590.30 at April 30, 1991. In addition we have two term deposits - one for \$1000 at 11.5% maturing Aug 30, 1991 and another for \$2000 at 9%, maturing Feb 28, 1993.
6. The President commented on various activities during the year:

OSCE, organized by the School of Nursing in December and April, was well organized.

Volunteers are needed for a neuro muscular study.

Several members of Council met with the President, Dr. Kenney-Wallace in February. She is interested and wants to be kept informed of all our activities.

She will report on the Pension Trust Committee re our representative on that Committee, Dr. Gerry King.

The Association is welcome to hold the annual BBQ on the grounds of the President's House.

Charlie met with Mr. Ketchum regarding the proposed University Centre to be built on campus. MURA is hopeful that space will be allocated for meetings, mailings and other activities.

The Courier is available in local libraries in Hamilton and Burlington.

The name for the newsletter is now "THE MURAL".

Another university has written asking for information in starting up a retirees group. This is a total of four, including Saskatchewan, Carleton, Waterloo and the latest, Manitoba. Charlie will respond.

At the AGM in 1990, approval was given to allocate \$1200 for wheelchairs. We have purchased two with another scheduled to be presented to Wentworth Lodge. >
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Hosts are needed for visitors taking part in the Elder-hostel session on July 24. know

The annual picnic will be held at Lowville Park on June 12.

The BBQ will be on the grounds of the President's House later in the summer. Members will be advised of the date and time.

The dinner at Canterbury Hills is scheduled for Thursday, September 12. The guest speaker is not known at this time. We will be in touch with Dr. Kenney-Wallace and the Hon. Lincoln Alexander to see if either might be available.

The Geritol Follies is on June 20. Tickets at \$6.25 are still available. Reservations have been made for a pre-show dinner at the Vienna Cafe.

The President has been promised that the long-awaited 'Improved Benefits' info is close to being finalized and will be distributed to all retirees.

7. MURA's rep. on the Pension Trust Committee, Dr. Gerry King, was invited to briefly report on any new developments. He said that over the past year that really not too much had changed. The fund is in good shape and the court case involving excess funds is still pending. The PTC has recommended an increase of 4.8% to retirees July 1, 1991.
8. The Past-President, Bill MacPherson, took the Chair for the nominations and election of Officers and Council for 1991-92.

Those nominated and willing to stand are:

President	- Charlie Cook
Vice-President	- Blythe Williams
Council	- Janet Fawcett
	- Jack Kennedy
	- Bill McMicking
	- Gil Murray
	- Joy Baby
	- Craig McIvor
	- Carm McMullen
	- Jim Walker

No other nominations were received. Gerry King moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Ian Nelson. Carried

Those listed above will be the 1991-92 Council.

In addition to the above, the following are appointed:

Honorary President	Dr. Harry Thode
Past President	Bill MacPherson
Secretary	Fumi Miyasaka
Treasurer	Dorothy Jacobs

All have accepted.

9. The President resumed the Chair and invited any questions from the floor. None was forthcoming.

10. Charlie thanked Council and volunteers for their help in carrying out activities in the past year.

He hoped that in the near future MURA will meet with retirees of other universities for a social and exchange of ideas and information get together.

10. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. The President invited all to partake in refreshments and chit-chat.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1990 - April 30, 1991

Opening balance May 1, 1990	3533.25
Income:	
Membership fees	3150.00
Events receipts:	
Canterbury Hills	980.00
Barbeque	104.00
Interest:	
Cr. Union Account	366.37
Term Deposit Certificates	325.00
	<u>8458.62</u>

Expenses:

**Petty cash	150.00	
A & B Catering, AGM	215.73	
Gift, S. Winn	52.92	
Prizes - picnic	21.81	
Stamps, cards	6.15	
Westoby memorial	25.00	
Plaque - N.L.name	40.99	
Cheque returned	10.00	
50 tks @ 6.25 Ger. Foll.	312.50	
Office supplies	115.80	
Newsletter: printing	268.74	
postage	877.50	
labels	50.00	
Canterbury Hills dinner	1024.58	
Barbeque	696.60	3868.32
		<u>4590.30</u>

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:

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 11.5% matures Aug. 30, 1991. The other for \$2000 at a fixed rate of interest of 9% matures Feb 28, 1993.

**Petty Cash (details on file):

May 1, 1990	Cash on hand	4.79
	Reimbursements	150.00
Oct 16	Wine returned -	
	Cant. Hills	29.65
		<u>184.44</u>
May 1, 1990 - April 16, 1991:		
	Misc.	153.81
CASH ON HAND:		<u>30.63</u>

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Membership Report to April 30th, 1991.

To date the total Membership count is 793, this is made up of:-

Faculty	220	Staff	391	Hourly	152	Others M.B.	30
Including	12		26		3	Survivors	

Of the 793 there are 261 who are subscribing Members. This count will vary as some do not renew their paid Membership and others will subscribe for the first time.

Many of the Members reside out of Province and do not express an interest in making a subscription. There are also many that are living locally that do not subscribe.

To cut down on Mailing costs it has been decided that there will be only one general mailing per year to all Members. Members who subscribe will receive regular mailings.

With such a large Membership it has become too great a chore to keep accurate records manually. To separate the mailing list into local and out of Province, paid or unpaid Membership it has been necessary to set up the records on a Computer.

Several times in the past few years it has been suggested that we set up Special Interest Groups within the Association. In this way we could make provisions for Members who shared a given Hobby or interest to get together. Members wishing to participate could indicate their hobbies and would be supplied with a list of those who shared the same interests.

To help the executive to provide improved services we are asking for the Members approval to spend upto \$1200.00 on a Computer to be used for Word Processing on such items as:-

Correspondence, Newsletter, Minutes, Financial Statements, and providing selective mailing lists required for special mailings.

While \$1200.00 may seem to some a large expenditure, it can be done by a transfer from a Cash Asset to a Fixed Asset of \$1200.00 This could then be depreciated over five years (\$240.00 per year) less than \$1.00 per year per subscribing Member.