

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 1995

Gilmour Hall B109

PRESENT: J. Baby, J. Evans, D. Haisell, C. McMullen  
W. Mousley, A. Thompson, J. Walker, M. Welton

REGRETS: C. Cook, D. Jacobs, D. Matheson, W. McMicking  
J. Wiley, J. Williamson

It was MOVED by Jack Evans and seconded by Joy Baby that the Minutes of March 8 be adopted.

Averil Thompson wished to make some corrections i.e. on the bottom of Page 1 : "given by Sandy Darling" to "discussed". The last sentence of the same paragraph to be replaced by : "The next meeting is planned for the last week in March." Change also to the top of Page 3: "Averil Thompson suggested that inclusive language be used, e.g. 'Chair' or 'Chairperson instead of Chairman".

Amendment passed

Jim Walker had received a memo from Gerry King re the Pension Trust Committee. A number of financial changes are being considered, including a move away from Bonds. We will get more details at the next meeting. Gerry will report at the A.G.M.

Jack Evans noted that the Faculty Association's Court challenge will be May 23-25th.

The Benefits Review Committee met on March 27th. Averil Thompson stated that Sandy Darling had done a great job on the draft report. The report had been discussed in great detail. Changes will be made and reported to the President. It has been proposed to continue with the Standing Committee, with no increase in the number of members.

Lou Sentesy is now in Chedoke Hospital and is able to use a walker.

Les Prince, who had emergency surgery on February 27th is now out of intensive care. The family has requested that there be no visits. Jack Evans suggested that a card be sent from MURA to Les.



Joy Baby reported a bank balance of \$2,230.39 plus two T Bills; one for \$2,000 and the other for \$1,000. The bill for the last two Newsletters has been received, totalling \$1,037.08. This includes printing and postage. It was noted that the last big mailing cost \$395.26 postage. This is about \$200. more than the smaller mailing. Carm McMullen wondered if we could save money by using 2nd class mail. Jim Walker will check into this.

#### CONSTITUTION

Charlie Cook has produced notes re "Political Correctness". Copies of this to be made and put through A.G.M. So far 25 people have indicated their intention to attend the A.G.M. There is concern that people attending the afternoon A.G.M. may not have parking permits to avoid paying the \$8.50 parking fee. Joy volunteered to contact these people warning them about parking costs. Jim Walker will contact the Parking Manager to see if a special concession can be made to retirees coming to the A.G.M. who do not have parking permits.

The Draft for the Budget Committee was presented. Warren Mousley explained that the 1995/96 Budget had been based on a fee increase to \$15.00 and a membership (paid up) of \$400. Warren also noted that figures can go up or down depending on mailings and printings. The membership numbers were discussed. Jim Walker has volunteered to take on the job of Membership Contact for 1995/6. This may include corresponding with people who paid in 1994 but have not done so in 1995.

A general discussion followed re the increase of membership from \$10 to \$15. Carm McMullen is concerned that this increase will be questioned by members when we have \$3,000. in reserve. Carm McMullen believed that the reserve could come down to \$1,000 before putting up fees. There is concern that fewer people will pay the \$15 rather than the \$10 fee. Jack Evans believes that this membership is a good deal even at \$20. Warren Mousley warned that the reserve is going down and another year may deplete this 'cushion'.

Various suggestions were made to increase the revenue. For example, encourage more members to become "paid up". Have a "donation box" at the Spring BBQ. Accept Maxima Tours offer to provide the advertising for their tours - as many copies as we wish apparently are available.

A decision will be made for next month's meeting with an update on the budget and membership. Warren Mousley and Joy Baby will update the financial statement. Warren said that a budget statement should be provided quarterly and at the A.G.M.



Carm McMullen answered a question on his MURA Membership Aptil 1995 figures. The "Undetermined" category are definitely not "paid up" and are probably still alive.

To date 100 people have signed up for the McMaster Museum of Art Tour. Of these, 95 will attend the BBQ. Jack Evans is to arrange for the tour guides. Jim Walker will check out an alternative place for the BBQ in case of rain. He has asked for Links to cater this event.

There have been 15 volunteers so far to assist in the various functions on campus.

The Nominating Committee have met and have contacted people to be on the new MURA Council. This list to be put forward to the A.G.M. on May 17, 1995 is as follows:-

Past President	Jim Walker
President	Jack Evans
Vice-President	Warren Mousley
Treasurer	Dora Haisell
Secretary	Dorothy Matheson

Council Members:-

Marion Welton	to	97/98
Veronica Morrison	to	96/97
Brian White	to	96/97
Margaret Maggs	to	97/98
Joy Baby	to	97/98

Carm McMullen moved this list for adoption to A.G.M. Nominations will go forward to the A.G.M. Thank you to Dora Haisell for taking the position of Treasurer. This will give Joy Baby more time to concentrate on MURA tours.

Many thanks were expressed to Joy for her work as Treasurer, and for all her work arranging the tours.

MURAL: - Averil Thompson is willing to take on this job for next year.

A.G.M. Refreshments: Joy Baby to organize coffee. Averil Thompson will supply juice. Cookies to be supplied by Council members.



Looking ahead to the Christmas lunch, it was agreed that we could cut down on the carol singing, also on the number of prizes. Half a dozen bottles of wine as prizes should be sufficient. This would give people more time to socialize at the lunch. The incoming committee will finalize this.

Only 21 people have booked for the Ottawa trip. Joy Baby is working on getting a smaller bus.

It was MOVED by Warren Mousley that the meeting adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

The next meeting was originally scheduled for May 10th at 1:30 p.m. but on the date these minutes were transcribed, word had been received of the passing of Les Prince. The University will hold a Memorial Service in his honour on May 10th at 1:00 p.m. in Convocation Hall.

The MURA Council meeting will take place at **2:30 p.m.** on May 10th in Gilmour Hall B109.