

McMaster University Retirees' Association

Council Meeting Minutes

June 22, 1994 - 1:30 p.m.

Gilmour Hall, Room B109

Present: J. Baby, C. Cook, J. Evans, D. Haisell, D. Matheson, W. MacPherson, C. McMullen, A. Thompson, J. Walker, J. Wiley

Regrets: D. Jacobs, W. McMicking, W. Mousley, M. Welton, J. Williamson

The President welcomed Jack Evans to Council.

Moved by Carm McMullen, seconded by Bill MacPherson that the minutes of the May 11 Council Meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

1. D. Haisell was present at the meeting
2. Page 3 - delete Paragraph 3  
C. McMullen had not intended the revised membership lists to be given to Personnel
3. Page 3 - Paragraph 7, Line 6 should read "voted against the new plan" (not against members having their choice)

Carried.

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There appears to be some confusion at the parking kiosks regarding retirees being able to park anywhere on campus from May through August. Several members have been refused entrance without payment. John Abraham will be contacted immediately on this issue.

The President announced that there had been a slight decrease in attendance at the A.G.M. He suggested that we should look at a day meeting for 1995, since there is an understanding that a number of members are not keen on evening meetings/events.

We will continue to meet in Gilmour Hall, B109, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September through May at 1:30 p.m.

At the A.G.M., Gerry King had announced that retirees will be receiving a pension increase of 1.84%.

The President reported that he had written to Bob Tangney regarding hourly-rated retirees participating in the new Benefit Plan. After some discussion and points made by J. Evans, it was agreed that MURA would defer any communication with its hourly-paid members until further information is available re the Union Contract and



coverage on retirement.

Members were advised that 'Smart' cards will be mailed out by July 1 to those opting for the new plan. It is understood that MURA members will be receiving from Bob Tangney a full explanation of the 'Smart' card and a listing of pharmacists participating in the system, and also a list of pick-up/distribution locations on campus.

Jim Walker to arrange a meeting with Dave Wartman, Personnel Director, for Monday, September 12. Jack Evans and Charlie Cook will join with Jim to discuss the MURA Office, Benefits and other pertinent matters arising during their meeting.

Correspondence has been received from Frances T. Neufeld, Development/Alumni Office, thanking MURA for our donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Bill Hall, living in Australia, thanked us for his MURAL copies but since he is unable to attend anything feels we should save the postage cost and cancel his copy. He wishes us success in our efforts.

Jim Walker will forward a 'Welcome' letter and MURAL to all new retirees during the May--August period.

#### Annual B.B.Q.

A Committee consisting of Dora Haisell and Joan Wiley will look after details for this event to be held on August 24th at 5:30 p.m. They will contact Links regarding food, etc.

Jim Walker will arrange with Jack Maas re tables and chairs to be made available.

#### Canterbury Hills - September 8, 5:30 p.m.

Apologies from John Weaver who had to decline our invitation as Guest Speaker. However, Dr. C.M. (Chuck) Johnston has agreed to speak to our group and we look forward to hearing him.

Carm McMullen and Warren Mousley will arrange for wine to be available for the dinner tables and the reception. They will arrange for the introduction and thanking of the speaker.

Roast Beef was chosen to be our most appropriate entre and Joy Baby will arrange for this, also booking for approximately 50 and placing deposit.

Schwaben Inn Luncheon has been confirmed as Monday, December 12th.

The President received dates for member terms of office.

Bill MacPherson enquired whether Gerry King's status on the



Pensions and Benefits Committee could be changed from that of 'Observer' to 'Voting Member'. Charlie suggested that we write the President of the University. Jim Walker will meet with Jack Evans and Charlie Cook to consider action to be taken. Jack Evans felt that we should investigate this matter regarding the laws pertaining to our full membership on a Pension Committee. He would make a few enquiries which he, Jim, and Charlie could then discuss. We will be arranging to meet with Dr. Kenney-Wallace at an appropriate time in late September/early October.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,140.15 plus G.I.C.'s of \$2,000 and \$1,000. There are some outstanding bills in connection with the June picnic to be paid.

The Travel Account is currently \$488.72 and it was suggested that some of this money could be used for 'Free' seats at future outings. Further discussion required.

A consensus agreed that two members who had unintentionally missed one of our events be refunded their ticket costs. It was stressed that this reimbursement is a 'one-time occurrence' and not a precedent for 'missed' events in the future.

In future, MURAL adverts re trips - members will be informed that notification of cancellation must be made one week prior to the date of the event, after which time no refund will be made.

Jim Walker thanked Charlie Cook and Bill MacPherson for their efforts on the Annual Picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

Carm McMullen moved to adjourn, seconded by Joy Baby.

Next Meeting will be held on September 14, at 1:30 p.m. in Gilmour Hall, Room B109.