

## McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Council Meeting of June 12th, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in GH B109

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PRESENT: J. Evans (Chair), D. Haisell, S. Hambleton, M. Hubley, J. Maas, M. Maggs, D. Matheson, C. McMullen, V. Morrison, A. Thompson, M. Welton, B. White

REGRETS: J. Baby, J. McCutcheon, J. Walker

The Chair extended a warm welcome to new Council members S. Hambleton, M. Hubley and J. Maas

### I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by B. White, seconded by V. Morrison that the Minutes of the May 12th meeting be approved with the following amendments:

- Page 2 (iii) Staff Support should read Support Staff  
Para. 2 - the word "possibl" should have an e added
- (iv) Special Projects balance should read \$1,186.
- Page 3 - Under Benefits: replace "is taxable" with "may become taxable"
- Page 3 - Under Benefits: (Bob) had indicated that "MURA will be informed of ongoing negotiations" to replace "that negotiating group meetings will definitely include MURA representation."
- Page 4 Para. 2 - under Constitutional Change: add "as Chair of the Nominating Committee" after the word "President".

CARRIED

### II. Business Arising

The Chair had received a card of appreciation from Madeline Cook and family.

An invitation will be forthcoming to Council from the University to attend a reception for recent retirees on June 27th at 3:00 p.m.

W. Mousley's name should be deleted from the List of Executives and Council since he has been replaced by John McCutcheon as Vice-President.

### III. President's Report

(i) Pension Ad Hoc Working Group  
This group had met in early June to discuss the threat of fines and de-registration of the Pension Plan by National Revenue. This committee had agreed on a text to submit to National Revenue,



although this has not as yet been approved by McMaster's Board of Governors. The University at present is seeking legal advice on appropriate wording prior to submitting this text.

(ii) MUFF *have*

Although this committee has now signed off the report, the terms stipulated by MUFF had gone through the Finance Committee and will be presented to the June Board of Governors meeting with notice of an amendment proposed by a Faculty representative on the Board to the effect that the interest earned on the Research portion of the Excess Surplus be returned to Research Grants.

(iii) AGM Follow Up

- Minutes

✓ Page 2 under (e), line 8 - the word "be" to precede "incorporated".

Page 4, para. 3 - \$100 should be replaced by \$200.

- Constitution

Line 4 - It was the decision of Council that "the Past President should Chair the Nominating Committee".

✓ Page 5 - under three-year term, Averil Thompson's name should replace Mavis Hubley. Mavis Hubley's name should replace Averil Thompson under one-year term to 1997.

- Constitution Update - J. Evans and A. Thompson will review this document and suggest any changes.

- Communication

X It was the consensus of opinion that MURA does not require the use of either FAX or E Mail facilities at the present time. Anyone calling the MURA office has access to the Voice Mail service.

(iv) Canadian Federation of Emeriti Associations

70 A task force headed by retired Professor **Bramwell** is attempting to form an association for retired Professors. At present there appears to be no case for such a group, whether or not retired "staff" were to be included in such an association.

**IV Treasurer's Report**

D. Haisell reported a bank balance of \$2,801. as of May 31st with all bills paid. The amount of deposit required for Canterbury Hills is under revision and will be clarified by J. Baby.

The Treasurer circulated the proposed budget for 1996/7. The following changes were approved by Council:

The balance of \$1,186. realized by Special Projects be reduced by \$436. which will be transferred to the Operating budget leaving a balance of \$750 in Special Projects.



Xmas Lunch expenses should be raised from \$50 to \$100.

Total expenses in the 1996/7 budget to be revised to \$7,360. (from \$7,310).

It was MOVED by C. McMullen, seconded by J. Evans that the budget as amended be approved.

CARRIED

The Treasurer requested that those who had not already done so, pay their portion of the flower bill for C. Cook's funeral.

#### V. Portfolio Reports and Assignments

- Visitations  
No report at this time.

- Trips  
No report. The following are scheduled events:

Sept. 17 - Canterbury Hills Annual Dinner.  
John Weaver, Dean of Graduate Studies and local historian will be the guest speaker.

Sept. 26 - Bala Cruise/Leacock Museum

- Benefits Committee  
Margaret Maggs had no report. The Chair stated he had met with the President of the Faculty Association who had indicated there were strong and differing opinions on the Benefit Package among Faculty and Staff. The Chair added that the Support Staff had not supported their bargaining committee on the item of splitting the Benefit Plan.

- MUFF  
J. Evans' comments included under item (ii) of President's Report

- Courier  
Veronica Morrison advised that the next issue will be published on June 17th. She also circulated a report on the Annual General Meeting as well as a list of the Executive and Council members for inclusion in the forthcoming issue of the Courier.

- Membership  
C. McMullen distributed membership statistics to Council which showed a total of 311 paid up (Active) members as of June, 1996 compared to a total of 260 in June of 1995. He added that the July/August publication of the MURAL will be sent to 921 retirees.



proposed

- MURAL

Averil Thompson requested information for the July/August issue of the MURAL be handed to her at today's meeting. The mailing date will be June 26th.

- AGM

Dora Haisell suggested that the Convenor of this event, be in charge of both reserving the room and organizing coffee arrangements.

- BBQ

Dora Haisell noted that the time lapse between the Annual General Meeting and the BBQ should be reduced. It was agreed that the AGM would be held at 2:30 p.m. with the BBQ following at 4:00 p.m.

Marion Welton commented that notification of an "alternate location" for the BBQ be made available to retirees well in advance of this event.

A discussion ensued regarding a meeting place for both the AGM and the BBQ. Council would appreciate suggestions from the MURA membership.

- Xmas Luncheon

Council agreed on a date of December 9th for the 1996 lunch.

- Portfolio Assignments 1996/97

AGM	-	Brian White
Annual Dinner	-	Joy Baby (Mavis Hubley)
BBQ	-	Stan Hambleton
Benefits Comm.	-	Margaret Maggs
Courier	-	Veronica Morrison
Membership	-	Jim Walker (Carm McMullen)
MUFF	-	Jack Evans (John McCutcheon)
MURAL	-	Averil Thompson
Pension Trust		
Committee	-	Gerry King (J. Evans)
Trips	-	Joy Baby, Director (Mavis Hubley)
University		
Relations	-	Past President, President and Vice-President
Xmas Lunch	-	Marion Welton (Brian White)
Visitations	-	Jack Maas

The Chair requested J. Baby and M. Hubley to bring their plans for the 1996/7 Trips Programme to the September meeting. He agreed to meet with A. Thompson to discuss a publication schedule for MURAL.



**VI Other Business**

M. Welton, B. White and M. Maggs submitted their regrets for the September 11th Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**VII NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. GH B109**