

April

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday,
January 14th, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in Gilmour Hall
Room 110D

PRESENT: Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Mavis
Hubley, Gerry Keech, Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon
(Chair), George Paul, Averil Thompson, Marion Welton,
Brian White

REGRETS: Stan Hambleton, Jack Maas, Dorothy Matheson,
Veronica Morrison

I Minutes of Previous Meeting

- page 2 under V(h), the last sentence should read ...
"to amend the pension plan formula for annual
inflation increases ..."

It was moved by Jack Evans and seconded by Mavis
Hubley that the corrected minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Appreciation was expressed to Averil Thompson for
taking the minutes of the previous meeting.

II Business Arising

John McCutcheon thanked members of the Council who had
donated and served at the United Way's Market Place on
December 17th. \$245.00 was raised by the Retirees' stall.

III President's Report

a) Meeting with Human Resources-

The President reported on a meeting held with Jack Evans,
John Bowman and himself. Various issues were discussed:
communications, contact with Bob Tangney, and the fact
that Jack Evans had not received the text of the revised
Pension Plan. John Bowman noted the concerns raised. It
was agreed that John Bowman, Bob Tangney, John McCutcheon,
Gerry Keech and Jack Evans would have regular meetings
three or four times a year, the first to take place in
April before the Annual General Meeting.

There followed some discussion on these matters:

- George Paul reported that he had received the letter
about benefit changes which had been mentioned in Bob
Tangney's letter of November 25th 1996. So far it
seems that only faculty retirees have received the
communication. He will fax a copy to MURA.

- Jack Evans talked about communications. He felt they now knew John Bowman better and suggested that other members of Council might attend the meetings when particular issues were to be discussed.
- Dora Haisell reported that a retiree had been told by both the hospital and Sun Life that he/she did not have semi-private coverage. Dora had advised the retiree to call Human Resources. Dora was asked to prepare a report of the incident. There was some discussion on the problem of communication at point of entry to the hospital and the difficulty of expecting ill, elderly retirees to judge the importance of the various forms put in front of them.
- b) Room change from GH B109 to GH 110D
John Bowman has informed us that Human Resources are taking over GH B109, the regular meeting room. Meetings in 1998 will take place in GH110D
- c) Associate Members
The President reported that he had written to Dr. Webster to inform him that he was our first Associate member (subject to ratification of that category at the AGM). He will write also to Mel Preston. Gerry Keech will designate a category in the data base for Associate members.

IV Treasurer's Report

Dora reported that the current balance is \$3,277.75. A full report covering two months will be given at the next meeting.

IV Committees

a) ~~Nominating Committee~~
Past President Jack Evans will convene a Nominating Committee. He will contact various eligible people to serve on the committee and report at the next meeting. Council members were asked to think about possible candidates for Council and call Jack.

b) Pension Trust Committee
The Association now has voting rights on this committee. Dr. Gerry King has been our representative on the committee. It was MOVED by Brian White and seconded by Dora Haisell that Dr. King be selected to serve on the committee as our voting member.

CARRIED

VI Portfolio Reports

- Visitations

Jack Maas was not present. John will tell him of the illness of Dr. Webster.

- Trips/Social Events

Joy Baby reported that some trips for March/April are being considered.

The Stage West trip is fully booked.

Canterbury Hills is booked for Tuesday, September 15th when the speaker will be Bishop Spence.

John reported that he had written a note of thanks to Jim Miyasaka for his contribution to the Christmas party.

- Benefits

Margaret Maggs reported that she had contacted Bob Tangney in response to a question about benefits for the new spouse in the event of a retiree's remarrying. Bob said that only the spouse at the time of retiral is eligible for benefits. The new spouse is not eligible for any benefits or pension. She reported also that she had contacted Therese Quigley's office about including information for retirees in the Athletics and Recreation brochure and forms and is expecting a reply soon.

- Courier

Veronica Morrison was not present.

- Membership

Gerry Keech confirmed that the next mailing will be sent to active members who have paid in 1996 and onwards.

- MURAL

Averil Thompson reported that copy for the current MURAL was almost complete. The mailing date will probably be January 27th but Averil will contact Council members to confirm the date and inform us of the place.

- AGM & BBQ

This will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, the AGM at 3:00 p.m. and the BBQ at 4:30. Brian White has booked the ~~Ellen~~ Eleanor McKay Room in Moulton Hall for 3:00 p.m. and John McCutcheon has booked the President's House for 4:30 p.m. It was agreed that the meal should be a buffet indoors. John will check whether there is a limit on numbers using the President's House.

It was MOVED by Jack Evans and seconded by Brian White that the charge for the meal should remain at \$5.00.

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- Pension Working Group

Jack Evans reported that he had not received the revised Pension Plan text. The Faculty Association has some objections to the revised text. There have been no recent meetings.

VII Other Business

a) Constitution.

Averil Thompson suggested that each member of Council should have a copy of the proposed revised Constitution to study before it is copied for the AGM. She suggested that the Constitution be put on the agenda for the next meeting and the document be circulated beforehand with the Agenda. This was agreed on. John McCutcheon will write the revision.

b) Proposed New University Entrance

Jack Evans drew Council's attention to a memo to the McMaster Community on a proposed new entrance to the University off Main St. West. A copy will be in the files.

VIII Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11th in GH 110D at 2:00 p.m.

Please ~~note~~ change of place and time.

IX Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Secretary

Dorothy Matheson