

MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday January 13, 1999, at 1.30 pm in the John Hodgins Engineering Building, Room 265

Present: John McCutcheon (chair), Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Margaret Maggs, Veronica Morrison, Averil Thompson and Brian White

Regrets: Jack Evans, Gerry Keech, Jack Maas, Dorothy Matheson, George Paul and Gordon Raymond.

Absent: Joy Baby and Mavis Hubley

(Secretary's note: According to the constitution, the quorum for a Council Meeting is five.)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday December 9, 1998 be approved as previously circulated (Dora Haisell/Brian White Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Warren Mousley has agreed to be the auditor. (Only one is needed as Warren is a CA.)
- b) Benefits - the situation with the Parking group of retirees has been resolved.
- c) Some measure of understanding had been reached at a meeting with Sandy Darling on the question of "discrimination" between faculty and staff retirees.

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion: that the Treasurer's report for December 1998 be accepted (Dora Haisell/Margaret Maggs Carried)

4. Portfolio Reports

- a) Visitations - Veronica will give Jack Maas a telephone call regarding sympathy cards.
- b) Events- John reported that Joy had (wisely) scheduled nothing for January/February but was working on some spring outings.
- c) Benefits- Margaret reported that effective January 1, 1999 the government grant towards a hearing aid had been increased from \$260 (total) to \$500 per ear.
- d) Courier/MURAL- Veronica is working on the next edition. Togo Salmon Hall, Room 122 has been booked for the mailing from 9am to 12 noon on Friday January 22.
- e) AGM/BBQ - Stan had nothing more to report at this time.
- f) Retirement Matters - On behalf of Jack, John reported that the ad hoc committee plans to start meeting weekly with the intent of finishing its work by the end of February (1999).

5. Other Business

- a) Motion: that the Council defer the discussion of "Social Membership until the next meeting on February 10 (Veronica Morrison/Margaret Maggs Carried)
- b) Stan Hambleton thanked Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon and others involved for resolving the question of the eligibility for semi-private care of his retiree group.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

7. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 2.35 pm.

Averil Thompson
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon
President