

## McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held Wednesday June 10, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in GH-110D

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**PRESENT:** J. Baby, J. Evans, D. Haisell, M. Hubley, G. Keech, J. Maas, M. Maggs, J. McCutcheon (Chair), V. Morrison, G. Paul, G. Raymond, A. Thompson, B. White.

**REGRETS:** S. Hambleton, D. Matheson

### I Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Minutes of the meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup> be approved with the following correction:

That the name of Dora Haisell be recorded as present.

CARRIED

### II Business Arising

#### a) MUFF-McMaster Fair Report

The Chair circulated material received from Milica Pavlica outlining the planned activities for the McMaster Fair which is scheduled for Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Although the sum of \$35,000 has been set aside for this event, Milica estimates that expenses were expected to total around \$10-15,000. It was noted that among other "celebrities", the President and Vice President (Admin.) had volunteered themselves as targets for the "dunk tank". The suggestion by the Chair that MURA organize an information booth at the Fair, with hand-outs for prospective retirees elicited no response from the committee.

#### b) Meeting with Human Resources

A meeting has been arranged for Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> between J. Evans, M. Maggs, J. McCutcheon, J. Bowman and R. Tangney to coordinate the information to be sent by Human Resources to retirees, outlining their benefit options.

### III President's Report

The Chair thanked Brian White and Stan Hambleton for their efforts to ensure such a successful AGM/BBQ. Approximately 55 members attended the meeting, with 98 people paying to attend the barbecue. The President has once again offered the use of his house for next year's barbecue, and the Chair recommended that this offer be accepted. The cost of the barbecue for this year, Dora noted, was \$567.00 as compared with \$535.50 for last year.



#### IV Treasurer's Report

Dora presented the Financial Review and drew attention to Link's charge of \$11.00 per person for this year's barbecue, with a total bill of \$1,012., which the committee agreed was very reasonable for the fare supplied.

After discussion with Dora relating to financial accountability and the growing need for audited statements, the Chair sought the committee's approval to bring in a budget for the coming year at the September meeting, and to seek the services of an accountant.

It was MOVED by M. Hubley, SECONDED by J. Maas that the Chair contact Warren Mousley to see if he is willing to undertake this task.

CARRIED

Dora suggested that a stapled package of agenda items and financial statements be handed to all attendees at the Annual General Meeting.

#### V. Portfolio Assignments

The Chair reviewed the portfolio assignments as follows:

Visitations	Jack Maas
Special Events	Joy Baby/Mavis Hubley
Benefits	Margaret Maggs
Courier Contact/Mural	Veronica Morrison (change)
Membership	Gerry Keech
AGM	Gordon Raymond (new)
BBQ	Stan Hambleton
Pension Matters	Jack Evans
Christmas Lunch	Averil Thompson(change)/Brian White
Annual Dinner	Joy Baby / Mavis Hubley

\* Averil offered to serve as back-up recording secretary if, at any time, Dorothy was unavailable.

#### Portfolio Reports

##### -Visitations

Jack Maas reported that he had sent out five sympathy cards to the following families: Arnockis, Brymers, Fawcetts, Goldsmiths, and Malcolmsons

##### -Special Events

Joy Baby outlined the following events scheduled for the coming year:

Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> – coach to Toronto Art Gallery, Courtauld Collection

Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Hills Dinner

Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> – Lake Couchiching, Leacock home, lunch at Ossawipi Express.

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> – Shaw Festival, "Major Barbara"

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lights, Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, plus dinner.

Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch at Schwaben Inn.



It was suggested that the inclusion of a map in MURAL to Canterbury Hills would be very useful, and the listing of a telephone number so that retirees requiring transportation could contact Joy or Mavis to arrange for this assistance, might make it possible for more people to attend the Dinner.

– Benefits

Margaret Maggs had discussed with Bob Tangney the case of a retiree not receiving semi-private coverage. Mr. Tangney was hopeful of securing reimbursement for this person. A discussion ensued relating to the denial of coverage for 6-month dental check-ups.

– Courier

Veronica provided the Editor with the list of Executive and Council officers for 1998-99, with the hope that this will appear in the June issue of *"The McMaster Courier"*.

– Mural

Averil Thompson was awaiting a one-page insert on the McMaster Fair from Milica for inclusion in the June issue of MURAL. The material will be in the hands of the printer by Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> with mailing on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Envelope stuffing for this "all retirees" mailing to take place between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the Tower Room on that date.

– Membership

Gerry Keech had been asked by a retiree to raise the question of prepaid memberships for periods longer than one year. After a brief discussion of the implications surrounding this issue, it was decided to table this matter to the September council meeting.

– Pension Matters

At this time, Jack Evans had nothing to report.

– Christmas Lunch

\* As the date for the Christmas Lunch has been set for Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, Brian White, with assistance from Averil, will go ahead with the arrangements. Stan Hambleton has agreed once again to fill the role of Santa Claus. The question of free lunches for retired Council members or their survivors, which had been raised at a previous meeting, was brought up for discussion. It was suggested that this idea might be feasible for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MURA.

## VI Other Business

\* Gerry noted that the names of Lynne Hopkinson and Frank Dorman did not appear on the retiree print-outs received from Human Resources. As Lynne has been receiving a pension since February, he would query this omission with Anne Booth. Discussion ensued on the difficulties of categorizing the various retirement packages such as "rule of 80", "buy-outs", lump sum payments or regular pensions, and determining who is receiving benefits from the university. It was thought that it might become necessary to strike a sub-committee to examine these designations and the differentiation between faculty, staff, and hourly paid workers, as the implications might make it necessary to effect a change in our Constitution. Margaret offered to request from Human Resources when the meeting with them takes place on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, a copy of



their definition of "retiree".

The Chair noted that the meeting room GH-110D will no longer be available to us. He will inform Council of the new location for the **September 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting after this has been negotiated.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.