

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday September 9, 1998 at 12 noon in GH-204

Present: John McCutcheon (chair), Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Gerry Keech, Jack Maas, Veronica Morrison, Gordon Raymond, Averil Thompson and Brian White

Regrets: Mavis Hubley, Margaret Maggs and Dorothy Matheson

Absent: George Paul

1. Minutes of the AGM May 27, 1998

- Page 4 Item IX, Constitution Amendment - line 3 should read "J. Evans moved" not "the Chair moved"
- Page 4 Item X, MUFF Committee Report -line 3 should read "Such funds are used for one-time projects..." not "Such funds are used for ongoing projects..."
- Page 5 line 1 should read "The proposed Executive..." not "The Executive Council...". Subject to the above changes the minutes of the AGM were endorsed.

2. Minutes of the Council Meeting June 10, 1998

It was agreed that the minutes be approved, subject to the addition under Portfolio Assignments of "Annual Dinner - Joy Baby / Mavis Hubley".

3. President's Report

a) Relations with Human Resources Department

The July meeting was cancelled by HR at very short notice and has been rescheduled for September 16, in GH-308, from 2-4 pm. John McCutcheon will ask Bob Tangney for a draft letter to retirees concerning benefits, which hopefully may be studied by our Council representatives prior to their 2 pm meeting with HR.

b) Peter George has asked MURA to appoint a representative to a committee to review salaried employees retirement provisions. Jack Evans kindly agreed to represent MURA.

4. Financial Matters

a) Dora Haisell presented the current financial report for the three months ending August 31 and it was approved.

MOTION - that the Treasurer be authorised to invest \$2,000 in a 2 year GIC at the Credit Union, on the understanding that the money from the GIC maturing Dec 18, 1998 go into general funds. (Jack Evans / Joy Baby CARRIED)

b) Dora Haisell presented the proposed budget for the period May 1, 1998 to April 30, 1999. John McCutcheon thanked Dora for her excellent work.

MOTION - that the budget be accepted. (Dora Haisell / Stan Hambleton CARRIED)

c) Appointment of two auditors from membership

Warren Mousley, Lynne Hopkinson and Jessie Dunlop were suggested as candidates. John McCutcheon will follow up quickly.

5. Portfolio Reports

a) Visitations - Jack Mass had sent cards to Dorothy Matheson and Edith Archer.

b) Events - Joy Baby reported that 45 people are expected at the Canterbury Hills dinner on Sept. 15. She will purchase wine. Stuart Winn will introduce the speaker.

c) Benefits - No report from Margaret Maggs

d) Courier / Mural - Veronica has been providing Courier with information about events. It was agreed that the Oct./Nov. issue of the MURAL would be sent to all retirees. Deadline for copy - October 14.

e) Membership - Gerry Keech reported that we have 30 new retirees.

f) Christmas Lunch, December 7

John McCutcheon will invite Dr. Peter George and his wife, Dr. Arthur Bourns (Honorary President of MURA) and the winners of Gerontology Scholarships.

g) AGM / BBQ Gord Raymond and Stan Hambleton will work together regarding the booking of the President's House and the Eleanor McKay Room in Moulton Hall hopefully for Wednesday, May 26, 1999.

h) Pension Matters

Jack Evans had received a letter from Ross Hume Hall, a McMaster retiree living in the USA, who is seeking MURA's support to improve his standard of living. Pensions are paid in Canadian dollars. It was agreed that special support for retirees affected by the poor exchange rate is unwarranted. Jack Evans will reply on behalf of the Council.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

7. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 1.30 pm.

Averil Thompson
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon
President