

## **McMaster University Retirees' Association**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at 1:30pm  
at the home of Veronica Morrison, 179 Orchard Drive Ancaster

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Joy Baby, Jessie Dunlop, Jack  
Evans, Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Herb  
Jenkins, Margaret Maggs, Veronica Morrison, Anne  
Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White  
Regrets: Frank Drieman and John McCutcheon

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Item 4 President's Remarks line 9 - change " with a small  
bottle" to "with a small bottle provided by Veronica."

Motion: that, subject to the above change, the minutes of  
the meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, be approved as  
previously circulated (Jack Evans/Stam Hambleton carried)

### **2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

(a) Brian Henley has accepted John McCutcheon's invitation  
to speak at our annual dinner on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup>. His  
subject will be the History of McMaster University in  
Hamilton.

(b) Constitutional Changes - these have been modified as  
suggested and, if approved, will be inserted at the end (not  
the beginning) of the two articles concerned.

(c) Gerry had obtained a quote for new computer equipment  
costing about \$2000 and the Council agreed that he should go  
ahead with the purchase and installation.

### **3. Correspondence (e-mail)**

(a) Mark Haley and Simon Oullet have accepted Gerry's  
invitation to attend our AGM and barbecue. Gerry will also  
invite Karen Bellaire.

(b) Karen Bellaire's office had requested the name of our  
representative on the Pension Trust Committee and Gerry had  
said that it is Frank Drieman, although this is subject to  
change.

(c) Marjorie Coit had asked Gerry about retirees who might  
be interested in receiving a newsletter from the Ex Libris

Association. The Council thought that a note in the next issue of the MURAL would be appropriate.

#### **4. President's Remarks**

(a) Room 204 in Gilmour Hall has been booked for MURA Council meetings until June of 2002.

(b) Gerry has requested an updated computer file from Shelley Omand.

#### **5. Pension Surplus Update**

Jack Evans reported very encouraging percentages regarding the return of ballots. Letters have been mailed by Koskie Minsky acknowledging the receipt of ballots. The deadline for receipt of ballots has been extended to the end of May.

#### **6. Treasurer's Reports**

Dora Haisell presented two reports - one for April and one for the fiscal year (May 2000 to April 2001 inclusive). It was agreed that a special note should be added to the fiscal year report regarding the amount of money paid by members for future calendar years.

Motion: that the April report be approved as printed and that the fiscal year report be endorsed for presentation and approval at the AGM on May 30<sup>th</sup> (Dora Haisell/Joy Baby carried)

#### **7. Portfolio Reports**

(a) Membership - it was agreed that there were some problems with the definition of membership as written in our constitution. We need to give the matter some careful thought and possibly get some legal advice, with a view to presenting revised wording in time for the 2002 AGM.

(b) Visitations - Stan Hambleton had sent three get well and one sympathy card.

(c) Trips/Special Events - Joy Baby said that the various events were all being well supported.

(d) MURAL/Courier - It was agreed that the copy deadline for the next edition of the MURAL would be June 13<sup>th</sup>. University facilities would be used for printing and mailing.

(e) AGM Annual Buffet - Stan Hambleton will need to know the



number of people who have paid ten days before the event. He will make arrangements with Jessie Dunlop to provide him with tip money.

(f) Benefits - Margaret Maggs had received a copy of the current benefits summary from Dina LoPresti via Averil. She noted that it had been significantly changed since 2000 and asked Averil to obtain a copy of the year 2000 version.

## **8. Other Business**

(a) Jack Evans said that Frank Jones was looking for a person who might be able to replace him in his role as the University representative of the Canadian Cancer Society. No names were suggested.

(b) AGM - Joy will make red cards to give to those who are entitled to vote. Veronica will type the handouts which Dora will collect for copying. An offer will be made by the chair of the AGM to have the minutes of the previous AGM read and hopefully this will be refused. (No copies will be made for distribution.)

(c) Veronica read a note of appreciation for the work of various members of Council and it was agreed to publish it in the next edition of the MURAL.

(d) It was agreed that Les Robb should be recognized for his continuing dedication and perseverance in connection with the Pension Surplus Proposal. Gerry will make a special Certificate of Appreciation for presentation to Les at the AGM.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at 1:30pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

## **10. Adjournment**

Dora Haisell moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3:45pm.

Averil Thompson  
Secretary

Gerry Keech  
President