

McMaster University Retirees' Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2000, at 1.30pm, in Gilmour Hall, Room 204

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Joy Baby, Frank Drieman, Jessie Dunlop, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Herb Jenkins, Margaret Maggs, Veronica Morrison, John McCutcheon, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and invited guests Karen Belaire VP Administration and Mark Haley Assistant VP Administration, Human Resources

Regrets: Bonnie White

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Page 1 section 1 line 12 - change University lawyer to McMaster graduate.

Motion: that, subject to the above change, the minutes of the meeting held on October 11th, be approved as previously circulated (Dora Haisell/Mavis Hubley carried).

2. Business Arising

Jack Evans reported that the Association is covered under the University's E. and O. (Errors and Omissions) policy. Joy reported that the bus companies which MURA uses have their own insurance. Mohawk College Retirees' Association (like MURA) has no special insurance. Jack Evans suggested that we should require those going on MURA outings to sign a standard waiver of liability form and that this new procedure should be made known through the MURAL. The question of how to inform those who had already booked for forthcoming trips was discussed.

Motion: that Joy Baby and her associates inform those people who have already booked for forthcoming trips that their journey will be subject to signing a waiver (John McCutcheon/Frank Drieman carried).

John McCutcheon volunteered to draft a waiver form.

3. Annual Buffet

Stan Hambleton had obtained several estimates for the annual buffet and after a lively discussion it was decided to accept a modestly priced one.

Motion: that we book the McMaster Hospitality Patio Barbecue @ \$10.95 per head (inclusive of taxes) at the Refectory, preferably for Wednesday May 30th 2001, and that the charge to MURA members be changed from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per person (John McCutcheon/Frank Drieman carried).

4. Pension Excess Surplus

Jack Evans reported that the proposal had been approved by the Board of Governors on October 19th. Since that date meetings had been held to plan the collection of data, the dissemination of information to those in receipt of a pension, and hopefully a half payment to each eligible person in December 2001 to be followed by the balance in January of 2002.

5. Guests

Gerry Keech welcomed our guests Karen Belaire and Mark Haley and introductions were made. Gerry explained MURA's goals as set out in the constitution. Discussion then centered on ways in which MURA could work in co-operation with Human Resources to expedite the distribution of the excess pension surplus. It was agreed that Gerry Keech and Bonnie White will work closely with Bob Tangney, Laura Marks and Shelley Omand of Human Resources to make the eligible retirees data base as accurate as possible, particularly with regard to current addresses. It was also agreed that a joint letter from the University and MURA be sent by registered post. Mark Haley said that he expects this to be done by November 23rd, 2000.

6. Annual Membership Donation

After considerable discussion it was agreed that, subject to approval at the AGM in May 2001, the annual membership donation would be increased to \$15 effective January 1st 2002 * (not January 1st 2001 as agreed on October 11th 2000). This would allow adequate time to make the change known to our membership through the MURAL prior to implementation. It was also agreed that those who had paid in advance on the basis of \$10 per calendar year would not be asked to pay any more.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13th 2000, at 1.30pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

8. Adjournment

Stan Hambleton moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at

approximately 3.15pm.

9. Secretary's Note

The following documents were distributed at the meeting but were not discussed due to shortage of time:

the Treasurer's Report for the month ending Oct.31st 2000
the budget for 2000/2001 and
some information regarding insurance for associations.

Hopefully these will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President