

McMaster University Retirees' Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday September 12th, 2001, at 1:30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204

Present: Frank Drieman(chair), Marju Drynan, Jessie Dunlop, Marilyn Elliot, Jack Evans, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Herb Jenkins, Gerry Keech, Mildred McLaren, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton

1. Minutes of Meetings

Motion: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday June 13th, 2001, be accepted as previously circulated (Mildred McLaren/ Anne Sinclair carried)

The amended minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday May 30th, 2001 had already been endorsed for presentation and approval at the next AGM. and had been circulated to members of the Council.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- (a) Definition of MURA member - Gerry Keech and Helen Barton will report at the next meeting.
- (b) Indemnification of Council members - Gerry Keech and Helen Barton will report at the next meeting.
- (c) Access to the University internet - see 4a.
- (d) Suggestions regarding a person to replace Frank Jones in his role as liaison person between the Canadian Cancer Society and the University - Frank Drieman will tell Frank Jones that the Council has not been able to suggest any names.

3. Update on the status of the excess pension surplus sharing

Jack Evans reported on a busy summer with encouraging figures on response rates for the various groups. An agreement with the University dated May 31st, 2001, had been signed off in August. An update on the probable amount of money due to individuals and the options available to them is expected to be mailed in the Fall (?November). Jack Evans will give Veronica Morrison information to be published in the next edition of the MURAL .

4. Correspondence

- (a) Letter from Mark Haley concerning access to the University internet by retirees
The University has agreed that staff should have access on the same basis as faculty and a meeting is to be set up, hopefully in November, when Frank Drieman will be back from his

vacation. Gerry Keech will also attend the meeting.

(b) Staff retirees had received a letter outlining some improvements in Plan Four benefits.

(c) Back pay for MUSA members

Frank Drieman had received a letter from the University confirming that back pay, as awarded to MUSA members by George Adams for the period June 16th, 1999 to July 31st, 2001, will be paid. The pensions of MUSA members, who retired during that period, will be adjusted to reflect this increase.

(d) Mr. O'Rourke had been in touch with various Council members concerning a benefits problem. Marilyn Elliot will investigate.

(e) Frank Drieman has accepted an invitation to attend a reception for new retirees on Wednesday September 26th, at 12:30 pm.

(f) On Wednesday October 3rd, 2001, many individuals and groups have been invited to celebrate the success of the "Changing Tomorrow Today" campaign at LIUNA Station Grand Ballroom, at 6pm.

5. Treasurer' Report

Jessie Dunlop presented her report for the period May 1 st to August 31 st. 2001 inclusive, after giving a copy to each member present. The balance sheet shows assets of \$8457.29, liabilities of \$694.00 and members equity of \$7,763.29 as at August 31st, 2001.

6. Portfolio Reports

(a) AGM annual buffet - Stan Hambleton said that he was satisfied with the food but not with the patio arrangements in May. There was general agreement that we should (if possible), return to the President's House for the buffet in May of 2002.

(b) Trips/Events: Mavis Hubley and Anne Sinclair described forthcoming events most of which will be advertised in the MURAL. There was some doubt about the value of having the traditional Fall Dinner..

(c) Christmas Lunch: Bonnie White will investigate another source for a P A system.

(d) MURAL: Veronica Morrison plans to publish the next MURAL before the end of September.

(e) Benefits: Marilyn Elliot will pursue the case of Mr. O'Rourke with the appropriate person in Human Resources.

(f) Cards and Visits: Stan Hambleton asked for help in alerting him to the need for

sympathy and get well cards.

(g) Pension Trust Committee: Frank Drieman reported a downward trend in the value of investments.

7. Other Business

As some members did not seem to have the current listing of Council Members and/or the listing of Executive and Council, Averil Thompson said that she would provide new lists. Marilyn Elliot's telephone number will be noted as unlisted.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting (to be chaired by Mildred McLaren) will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, at 1:30pm , in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

9. Adjournment

Helen Orosina moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3:30pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Frank Drieman
President