

**RTO Branch Presidents Meeting
May 22, 2013
NSTU, Halifax N.S.
Minutes**

Call to order – by Vice President, Bill Berryman at 2:00 p.m.

1. Introductions:

Branch Presidents and members of the Executive were introduced. Jim Kavanaugh spoke about the numbers attending the dinner and AGM as well as the logistics of attending the dinner and meeting tomorrow.

2. Recorder – Debby Trask-Cushing (Digby Branch).

3. Moment of silence was observed for those members who passed away since our last gathering.

4. Expense Forms:

Pierre Belliveau RTO Treasurer made a few comments; the room fee \$100.88 one night only. Pass in expense forms as soon as possible.

5. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

**COLLEEN PUTT/WENDY WOODWORTH/CARRIED
WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS 1) OPERATIONS HANDBOOK 2) GOLF TOURNAMENT 3) CURLING SPIEL.**

6. Conflict of Interest – None.

7. Minutes of February 14-15, 2013 Meeting

**DANNY MADDEN/PHIL VAN ZOOST/CARRIED.
THAT THE MINUTES OF FEB 14-15, 2013 BE APPROVED.**

8. Business arising from the minutes:

- a) None
- b) Comment on Evaluation Forms – Bill Berryman thanked people for filling them out February 15th. A number of issues: re 1) legal issues with guest speaker to speak to Branch Presidents next year. 2) Getting people involved at Branch executive level will be addressed. 3) Pension Plan will be kept on the front burner 4) Hospitality Suite with refreshments provided in future.

9. AGM 2013 Resolutions:

- 7 resolutions to be debated tomorrow
- 4 on Constitution and Operational Procedures
- 2 on shingles vaccinations
- 1 on branch funding

10. Presidents/Table Officers Report

Jim Kavanaugh – No questions or comments

11. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report – Pierre Belliveau

Reports were in pre-mailing packages, so will be discussed tomorrow.

- A) RTO Financial Statements and 2014 Budget.
- B) Foundation for 8 month period took place in April with IWK Children Fund receiving \$700.00.
Some discussion re-timing of resolutions tomorrow and the effect on the budget. Answer resolutions first followed by RTO Budget.
- C) 6876 RTO members as of May 2013.

12. Budget year 2014 – Pierre Belliveau

Discussion at tomorrows AGM.

13. NSTU Pension Committee Representative/ Pension and Benefits Committee Report – Albert Johnson

- a) Yearly report will be discussed tomorrow at AGM
- b) Report for Executive and Presidents May 21 and 22 – Albert attended 3 meetings since February 15th. Our assumed rate of return is dropping, numerous other issues are stated in his report and were briefly touched upon. Problems with the Pension Plan were commented on and discussed.

14. Group of Nine Report – Bill Berryman

A couple of items from the report were noted.

- 1) Shingles vaccine – additional info provided
- 2) Student Nursing Placement Proposal – additional info provided
- 3) Innovi cares – sheet provided.
- 4) A brief information session was presented on all 3 items by Bill.

15. ACER/CART Committee Report

Jim Kavanaugh- Annual Meeting will be held on May 31st – June 1st, 2013 in Ottawa. Last report was given last October 2012.

16. Liaison Committee Report – Jim Kavanaugh - 3 reps from RTO, (President, Vice-President and Past-President) meet 3 times a year with NSTU – last meeting May 9th. – A number of questions were raised. Jim made comments on Resolution 2012-7 and a copy of the report made to NSTU Annual Council

2013 was given out today.

17. Nominating Committee Report – Randy Holmesdale

Position of Treasurer and Pension Representative up for election tomorrow at the AGM. A written report on representation on Standing Committees will be available tomorrow.

All Members at Large were returned for those positions following the elections in April 2013.

18. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Assessment – George Landry

No questions or comments

b. Membership – Peter Lewis

1) Retirement packages available for pick up today. 2) List given of those branches that have 75% of last year's retirees' signed up for tonight's presentation at the Dinner.

c. Communications – Gary Archibald

- 1) Betty Anne McGinnis will be newsletter editor again next year.
- 2) Colin Campbell would like to be replaced as our webmaster so if anyone has a Branch member who would be interested please give them the application which will be forth coming.

d. Legacy Foundation – John Donovan

Looked at Guidelines and they are open to question, so they will be received by the Executive next year.

Albert Johnson won the 50/50!

19. New Business:

- a) 2013-2014 RTO Officers Form – Fill out ASAP and send in to Lise at NSTU – Treasurer's form to be completed by July 15th.
- b) Golf Tournament – Berwick Heights September 18th.
- c) Curling Spiel held in February in Sydney- would like it to continue as it was successful, so if any Branch is interested in hosting same next year let the Executive know.
- d) Operations Handbook needs to be on a USB drive. It is being looked at.

20. Motion: Adjournment 3:50 PM

Recorded by

Debby Trask-Cushing