

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2010
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Junior Commons Room, R. Gushue Hall

The business meeting began at 1:55 p.m. President Betty Wong chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome and approval of agenda

Betty welcomed all members and thanked them for their support and hard work. The 36 members who attended the luncheon were present at the AGM. Betty called for approval of the agenda. Tonya Bassler moved acceptance of the agenda. Marjorie Evans seconded the motion. Passed.

2. Approval of the minutes from 2009 AGM. Copies of the minutes were on each table. Julia Mathieson moved acceptance of the minutes and Kathy Simonsen seconded the motion. Passed.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports of 2009 - 2010

a. President

Betty thanked all members for a successful year. She thanked Jean Guthrie, Sylvia Warkentin and Margaret Michalak for their hard work in making the new look on the website correspond with the MUN website. She also thanked them for producing the new brochure. 500 copies were made.

b. Membership Secretary

Since Annmari Tougui was absent, there was no report.

c. Treasurer

Copies of the Interim Statements from May 1, 2009 and the Financial Report from April 1, 2009 were distributed by Faiza Enanny. Tonya indicated that the float money on the Interim Statement under the second Plant Sale should read \$150 in lieu of \$200. This change was made.

When Pearl Herbert asked for clarification on the current balance, Faiza indicated that the correct current account balance was found beside Feb 25 on the interim statement. This had been adjusted after the bank statement was received. The current balance is \$4683.93. Mary Chalker moved acceptance of the Financial Statement. Margaret Dohan seconded the motion. Passed.

d. Newsletter Editor

Betty thanked Sylvia Warkentin for her excellent work in the newsletters this year. Sylvia acknowledged that she had received many compliments and that WAMUN members were quite satisfied with her work.

e. Interest Groups

There were no oral reports. Written reports are found in the April 2010 issue of the WAMUN Newsletter.

f. Archive

Julia Mathieson asked the membership if we were uncomfortable with the existence of private information about past members remaining in the archives. She offered to go back and delete this if we were in agreement. MOTION by Deborah Rehner : The membership agrees to have Julia review the archives and delete private information such as addresses, emails, and phone numbers of past presidents, leaving intact their names and years of service. Seconded by Joan Fuller. Passed unanimously. Pearl suggested that the names of these past presidents be included in one of the newsletters. It was also suggested that the distinguished award recipients' names be included. Sylvia agreed to do this in the September 2010 Newsletter.

g. Scholarship Committee

Although Linda Hensman was absent, copies of the Scholarship Committee Annual Report were on each table. Betty Wong reported that on page 2 of the report "\$1800 being retained" should read "\$1200 being retained" and that Linda would be happy to clarify any questions which WAMUN members might have. There was also an amendment by Deborah Rehner. We change the title from WAMUN Scholarship Committee Annual Report to WAMUN Scholarship Fund Financial Report. MOTION by Kathy: We accept the Scholarship Report as amended. Seconded by Doreen Ross. Passed

h. Plant Sale Committee

Marjorie Evans thanked those who responded to the plant sale questionnaire. She indicated that some active participants from former years will be away during this year's spring sale and that more help is needed. She invited members to become involved. The date for the Spring Plant Sale is now set for Saturday, May 29 and will be held again this year in Marg Connors' driveway. (2A Allandale Rd) Although the date for the fall Houseplant Sale has not yet been set, we hope to have one again in September at the Inco Centre. Betty congratulated Marjorie and the Plant Sale Committee for excellent work in raising funds for scholarships.

5. Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

The President presented Mary Chalker with the Distinguished Service Award Pin. Betty praised Mary for her work as convener of the fiction book group and for the executive positions, such as secretary and treasurer which she has held over the years. Betty added that she has definitely contributed a lot to WAMUN. Karen Herzberg took a photo.

6. Election of the Executive of 2010 - 2011

Julia Mathieson chaired the election. The executive is as follows:

President
Vice-president
Secretary

Karen Lippold
Linda Younghusband
Patricia Collins

Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Social Conveners
Newsletter
Past President

Anna Kralik
Susan Goold
Louise Dawe & Kathy Simonsen
Sylvia Warkentin
Betty Wong

Since there were no nominations from the floor, all positions were filled by acclamation. Julia agreed to remain as Archivist and indicated that Linda Hensman was willing to continue as Scholarship Chair.

7. Thank you to Nominating Committee

Betty resumed the chair and thanked the past executive. She also wished Faiza and her husband a happy retirement in Ontario. She thanked the Nominating Committee, Jean Guthrie, Maire O'Dea and Tonya Bassler for their excellent work.

8. Other Business

a. Kay Matthews explained that she belongs to a small local group of seven Canadian "grandmothers and others", who support less fortunate "Grannies for Africa". Presently they donate \$60 a year which goes directly to help African women. This is part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and a link can be found on his website. She invited WAMUN women to join them in their walk on June 13 and to consider joining this worthwhile organization.

b. Margaret Michalak brought up a discussion of WAMUN's web page and gave a history of it. She reported that David Cantwell, as a student, had first put it together. She discussed the ongoing problems she faced as webmaster in attempting to update it. Deborah said that this is not an issue for the AGM but rather for the Executive. Jean Guthrie said the Nominating Committee had recognized the issue and it has been dealt with. Betty, who was presiding, agreed that the Executive would look after this.

c. Betty thanked Karen Herzberg for taking photos and for her work for the Campus Food Bank.

d. The door prize, a gift certificate to Chapters, was won by Joan Fuller. The centerpiece miniature roses were won by one member from each table – whoever was sitting on the chair which had an X marked on the bottom.

9. Adjournment

Kathy Simonsen moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.