


WAMUN  
Minutes of AGM  
Saturday, April 16, 2011  
Junior Commons Room, R. Gushue Hall



The business meeting began at 1:25 p.m. Vice-president, Lynda Younghusband chaired the meeting. Thirty members attended the luncheon and thirty-one were present at AGM. The president, Karen Lippold, was unable to return from Victoria in order to attend the AGM, as she had originally planned.

1. Welcome and approval of agenda. Lynda welcomed members and thanked them for their support. MOTION That we accept the agenda as presented. Julia Mathieson (Linda Hensman) Passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. 2010 AGM MOTION That we accept the minutes as presented. Kathy Simonsen (Shirley Cooper) Passed.

b. Fall 2010 MOTION That we accept the minutes as presented. Louise Dawe (Miriam Simpson) Passed.

Business arising There was no business arising.

Reports of 2010 -2011

a. President

In Karen's absence, Lynda invited members to refer to the President's written comments as outlined in the April Newsletter.

b. Membership Secretary

Since Susan Goold, the Membership Secretary, was unable to attend AGM, Lynda reported that this year's paid-up 83 members is down from last year's 88. Shirley mentioned that announcements might be made in MUN publications such as the Gazette and MUNFA to attract new members. Linda Hensman agreed that advertising is good but that organizations such as ours, may need to shift their focus in order to appeal to younger members. Karen Herzberg pointed out that since WAMUN is now open to all women, this can also be used as selling point. Sharon Buehler mentioned the importance of giving out WAMUN information to new faculty members and also advertising in Luminus.

c. Treasurer

Anna Kralik, due to an urgent family matter, was unable to attend AGM. Members were given a Preliminary Financial Statement for this fiscal year (May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011) MOTION That we accept the Financial Statement as presented. Linda Hensman (Kathy) Passed. The Final Statement is to be approved by the membership at the Fall Meeting.

d. Newsletter Editor

Since Sylvia Warkentin was unable to attend AGM, Lynda noted that our membership has been very pleased with the excellent job she has done as Newsletter Editor. MOTION That we record our thanks to Sylvia for the fine job which she has done. Kathy (Julia M.) Passed.

## Archives

Julia Mathieson reported that she has processed archival material from 1996 to 2010 and that it was handed in to the MUN Archives this month. (April, 2011) These files included Minutes, Scholarship Records, Plant Sales Reports, International Food Group Reports, Newsletters, Programs and Financial Records.

Due to privacy issues, it was agreed at AGM 2010 that we will no longer archive members' addresses and phone numbers. Documents currently in the archives will remain there but now have "restricted" access available to members by consulting the archivist.

All WAMUN records are available for research when required. Julia is happy to receive any new material for the archives.

### f. Scholarship Committee

Linda Hensman distributed a written report. She pointed out that since only one application for the PhD awards was received, only one has been given. She also noted that the figures under "scholarship expenditure" reads \$6000 instead of \$6600 because the scholarship office listed it as such. They should have withdrawn \$6600 (3 x \$1200) for the 3 scholarships they are awarding. When they send a revised statement, this will be corrected. Our endowment fund is doing very well.

### g. Plant Sale Committee

Miriam reported that the latest information re the "Garden and Household Treasure Sale" scheduled for Saturday, May 28th has been sent out by email. Items to be donated with location and drop-off dates for donations are outlined in the email. Miriam indicated that in case of inclement weather, a "rain date" will be announced. She also reported that Anna is experienced in this type of sale and optimistic re money to be made - hopefully \$1000 for plants and \$1000 for other treasures.

### Distinguished Service Award Pin

Lynda announced that Deborah Rehner has been chosen to receive this honour. Since she was unable to attend AGM this year, she will be awarded the pin at the September meeting. Deborah has contributed much to WAMUN for many years. She currently convenes the nonfiction book group, has led the Saturday walking group for several years now and works with Pat Whittle as web master. The membership felt that this award is indeed well deserved.

### Election of Executive 2011

The new executive is as follows:

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| President            | Karen Lippold                  |
| Vice President       | Lynda Younghusband             |
| Treasurer            | Anna Kralik                    |
| Secretary            | Kathy Simonsen                 |
| Membership Secretary | Susan Goold                    |
| Social Conveners     | Donna Burden & Barbara O'Keefe |
| Newsletter Editor    | Unfilled position              |

Lynda thanked the members of the nominating committee, Tonya Bassler, Maire O'Dea and chair, Jean Guthrie for their excellent work on this committee.

Further Business

a. Lynda reported that some members are concerned about a privacy issue with the circulation of personal information such as addresses, emails addresses and telephone numbers when written lists are compiled. Linda Hensman expressed the need for our members to have access to such a list. Concerned members are free to withhold personal information which they do not wish to be circulated within WAMUN.

MOTION: We continue to circulate the membership lists within our own organization only. Miriam Simpson (Marjorie Evans)

b Lynda spoke in support of an immigrant family with two children under the age of two years who are in dire need of help. They have been without financial assistance and health care benefits since January and must now wait until the father is hopefully accepted into a new program at Memorial University in September. Many members donated food items and money towards helping this family.

c. Marilyn Macdonald drew our attention to the \$287.35 donated to WAMUN through the Evergreen recycling program as shown in the Financial Report. She thanked members who have supported this and encouraged us to continue to do this.

d. Karen Herzberg reminded members about helping CFUW set up for their annual book sale as they have done in the past. The sale will take place the last weekend in April.

Adjournment: At 2:05 p.m. Kathy moved that the meeting be adjourned.