

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 28th, 2012
Fluvarium, Pippy Park

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm. The meeting was chaired by the President, Karen Lippold. 36 members attended.

1. Approval of the Agenda – all in favour.
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) AGM held April 16th, 2011 – moved by T. Bassler; seconded by B. O'Keefe; all in favour.
 - b) Business Meeting held Sept. 28th, 2011 – two typos were noted; moved with the correction of the typos S. Goold; seconded by L. Laverty; all in favour.
3. Business Arising

D. Rehner asked about membership lists for 2011-2012; the list was sent out in February.
4. Reports
 - a) President's Report (K. Lippold reporting; see attached).

The President also extended her thanks to the various interest group conveners: Book groups – L. Younghusband, M. Chalker, T. Bassler, D. Rehner; Walking groups – D. Rehner, E. Molgaard; Scrabble – J. Fairly, J. Fuller; Coffee Morning – P. Collins; Food Bank – T. Bassler, K. Herzberg. She also noted that T. Bassler had been talking to the *Communicator* and that an article might be in the works. The President thanked the members of the executive for 2011-2012: L. Younghusband, B. O'Keefe, D. Burden, M. Hashem, S. Goold, K. Simonsen. As well further thanks were extended to D. Rehner and P. Whittle for the website, J. Mathieson for the archives (please note that old copies of the newsletter are available for study at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies), L. Hensman as Chair of the Scholarship Committee, J. Guthrie and M. O'Dea for their work on the Nominating Committee.
 - b) Membership Secretary (S. Goold reporting; see attached).

Gift memberships will be available in the Fall.
 - c) Treasurer's Report (A. Kralik reporting; see attached).

The report is still preliminary (the treasurer received an invoice today. We saved \$300+ on the coffee morning in January because of the change of location. D. Rehner thanked the treasurer for a nice clear budget and report and congratulated her on her good work.
 - d) Newsletter Editor (M. Hashem reporting).

The editor had nothing to report but asked that if members had anything that they wished to share, to please contact her – the newsletters have a tendency to be formulaic.

L. Younghusband noted that L. Hensman had recently run and completed the Boston Marathon, in spite of the high heat. It was suggested that articles on both older and newer members might be of interest.

e) Archives (J. Mathieson reporting).

The archivist had nothing new to report. She will accept material from members and eventually deposit it in the archive. The archive is in the QEII Library; members are welcome to go and ask to see it.

f) Scholarship Committee

L. Hensman was unable to attend (see attached report). The situation for the scholarship fund is very healthy.

g) Fall Plant Sale Committee (M. Evans reporting).

The sale was held in the Burneau Centre and sold out; the number of plants donated was not as great as has been the case in the past. M. Evans wondered whether it was worthwhile to keep the sale going.

h) Interest Group Chairs

The floor was opened to allow members to ask the conveners questions. M. Polgar asked about using social media to attract new members. She is willing to set up Facebook / Twitter accounts. S. Buehler observed that many members now have i-pads and similar devices, but are unable to use them to their full capacity; would it be possible to organize a session at the QEII on using i-pads? D. Rehner asked how many members were on Facebook; several were. S. Buehler also asked about Picasso and saving digital photos. There was considerable interest in organizing a computer group.

5. Fund Raising

K. Lippold reported on the history of fund raising by WAMUN. Many different activities took place: raffles, mug-ups, concerts, recycling, plant and garage sales. The fund-raising committee is one of the standing committees in the constitution, but there is no evidence that there has been a Committee or even a Chair since at least 2004.

B. Burness observed that the problem had been discussed at Coffee Morning recently and there was no interest in fund raising, although members were happy to make donations to the scholarship fund through WAMUN. D. Rehner asked approximately how much per member we made in fund raising in past years – if members donate that much each, we will collect as much as in the past. T. Bassler suggested that L. Hensman be asked to check the amounts donated in previous years. K. Herzberg reminded members that donations get tax receipts. K. Lippold observed how impressed she was by what people had done in the past to raise money.

6. Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award for 2012 was presented to Marjorie Evans. M. Evans has organized the Fall Plant Sale for six years and has been on the committee for even longer. She also took on the Spring Plant Sale.

7. Election of the Executive for 2012-2013

K. Lippold again thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work. The chair of the meeting was passed to J. Guthrie. J. Guthrie asked for nominations from the floor. As none were forthcoming, she presented the slate of officers for 2012-2013:

President	Julia Mathieson	Secretary	Kathy Simonsen
Vice-President	Lynda Younghusband	Newsletter Editor	Marjan Hashem
Past President	Karen Lippold	Social Conveners	Karen Lippold
Treasurer	Trudy Goold		Miranda Polgar
Membership Secretary	Susan Goold		

The slate was seconded by M. Evans; all in favour.

The chair of the meeting was returned to K. Lippold, and she introduced the new executive. J. Mathieson spoke a few words and welcomed M. Polgar.

8. Thanks to the Nominating Committee.

The membership expressed its thanks to J. Guthrie and asked her to convey thanks to M. O'Dea.

9. Other Business

- a) The remembrance service for Faiza Ennany has been postponed until her husband is able to visit from Ontario.
- b) Door prize (Chocolate and tea) – won by I. Pardoe.
- c) B. O'Keefe expressed her thanks.

10. Adjournment

Moved by M. Hashem. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Simonsen