Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Junior Common Room, R. Gushue Hall

Memorial University of Newfoundland

St. John's, NL

Thirty two members were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm. Kathy Simonsen chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

1) Agenda – approval of the Agenda was moved by Olga Broomfield-Richards, seconded by Ingrid Pardoe; all in favour.

(a) addition to the Agenda: Kathy Simonsen reported that Susan Jackson had passed away last evening. Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalized and members were advised to check their emails for further details.

There was a moment of silence to remember Susan.

2) Approval of the minutes of the AGM of April 27, 2013 – moved by Susan Goold, seconded by Tonya Bassler; all in favour.

3) Business Arising – Linda Hensman has yet to be at a meeting to receive the Distinguished Service Pin, and it will therefore be presented to her at the Fall Reception.

4) Reports:

(a) President's Report: Kathy Simonsen wished to thank all for making this past year a great success. A special thanks to the Convenors for a great Pot Luck and talk by Kay Matthews; Karen Lippold for the Spring Talk following her two years of perseverance to finalize it; Ingrid Pardoe for carrying through with the details for this AGM; Deborah Rehner and Pat Whittle for keeping the website going; Julia Mathieson for maintaining the Archives, with a reminder to forward to her any materials for deposit in MUN's Archives; special Interest Group Convenors; and the Executive for all their efforts.

(b) Membership's Secretary's Report: Susan Goold reported that our membership remains steady and asked members to bring a friend to the Fall Reception in order to encourage continued growth.

(c) Treasurer's Report: Mary Chalker circulated the Interim Treasurer's Report. There are further expenditures to come in and once paid the balance will remain over $3,000. $1,500 should remain in the account to avoid charges.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ruth Noel and seconded by Tonya Bassler that $1,000 be moved from the current account to the Scholarship Fund. Following further discussion, this motion was amended with a motion by Deborah Rehner, seconded by Tonya Bassler, all in favour, to read “$1,000 be moved from the current account into whichever part of the Scholarship Fund that is suitable, upon the advice of the Scholarship Committee”.

Action: that Pat Whittle, in the Fall newsletter, provide information on the status of the Scholarship Fund (i.e. how much has been donated and what is needed to keep the fund viable).

(d) Newsletter Editor's Report: Kathy Simonsen reported on behalf of Pat Whittle that if anyone has items for the newsletter to let Pat know.

(e) Scholarship Committee Report: It was moved by Deborah Rehner, seconded by Mary Chalker; all in favour, that the recommendations in the Scholarship Committee Report be approved:

(1) the awards be valued at a portion of the income on the investments and the terms of reference be altered accordingly.

(2) the annual contributions made by the members be used to top up equally each scholarship for a maximum value of $1,200 each.

Members are encouraged to continue with their donations to the Scholarship Fund.

(f) Interest Groups Reports: No further updates requested.

5) New Business:

(a) suggestion for a new Interest Group: Tonya Bassler and Olga Broomfield-Richards would like to start a group that would visit the various arts and crafts exhibits in the city. Interested members should contact them for more information. Suggestions for a group title should be forwarded as well.

6) Elections of Officers for 2014-15:

As the present Executive has agreed to serve for another term, and there being no further nominations, a motion to accept the slate of officers by Jean Guthrie of the Nominating Committee was moved by Jean Guthrie, seconded by Sharon Buehler; all in favour:

President Kathy Simonsen

Vice-President Dorothy Milne

Past President Julia Mathieson

Membership Secretary Susan Goold

Newsletter Editor Patricia Whittle

Secretary Joan Fuller

Social Convenors Brenda Burness

Karen Lippold

Ingrid Pardoe

7) Any Other Business – none.

8) Adjournment – moved by Deborah Rehner, seconded by Joan Fuller; all in favour.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joan Fuller

Secretary