

Durham College Retirees Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11:30 am June 9th 2009-06-10

Durham College Cafeteria

Present: Board of directors and 40 other retirees members

1) Call to Order

The President, Dianne Aru, welcomed members and commented on the new venue. It was something the board had decided to try out this year as a variation in our practice over the first four years of operation of the association. It would allow those who have not recently seen the college to get a feel for the considerable changes being made.

Alice Lytwinchuk , Social Director, gave some info on the menu for the lunch to follow the AGM, and explained that he barbecue would be accompanied by other dishes and items also.

2) Minutes from the 2008 AGM.

Hugh Charlebois moved acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Maureen Wishart.

Passed.

3) Greetings from the College President.

Don Lovisa was introduced by Dianne.

Don reflected on the considerable changes over the 40 years since first graduation. Then about 50 grads now over 2000. He discussed major new developments resulting from new government grants including 30 million for a 'super green' expansion at Whitby Campus and a new Student Services building at Oshawa campus.

In addition there are new UOIT buildings going up.

4) Greetings from HR VP Ken Robb

Dianne introduced Ken.

Ken was enthusiastic about the Retirees Association . He said that we compare more than favourably with other colleges efforts with respect to retirees associations.

He encouraged new retirees to stay connected with the group.

5) Presidents Remarks

Dianne expressed appreciation of the work of the rest of the executive as she looked back over her first year in of office. She made reference to future planned activities that Judy will be addressing.

6) Vice resident Judy Moretton

Judy made reference to the recent survey completed by the membership.

The survey showed interest in several activities, with the main ones being

- Barbecue event
- Theatre trip
- Day trips
- Camera club

Judy said that plans were to add 3 to 4 activities over the next year, and that volunteers would be required to bring this about.

7) Treasurers report

Mickie Walters gave the treasurers report. She noted that the books had been reviewed by Ralph Sweet. Donna Crawford moved acceptance , seconded by Helen Terwillegar. Passed.

Mickie went on to discuss the need for a membership fee.

The college has committed to continue financing the cost of the AGM lunch and the annual Christmas lunch, but we will need more funds to continue with such items as flowers, cards for those who are ill, and also for :

- A new website for retirees. (to be discussed by Kelly Bailey)
- Upgrading of the Memorial Gardens on Campus
- New activities as indicated by the survey.

The board believes that a yearly fee of \$10 should be sufficient, and this will require a change to the constitution which Jim Anderson, Past President will address.

8) Past President Jim Anderson

Jim had circulated the proposed amendments to the by-laws. The proposed changes were:

- Provision to begin a yearly fee of \$10 (to start this 15th. September)
- Definition of 'Associate' to mean a retiree who does not pay to join the Association

An associate member will have to pay a guest fee at the Christmas lunch and the AGM lunch.

Motion to approve the changes by Woody Manery, seconded by Ray Blomme. Passed unanimously.

9) Wall of recognition and new website

Kelly Bailey reviewed the new names, 40, to be added to the wall of recognition.

Kelly also discussed the fact that a new website will now be required as retirees will not have access to the new intranet at the college. This will have a cost associated and will require a webmaster. Brenda Jackson has offered to take on this job.

Kelly said that in the interim she would scan the new intranet for items of interest to retirees and e-mail the results to members.

10) Newsletter

Brenda Jackson, newsletter editor reported that the next letter will be in October. She encouraged all to continue to send in stories and items of interest.

Brenda also strongly conveyed her opinion that retirees should have access to the intranet.

11) Elections to the board.

Diane thanked Bernice burke for her work as Secretary Bernice is retiring from the board

Jim Anderson then dealt with the two positions required to be filled:

- Social director Alice has agreed to run again.
- Secretary Guy Walton has agreed to run.

There were no further nominations from the floor, and the candidates were therefore acclaimed.

12) Goodwill Committee

Gladys Smithson spoke and asked that she be made aware of any people who are ill and in need of a card or a visit. Gladys deals with the Durham area and Sylvia Pelham as a hospital volunteer can see anyone requiring a visit there.

Pat Whaley is the Toronto area rep of the good will committee, and she reminded people to call her re any members who have become ill.

13) Meet and Greet event

Dianne thought that the event held this past April 16th. Had been helpful to inform new retirees of our association, and thought that it should be repeated.

14) Chartwell's Senior Star Competition

For our more talented members this competition was won locally by Ray Blomme for a piano performance. Ray Explained that he will get to compete nationally in this event.

15) Adjournment

Dianne thanked all attendees and adjourned the meeting.