

St. Lawrence College Retirees Association
Annual General Meeting
May 15, 2019

The AGM was hosted this year by Cataraqui Golf Club. The social time prior to our meeting, along with a beverage and good company, was enjoyed by all attending.

These minutes were taken by Anne Breault, Secretary, St. Lawrence College Retirees Association. Item numbers refer to the accepted agenda.

#1. Welcome and Opening Remarks from President, Nancy Sudak

Nancy thanked everyone for taking time to attend this 15th Annual AGM and said that it has been a pleasure being part of this strong group of retirees.

#2. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Pennie Carr-Harris Seconded by Clare Rayner Carried.

#3. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 AGM:

Moved by Pennie Carr-Harris Seconded by Thelma Mott Carried

4. Membership Report and Treasurer's Report Thelma Mott

Membership: Thelma reported the Association's total membership as of April 30, 2019 was 117 (44 life members and 73 annual). Three more annual members and one life member joined at the AGM.

Treasurer: Thelma reported that the Association is in a strong financial position, with a balance of \$4267.30 on April 30, 2019.

A copy of the membership and financial report is appended to these Minutes.

#5. Social Convenor's Report Dick Tindal

There is not a lot to report on this year, as our activities throughout the year are predictable. The coffee gatherings are most popular and will continue.

The September 19th hole held at The Landings is always well attended. Another lunch at the Golf Club may be scheduled later in the fall (as in previous years).

If members would like to organize other events, Dick will be happy to publicize them.

Dick reminded members that the Association website (slcretirees.weebly.com) is a regularly updated source of information, thanks to Ron Kelly, Webmaster. Ron is doing an excellent job and posts many

photos. Our members should visit the site often, are encouraged to comment on items, and to use the website as a way of connecting with members who are far away or don't usually attend our events.

6. Report on Association – College MOU meeting

Dick Tindal & Janine Foster

Dick noted that to date the MOU meetings have been somewhat frustrating because of the slow progress on items. Topics discussed at the meeting were:

- The Association asked for Alumni cards for retirees, to be used to access benefits such as use of the library and free parking. The College was advised by IT that creating the cards would be very expensive. The College wants to determine what benefits might be given, to justify the cost of producing the cards.
- Access to AllNotes was requested for our members. This may be looked at for the Retiree Executive.
- Some College events are open to retirees in the spring/early summer. Announcements are made by email to members, but the Association needs to be informed of these events more consistently.
- We need a better connection with H.R. so that people who announce their plans to retire can receive information about our Association well in advance. The College's preoccupation with privacy rules has made sharing of information a continuing challenge.
- Once again, possible Professor Emeriti's recognition was raised. The College might study this again.

One of the MOU meeting items concerned the use of retiree donations and Janine Foster, Manager Alumni Relations & Annual Giving, was in attendance to address this issue.

Janine first reminded retirees that Alumni membership is offered to all at retirement.

Retirees have donated \$180,416 as gifts. This has allowed 30 student bursaries to be given across all three campuses. A Retirees Fund received 138 gifts since 2014 which have been combined with a Library Archive Fund to provide for \$14,000, to commence an archiving project. Some of the money donated goes to Operational Funds, such as the Nursing Student Initiative Fund; Music Theatre Performance Fund; Extraordinary Learning Fund; and Emergency Funds.

Janine thanked Dick for the most recent retiree column in Voyageur magazine. The most recent edition was very popular with readers, trying to identify folks in old photos.

NEW: slccurrents.ca - is a new platform for Alumni. Retirees can join to connect with former students, or former co-workers. Janine encouraged all to join.

Janine provided Alumni flyers and brochures for those attending.

#7. Amendments to Association Constitution

Pennie Carr-Harris

A current copy along with suggested changes is posted on our website. All were asked to view this document prior to this meeting. Items are:

1. Section 2.0 referred to a Retiree Association office and address at the college which no longer exist, so the section is being removed.

2. Section 2 changes the fiscal year to run from May 1 to April 30.
3. Section 4.5.5 refers to a college facilitator assisting with the Association website, which is now maintained entirely by us, under Webmaster Ron Kelly.

Moved by Thelma Mott

Seconded by Clare Rayner

carried

#8. Election of Executive Officers

Pennie Carr-Harris

This year the position of Secretary is open as Anne Breault is stepping down. Anyone with an interest in this position is invited to contact Pennie.

Executive for 2019 is:

Nancy Sudak, President

Ron Kelly, Webmaster

Pennie Carr-Harris, Vice-President

Open, Secretary

Dick Tindal, Social Convener

Bill Kirby, Founder

Thelma Mott, Membership and Treasurer

Moved by Barry Keefe

Seconded by Ian Wilson

carried

Presentation: Dick Tindal thanked Clare Rayner and Anne Breault, for their dedication and work as members of the Executive. Clare held the position of Membership and Treasurer until last year, and Anne was Secretary for a number of years. Dick presented Long Service Certificates (displayed at our website) to both of them.

Dick asked those attending for a volunteer to fill the position of Secretary. No reply at this time

#9. Selection of Charitable Organization for Support in 2019 – 2020 Nancy Sudak

Three organizations were recommended for support. They are:

Pathways to Education, by Teri McDade

St Vincent de Paul, by Anne Breault

Kingston School of Arts, by Barb Carr

Pathways to Education was chosen as the charity our Association will support this year. (\$200.)

#10 Presentation on Travel Planning Erin Billings, Manager, Expedia Cruise Centres Kingston

Erin has been with Expedia 30 years. She spoke on behalf of Bonita Clancy of Bonita's Escorted Tours.

She explained that McCoy coaches are used with pick up at several locations along 401.

A sit down lunch or dinner is arranged with each tour. Several day tours are offered this year, with brochures available today for pick up. As well, Erin can plan your dream vacation.

See <https://www.cruiseshipcenters.com/en-US/500024>

#11. Adjournment and Lunch – 11:45am

Nancy Sudak

Moved by Clare Rayner

Seconded by Barry Keefe

carried

Appendix A: Financial and Membership Report

Financial Report May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

Balance brought forward		\$3,284.50
Revenues		
	Memberships, Annual and Life	\$1,240.00
	Donations from AGM	\$310.00
	Coffee and Chat Parties	\$125.50
	19th Hole Social	\$409.00
	Total Revenues	<u>\$2,084.50</u>
Expenses		
	Food for AGM and 19th Hole	\$716.51
	Coffee for 2 parties	\$69.05
	Executive Meeting	\$82.52
	Room rental for Coffee Parties	\$65.00
	Donation to Martha's Table in Memory of Cam Hodges	\$25.00
	Lunch for Guest Speaker	\$20.00
	Office Supplies	\$91.63
	Bank Charges	\$31.99
	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,101.70</u>
Excess Revenue over Expenses		\$982.80
Balance carried forward on April 30, 2019		\$4,267.30

Membership Report April 30, 2019

		2019				2018			
		Total	K	B	C	Total	K	B	C
Life Members		44	40	2	2	43	40	2	1
	New	4							
Annual Members		73	63	5	5	76	64	6	6
	New	5							
Total Membership		117	103	7	7	119	104	8	7
	New	9							

Thelma Mott
Treasurer/Membership
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