

NSGREA REGION 2 MEETING
DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
TIME: 1:30PM
PLACE: KO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT,
424 KING STREET, BRIDGEWATER NS

MINUTES

A delicious lunch was enjoyed beginning at 1:30 PM.

After ordering, Guest Speaker – Jessica McDonald, Planning Director, Town of Bridgewater gave us an update on the construction work which is being completed on Parkade No 2. Very interesting and information update. Lucille thanked Jessica for attending the meeting and keeping us informed on the progress.

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 PM with 33 members in attendance. Lucille Wentzell, President, thanked everyone for attending. Sheila Wilneff, Treasurer, gave the Blessing.

There were no changes nor additions to Agenda.

Changes or Additions to Minutes by Debbie – Under New Business/Announcements
On page 2 No. 2, Bernie stated it should read “from the Public Service Commission”
Instead of Group 2. Debbie moved for Adoption of Minutes as circulated and amended. Janice Greer seconded, Discussion – none; Motion carried.

No Business arising from Minutes.

Debbie has received no new correspondence.

Sheila gave Treasurer's Report – Balance on Hand as of November 19, 2015: \$263.54.
She moved the adoption of her report – Earl Lantz seconded; discussion – none; Motion Carried.

Comments and Update from Head Office: Provincial Executive updated us on the Convention - Bernie Conrad gave us a report; this was an excellent convention. A report on the pension fund was given by Dave Peters; Our name is finally straightened out by Registry of Joint Companies from Government Retired Employees Association of Nova Scotia to “Nova Scotia Government Retired Employees Association”.
We are trying to get the COL back of 1.25% for the next five years, hope to start in January, haven't heard from the Premier yet. Jason Haughan who works with Premier McNeil is still working on this. Also another seat on the Trustees Board is being looked at.
The retirement age is also being looked at. Our pension is fully funded.
Thank you Bernie for this update.

New Business – None

Lucille stated that Harold Hennigar underwent gall bladder surgery yesterday, and, therefore, could not attend the meeting today but he is doing well. She also reported Debbie Woodworth has had a mini stroke but is feeling much better.

Dan MacLean, Vice President, thanked the provincial executive and staff for important work done over the years and those who attended today. Dan also thanked Dave Peters for the work he has been doing for us on our pensions. He stated there are also other issues which are important to our members such as Outpatient waits at all hospitals, home care, nursing homes and so on as well as our dental plan. The recent stats show there are 11,391 retirees; 3,230 members in our Association and would like our association to address some of these issues.

Bernie Conrad, Provincial President, replied to Dan's concerns and stated the Group of 9 is addressing a lot of these concerns. Ernestine Gouthro, a member of the Group of 9, present at our meeting today, also concurred with Bernie's comments.

Lucille thanked Dan for expressing his concerns and perhaps we can get more Interest going in these areas. She also thanked Head Office (Bernie, Doug, Sharon, and Ernestine) for attending our meeting today.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 19, 2016, BRIDGEWATER ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, TIME: 1:30PM

Moved for Adjournment by Gary Zwicker. Seconded by Janice Greer.

Debbie Woodworth, Secretary