

N.S.G.R.E.A. REGION 2

May 8, 2014

HELD AT: BRIDGEWATER ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

CHURCHILL STREET, BRIDGEWATER NS

LUNCH PROVIDED BY LEGION LADIES AUXILLARY – 1:30 PM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

President, Lucille Wentzell, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone present to the meeting. 44 members were in attendance today.

2. AGENDA: No additions. Approved as circulated.

3. MINUTES:

Time was given to review the minutes of last meeting held on November 20, 2013. There were no additions nor amendments. Moved by Debbie Woodworth, seconded by George Allen that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Lucille gave thanks to Paul Harvey and the committee for recruiting information about having our luncheon today and arranging it with the caterers. Also thanks was given to the Ladies of the Legion for preparing soup, sandwiches, sweets, and providing tea, coffee and water.

5. CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence to report on.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

Sheila Wilneff, Treasurer, gave her report:

Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Balance	199.20	
Expenses		<u>-168.91</u>	
Balance on hand March 31/13			28.29
Funds deposited for lunch – Apr. 12/14		<u>456.00</u>	<u>484.29</u>
May 8 catering Legion Aux.		368.00	
May 8 rental paid to Legion		<u>86.25</u>	<u>454.25</u>
Balance as of today			\$30.04

Sheila Wilneff moved, Garry Zwicker seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS – HEAD OFFICE – REPORTS FROM HEAD OFFICE

Present from Head Office: Bernie Conrad, President; Sharon Braine, Secretary for Membership, and Ernestine Gruthro, Benefits Rep.

Bernie stated he congratulated the Premier for being elected and referred to the letter received from the Premier at the Convention in September.

Cost of Living – The Minister of Finance contacted the N.S.G.R.E.A. and on March 1<sup>st</sup> he and Dave Peters met with Diane Whalen. He said this was a very positive meeting, both had their say; Ms. Whalen stated staff is tied up at this time but would be free in the fall to work on this. A letter was received back from the government on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March from Minister of Finance and Bernie read the letter to us. The Liberal party is prepared to discuss the indexing further. The Executive is working on moving ahead.

#### **DENTAL PLAN**

Bernie stated that if one leaves the membership, one will not be accepted back into this plan again. There have been four new generic drugs added to the InnovieCares plan. Check out their web site at [www.innovicare.ca/nsgrea](http://www.innovicare.ca/nsgrea).

#### **8. UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Older Drivers' Training Program – Lucille reported on an update from Beth George who works with the Bridgewater Town Police and is offering a course on October 23, 2014.
- (b) Bernie LaRusic conducts the course for the NSGREA and could come to Bridgewater. A date later in the Fall (October) was preferred by those who were interested. This is a one day course or it could take place the afternoon of one day and the morning of the next. No expense to the region as it will be covered by the government for anyone over 65. Anyone under 65 the cost is \$45. Open to anyone not just members of NSGREA. The members present preferred this option over that of Beth George's Course. Lucille suggested a committee be organized to assist. Lucille Wentzell, Paul Harvey, George Allen, Shelia Wilneff and Debbie Woodworth volunteered. Head Office will pay for mailing notices to all membership.
- (c) Much discussion was held on the issue of the increase in cost from \$50 to \$75 + tax equaling \$86.25 for the hall rental at the Legion. Shelia and Lucille looked into the cost of other venues to hold our meetings but to find a place where we could accommodate 30 to 45 people was difficult. Some halls were suggested in Mahone Bay, Oak Hill, and Branch LaHave. Bernie suggested to keep in mind where the membership is coming from. Margaret Meisner to check on Oakhill Fire Hall and notify Lucille in upcoming days. Subject left open and if anyone has any suggestions, please call Lucille. This item will be raised by Lucille at the Presidents' Meeting in Dartmouth on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) There is a list of businesses on the web site offering discounts to our membership. Ernestine brought a number of copies for distribution to those who want them.
- (b) Lucille stated she has been asked to attend a Presidents meeting to be held in Dartmouth on May 12<sup>th</sup>. She will have a report on this meeting later.

#### **10. WHAT AND WERE DO WE WANT OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE:**

- (a) Lucille made a recommendation for our next meeting we attend Ko' Restaurant on King Street Bridgewater, there would be no cost for the meeting room as long as we had a meal. If 20 people commit we can have the buffet. Price to be determined. Paul Harvey will chair the group to organize this event. It was moved by George Allen, seconded by David Townsend that we hold our next meeting with a meal on Thursday November 13, 2014, at Ko's Restaurant. Motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2014, 12:30PM**

**11. Garry Zwicker moved the meeting be adjourned. TIME: - 3:30PM**

**Debbie Woodworth, Secretary**