



ADRP

Association of Dalhousie Retirees & Pensioners

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APPROVED MINUTES

ADRP Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

2:00 pm

Attendees in person: Peter Wallace, Lynn Johnston, Susan Holmes, David Mercer, Grace Paterson

Via Zoom: Ed Leach, Marilyn Klein, Heather Schellinck, Randy Barkhouse, Stewart Cameron

Regrets: David Tindall

1. Call to order and welcome to new Board member, Lynn Johnston.
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Pat Nearing/Lynn Johnston
3. Previous Minutes (March 19, 2024)
 - A. Approval – Pat Nearing/Susan Holmes
 - B. Matters Arising
 - I. Position of Treasurer
David Lewis has volunteered.

MOTION: That David Lewis be appointed as Treasurer.

Susan Holmes/Grace Paterson.

PASSED

- II. Transition from Past to New President
Heather will give key to office to Lynn to pick up mail from campus office. Susan will be backup. Password for ADRP account: Heather will get it changed through help desk. Phone message needs to be forwarded to Peter. Heather and Peter will set this up. Marilyn will call in and leave a test message.
 - III. Comments re AGM - Good feedback from members. Liked the room. Food and audio good, well attended. No bill received yet. When people speak from audience, they can't be heard by Zoom people. Perhaps leave time at end for questions. To be revisited before GM.
4. President's Report – Peter Wallace
 - Susan recognized for receiving Lloyd Fraser Senate Award for Outstanding Leadership.
 - Ed recognized for Aging Proactively for taking second place in pitch competition in community based category, June 2023.
 - Stewart and Pat will post on Instagram.

- What is happening with regard to a meeting with new President?
- Heather reported that when people retire, there is usually a reception at the President's house. Peter, Heather and Randy will discuss an approach to request a meeting with Kim Brooks. Randy stated that he felt it was important to reinforce that ADRP is here and that it's time for a reception.
- Dal is providing three sessions on pensions for pre-retirees. Peter sent an email to Laurie Creelman and suggested that someone from ADRP and PAC should attend. Laurie responded that it is not appropriate, but she is aware of Randy and Faye Woodman.

5. Treasurer's Report – Ed Leach

- Ed and David Lewis will get together this summer to transition Treasurer duties. The Board expressed condolences to David for the passing of his brother.
- Ed reported that we receive \$3,400 in monthly dues. Certificates are coming due; Renew \$9,000 certificate in 2-year term.

MOTION: That Treasurer's report be accepted and that \$9,000 be renewed for 2 years.

Randy Barkhouse/Pat Nearing.

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6. Other Reports

- Benefits – Peter Wallace
 - Nothing to report. June 6 next meeting. Will discuss high cost of some reimbursements. Jenny White will attend and report, which Peter will send to ADRP.
- Pension Advisory Committee – Randy Barkhouse
 - One of items in MOU acted upon: That ADRP would be consulted when retiree to pension committee came up for renewal. This consultation took place and Randy responded that Andy Cochrane is acceptable to ADRP.
 - Inflation is coming down. What happens on June 30 (full calendar year) is the date that counts, which should cause equities to jump up. This means the 3-year average may jump. We may get indexation. Randy was pessimistic, now optimistic. Wait and see.
 - What's the funded status of the pension fund? 104%, breakeven regarded as 106.8%
- Seniors' College Association of NS – (Stewart Cameron reporting in Nancy Pitts' absence)
 - SCANS Board meeting May 21. Lots of new board members at SCANS.
 - Completed spring semester with high level of satisfaction. Good financial condition but membership has not reached pre-covid numbers. Would like to do more to expand membership.
 - Requested that SCANS be added to agenda for GM or AGM.
 - ADRP could sponsor an entire presentation.

- e. Attempted to open new chapter but not that successful, including in the Valley. Need someone to champion a new chapter. Would love to have someone in Antigonish, Cape Breton, Digby. Acadia has public lectures, but SCANS might look at that market as well.
 - D. Communications Committee – Stewart Cameron
 - a. Committee has been active and in transition. Using Mailchimp more to send out bulletins. Probably doing newsletters less.
 - b. We need more photos on Instagram. It is more interesting to get 10-second video than photos. 28 followers now. How do we pass photos to Pat for posting? Promote Instagram on website.
 - c. Stewart and Pat will meet in Bedford.
 - 1) Webmaster - Stewart Cameron
 - 2) Newsletter - Marilyn Klein
 - 3) Instagram – Pat Nearing
 - 4) Socials – Susan HolmesReported on upcoming events.
 - E. Membership – Heather Schellinck
 - 7. New Business
 - CURAC Conference – Randy, Heather, Susan
 - Who is attending? Susan, Ed, David Zitner, Peter is attending one plenary session online.
 - Who will host 2026 CURAC Conference? ADRP last hosted in 2014.
 - 8. Adjournment
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Happy Summer!!!**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holmes
ADRP Secretary