

# **Association of Dalhousie Retirees & Pensioners**

Tuesday, December 17, 2024: 1:00 – 2:30 pm Ashburn Golf Club Approved Minutes

1:15 Meeting called to order by President Peter Wallace, followed by land acknowledgement.

 Adoption of the Agenda Stewart Cameron/Nancy Morrison. Passed.

Minute of silence for ADRP members who have passed: Jerry Barkow, Steven Burns, Herbert Hancock, Mary Morash-Watts.

- 2. Previous Minutes
  - a. Approval of minutes of April 16, 2024. Robin Whyte/Heather Schellinck. Passed
  - Matters Arising
     Treasurer's position is still vacant. In May, David Lewis volunteered as Treasurer; he is now resigning.
- 3. President's Report Peter Wallace
  - a. There were several social events over the summer and fall enjoyed by ADRP members.
  - b. ADRP finances are healthy.
  - c. Members were invited to consider joining the ADRP Board. Positions open: Treasurer, IT Communications Committee. It's a good opportunity to do something meaningful. Your expertise could make a difference for fellow retirees. Contact President@theadrp.ca
- 4. Treasurer's Report David Lewis
  - a. The finances are in good shape, and David offered his full support in the transition to a new Treasurer.



ADRP Treasurer's Report November 2024

## **David Lewis**

	Balance
CUA Chequing Account	\$6,437.14
Savings Account 7634-20-3	\$3.92
Savings Account 7634-21-3	\$1,207.61
Dalhousie Account	\$603.44



### Notes to Financial Report

GICs totaling \$66,101.46 have various maturity dates.

When they mature, a new GIC is taken out following recommendations from CUA.

Interest income is based on the coupon rate of existing term deposits.

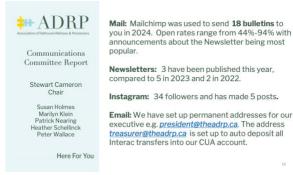
## 5. Other Reports

A. Benefits - Peter Wallace



#### B. Communications - Stewart Cameron

- a. Committee members were introduced and their roles mentioned. For the past three years the Committee has been working hard to keep members informed and to maintain an archive of newsletters, meeting minutes, etc.
- b. Website traffic has been growing. Posts have increased from 8 in 2020 to 27 in 2024.



- After 3+ years, Stewart is stepping down as Webmaster. ADRP needs someone to assist with the website; Marilyn will continue to assist and Stewart will provide mentoring.
- C. Pension Advisory Committee (PAC) Randy Barkhouse
  - a. PAC oversees the Pension Plan as written in the Plan text. ADRP has observer status. See the full report www.theadrp.ca



- b. Under new provincial regulations to come into effect April 1, 2025, withdrawals from the pension plan may be possible. For a pensioner, a doctor needs to sign off that you are not expected to live beyond four months. Spouse is required to sign off that they waive any spousal benefits.
- D. Membership Heather Schellinck
  - a. We have 835 members.
  - b. E-transfer is very convenient for ~40 members, but some forget \$20 needs to be paid annually. Payroll deduction for 795 is automatic.
  - c. Watch for upcoming retirement reception hosted by Dal for employees who retired 2022-2024.
- E. Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS) Nancy Pitts
  - a. SCANS was originally established by ADRP members. It's for people 50 years and older who like learning in a social environment. Both in-person and online classes in four chapters: HRM, Truro, Mahone Bay, Liverpool.
  - b. With an annual membership fee of \$172.50 including tax, you can take as many courses as you want. \$115 for membership to online courses. Most courses are over 6 weeks, 2 hours per week. www.thescans.org
  - c. Four chapters: Truro, Mahone Bay, Liverpool, HRM.
  - d. January 6, 2025 information session in HRM or online for upcoming courses.
  - e. SCANS can keep you active socially and cognitively. Several people in the room have volunteered and instructed.
- F. College & University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) Conference, 2024 & 2025 Ed Leach



ADRP sponsors attendance.

CURAC conference is a great opportunity to renew friendships and meet new retired colleagues. We are living longer healthier lives and continuing to contribute to society and the economy.

G. Social Events - Susan Holmes





- 6. New Business none
- 7. Adjournment and Holiday Social

ADRP Annual General Meeting: April 15, 2025