

Haliburton RT Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2007
Red Umbrella Inn
Minden, Ontario

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

President Marg Valentine welcomed everyone and also welcomed Karen Brintinal the new president of Kawartha Lakes Retired Teachers.

Bill Chandler has resigned as treasurer due to poor health. Louise Cooper has agreed to fill in as Treasurer.

Remembrances were offered by John Stouffer. He asked those in attendance who had gone to Minden High School. He went on to mention that Betty Herlihey who was in attendance had taught him at Minden High School for a few days.

Max Radiff was called upon to explain the RTO Setup.

District 18 has 2 units, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. Each unit has its own executive. The District is and Umbrella organization. It looks after Political Action issues, Insurance issues and Pension. District officer is the contact person for each specific topic. The district is funded on a Per Capita Grant and the money is divided and shipped to each unit.

The next District general meeting will be held on September 25th.

Betty Mark read the minutes of the last meeting. Milt Sheppard moved the minutes be accepted and seconded by Louise Cooper.

Louise Cooper presented the Treasures Report on behalf of Bill Chandler. Louise asked that the members think about what to do with the GIC for next meeting.

Louise moved the treasures report be accepted and seconded by Sue Sisson

Max Radiff presented news from the District. There will be a Pension Workshop in October in Lindsay. He asked if anyone knew of anyone retiring to let them know about the workshop. Lorna Synott is organizing the workshop.

There will be a golf tournament on June 28th at Sturgeon Point. This tournament is organized by the Kawartha Lakes Unit.

In August everyone will be receiving from Ward Levine the Political Action Officer a survey of things the Political Action Committee should be looking at. They wish to know What is important to you and where their energy should be put? There are too many issues and they need to focus on the most important ones.

OT Survivor Benefits Group is a group of Pensioners that are not eligible for a survivor's pension as they have married after they retired. Provincial Executive is leery to touch this topic. Our district's response was that we've taken on too many other topics. Our reputation as activists needs support. We need to get more districts especially more

influential districts involved to give them support in order to get the Provincial Executive to listen to this group.

Brian Kenney, the first VP may be one who will listen and do something when he becomes President. If anyone knows anyone in this situation they should get in touch with Ken Henderson at OTSBGroup@sympatico.ca

Louise Cooper gave the membership report. There are 183 members in the Unit.

Marj Baldry explained what her role as Goodwill Officer entailed. She sent many cards, delivered flowers and visited shut ins. She arranged memorial donations to charities. Marj encouraged members to let her know if anyone is in need of her service.

Louise Cooper thanked Marj for her work.

Nick Pawluch presented the Senate Report. There were 28 motions at the last Senate meeting.

One of the main issues was the amount of money RTO deals with. They have a budget of 78-80 million dollars. Everyone is scrambling to protect themselves and us as we are all liable for that money.

RTO is lobbying the government to get the same benefits and Health plans as Government Bureaucrats.

RTO District 18 website has lots of info such as Home Security and Medical issues.

Nick recommended that everyone pick up a Pedometer We need to walk 5000 steps daily for health purposes. One can be picked up from RTO for \$20.00. This pedometer can also be used as alarm for health and safety emergencies.

Other business- Jim Milne presented information on the issue of electoral reform; On October 10 there will be a referendum vote on this issue of electoral reform. The district will be sponsoring public meetings to explain his Political Issue. This is a political action supported by our executive.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:45.

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

John Stouffer held the election of Officers.

Vice President- Jim Milne Nominated by John Dennys, seconded by Max Radiff

Treasurer- Louise Cooper Nominated by John Dennys, seconded by Marj Baldry

The acceptance of the Slate of Officers was moved by John Stouffer and seconded by Max Radiff.

A delightful presentation on laughter was presented by Shelly King in full clown costume and clown nose.