

## *RTO District 41*

*Minutes of the Executive Meeting of Wednesday November 5th 2008*

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Cameron, Dennis Collins, Jack Couckuyt, Martha Foster, Carol Gagen, Dave Giles, Wayne Grosvenor, Marg Hulls, Mack Jackson, John McIntyre, Fran Wren  
**Guests:** Millie Gremont, Tony Stacpoole

**REGRETS:** Max Charlton, Ric Murray, Gord Park, John Taylor, Judy Upsdell

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 9:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion by Dave Giles Seconded by Carolyn Cameron  
CARRIED

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Dave Giles Seconded by Wayne Grosvenor

THAT the minutes be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion by Dennis Collins | Seconded by Fran Wren

THAT the financial statement be accepted.

CARRIED

Signing officers will be Carol, Dennis and Wayne.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**Wellness Day**

Wayne Grosvenor reported on the success of Wellness Day and expressed appreciation for the work done by the committee. Tony Stacpoole presented a summary of comments from the participants. The results were positive from presenters, displayers and attendees. Wayne submitted a financial report to the executive.

As a result of the survey Carolyn Cameron made a motion to investigate the possibility of scheduling a second Wellness Day in October 2009. Marg Hulls seconded the motion. Carried.

**Christmas Dinner**

The date is set, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Saxon Hall in Aylmer. The entertainment will be under the direction of Dave Dykeman from EESS. Carolyn Cameron made a motion to invite the affiliates and local trustees as guests. Wayne Grosvenor seconded the motion. Carried. A host will be assigned to assist each guest.

Food for Christmas Care will be donated to Aylmer and the monies donated will be given to the Daffodil Society in Dutton.

John Taylor volunteered to assist with the purchase of 25 poinsettias from Canadale Nurseries. Marg Hulls will have the cards and picks prepared for the flowers.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Carol received a newsletter from the North America Railway Hall of Fame in St. Thomas. Martha Foster provided the executive with a report of the Highlights from Senate, October 28/29 2008.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ARCHIVES:**

Carol is inviting a member to accept this portfolio. She will inform the executive at a later meeting.

Carol thanked Jack for his service in assisting in preserving our heritage.

#### I. **GOODWILL:** Marg Hulls

Marg presented her report to the executive. Donations in memory of members who have died will be given to the Nutrition Program for Schools and the family will be informed.

#### I. **HEALTH:** Mack Jackson

Mack reminded everyone about the need to have proper Travel Insurance if planning a trip Out of Province/Country longer than 62 days. He spoke of a new five day top –up through RTO/ERO's Supplemental Travel Plan. Proof is necessary for the date that you left your Province of residence in case a claim has to be made.

Mack introduced Ron Daykin who will be chairing this committee. The executive thanked Mack for his contributions as Chair of the Health portfolio.

#### I. **POLITICAL ACTION:** John Taylor

No report at this time.

#### I. **PENSIONS:** Dave Giles

#### II. **Our increase for January 2009 will be 2.5 %. Dave reviewed the new tax-free savings account in January 2009.**

#### III. Dave will be travelling throughout the province assisting in Preretirement workshops.

#### I. **NEWSLETTER:** Jack Couckuyt

The newsletter will be mailed on Nov.4<sup>th</sup>. Martha Foster made a motion to purchase Dream Weaver to facilitate Jack's work as webmaster and newsletter editor. Dave Giles seconded the motion. Carried.

#### I. **WEBSITE:** Jack Couckuyt

Response continues to be positive. Jack continues to add photos and information to assist members.

#### I. **TRAVEL:** Max Charlton

John McIntyre will chair the travel committee. He updated the executive on the trip in June 2009. John will send out a survey inviting members to submit their ideas for future trips. Carol expressed appreciation for Max's service to RTO/ERO members.

I. **SOCIAL & AWARDS:** Carol Gagen

Nothing at this time.

I. **SENATE REPORT:**

Dave, Martha, & Wayne represented our District at the Senate. Fran and Ric attended as per their provincial committee responsibilities.

I. **CONSTITUTION:** Ric Murray

Nothing at this time.

**TELEPHONE:** Judy Upsdell

Carol will ask Judy to start the calling chain with news of the Christmas dinner and curling event.

I. **RECRUITMENT:** Fran Wren

Fran spoke to the plans for our pre-retirement workshop on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. There are nineteen participants at this time. AVSS will cater the dinner.

I. **MEMBERSHIP:** Ric Murray

Nothing at this time.

**PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fran outlined the criteria for "Project-Service To Others" proposals.

Motion by Marg and seconded by Wayne that the executive approve a request for approval for the Tyrconnell Heritage Society's Education Day funding. It is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Monies if granted would be used for programming for students to attend. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at \_\_11:37 a.m.\_\_\_\_\_