

St. Clair College Retirees' Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Chez Talbot  
May 5, 2010

1. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Hallahan made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. George Rapaich seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There are two corrections to the previous minutes: Item 2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Lynn Watts should be spelled Lynne Watts and Item 3—President's Report—In the second paragraph the following sentence should read "Now is the time to thank (not thanks) and recognize our people."

Pat Hallahan motioned to accept the minutes from the last Annual General Membership Meeting. Margaret Goodman seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

**3. President's Report**

**Anita Blair gave her President's Report**

Becoming President last May meant moving away from Membership Coordinator, a position that I was very comfortable with and knew really well. But change is part of life and we must move on.

When he became Past President Jay Ertel agreed to take on the new task of Fundraising Coordinator. He has done an excellent job, keeping track of our progress towards our \$30,000 goal for the HealthPlex and instituting new fundraising opportunities, such as the golf tournaments and the 50/50 draw. Jim Chambers has taken on the task of organizing golf tournaments and the third one will be June 23/10 at Oxley. Gayle Harrick became Membership Coordinator collecting fees for our membership and the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA).

As we went through the fall we realized that our newsletter is becoming larger and larger so we instituted a checklist so we know who is writing what articles. It has been a big help to keep us on track.

In the fall, four of the Executive put together a paper for OCRA on Retiree benefits. Currently the Council, who is responsible for Retiree benefits, has an advisory committee made up of management and OPSEU/OCASA representatives. OCRA has always felt that an association of retirees should have some advisory input to retiree benefits. Thanks to Dr. Strasser, our paper got to the Executive of the Committee of Presidents. Since then the

OCRA Executive has had a meeting with the Council and it has been very positive. And at the Fall OCRA meeting Bill Totten joined the Executive of OCRA bringing us up to three members from St. Clair.

For our seventh annual winter trip we went to Cuba and of the 24 people, 11 were new to this group. That is the most new people we have had since we started the trips. It was a very large resort but we still managed to touch base with one another either on the beach, or at happy hour or at dinner and it worked out very well. We are in the planning stages for the eighth trip so if you like to get away in the cold winter, plan on joining us.

During the year we have had two changes to the Executive. John Charlesworth decided to “back out” of the Executive and Carol Pratt, who has work commitments, is leaving the Goodwill position. We thank both of them for the time and energy they devoted to the Retirees. Pat Hallahan has agreed to take on the Social Coordinator position and Marilyn Portt has taken on Goodwill that is now combined with back-up secretary.

Jim Martin has been our representative at the monthly College Board of Governor meetings. At the beginning of each meeting the Board allows the constituent groups to report out. Jim is producing an excellent written report each month apprising them of all our activities and concerns.

I would like to thank the Executive, the non Executive retirees and the college staff who contribute to the success of the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association, the most active in the college system. Particular thanks to Dr. Strasser for without his support we would not have this Retirees’ Association.

#### **4. Membership Report**

##### **Gayle Harrick gave her Membership Report**

It has been my pleasure over the past year to act as your membership secretary. I would like to thank the Executive, and especially Anita Blair, for helping me during this transitional period and I look forward to working with the committee in the future.

To date, we have 197 paid members and associate members for 2010. This number is currently lower than it was at the same time last year. The Christmas party is usually a time when we receive most of our dues, but unfortunately, the attendance at this year’s party was down as well.

It is important to us that we receive these dues because once again, Dr. Strasser has been kind enough to agree to match our dues for 2010. We thank Dr. Strasser for his support. Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees’ Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. There are currently 212 members registered with OCRA and 92 have paid for 2010.

#### **5. Treasurer’s Report**

##### **John Payne thanked Jim Chambers for acting as Auditor.**

From: J. E. Chambers MBA, CMA

To: Executive of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association

Re: Audit of 2009 Financial Statements

In accordance with my appointment as Auditor, I have examined the books and records of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. I have performed such tests as I felt necessary and am pleased to report that the Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements (including Books and Records) accurately reflects the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2009. The statements have been presented on a basis consistent with previous reporting periods.

Signed: James Chambers

**John Payne reported that as of year-end—December 31, 2009.**

|                            | Actual (2009)     | Projected (2010)   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>            |                   |                    |
| College Grant              | \$2,290.00        | \$2,500.00         |
| Event Fees                 | 163.00            | 150.00             |
| Membership Dues            | \$2,570.00        | \$2,500.00         |
| Interest Income            | 44.90             | 0.00               |
| Other Income               | <u>250.00</u>     | <u>300.00</u>      |
|                            | <u>\$5,317.90</u> | <u>\$5,450.00</u>  |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>       |                   |                    |
| Charity/Donations          | \$ 456.50         | \$1,000.00         |
| Meeting Expenses           | 1,092.90          | 1,100.00           |
| Memorial Plaques           | 174.02            | 100.00             |
| Office Expenses            | 252.63            | 500.00             |
| Archive Project            | 0.00              | 2,000.00           |
| Xmas Lunch subsidy         | 177.11            | 300.00             |
| Travel                     | 986.55            | 1,000.00           |
| Miscellaneous              | <u>212.41</u>     | <u>500.00</u>      |
|                            | <u>\$3,352.12</u> | <u>\$6,500.00</u>  |
| Surplus (-Deficit)         | <u>\$1,965.78</u> | <u>-\$1,050.00</u> |
| Balance, Beginning of Year | <u>\$6,530.95</u> | <u>\$8,496.73</u>  |
| Balance, End of Year       | <u>\$8,496.73</u> | <u>\$7,446.73</u>  |

**6. Education Report**

**JoAn Dale gave her report**

With all the social activities, many of which had an educational component, this year one event was planned and repeated. A St. Clair Student, Joydynne Sharpe, presented a session, **“Keeping Up With Your Grandkids.”** In this presentation a variety of Internet Tools

were reviewed including Face Book, Google Earth, Skype, You Tube and Kijiji. The session was well received.

Bill Totten, Gary Docherty and Pat Hallahan continue to assist with a presentation for retirees and St. Clair Staff who are planning for their retirement each Spring.

We are always open to suggestions for other sessions you would like to have presented.

## **7. Thames Campus Report**

### **Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative, gave her report**

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to Jay Ertel, Eunice Robinson and JoAn Dale for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convener, for taking care of all the social arrangements and keeping the members informed through the year.

Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 22, 2009. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded \$300m. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of prewar classic and important post-war sports cars. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 9, 2009 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa, was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Other monthly luncheons have included speakers on local history, home security and a master gardener. Funds have been generated for the HealthPlex Campaign from monthly 50/50 raffle draws held at the luncheons. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2010/2011.

The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

## **8. Social Report**

### **Pat Hallahan gave his report.**

Our retirees' social services are second to none. The Social Committee had another active year with the usual social events. This year's Fall Social was held in the staff lounge next to the Chez. The Windsor Christmas Party was held downtown again at the St. Clair Centre. That will change, however, for 2010. The Thames party was held again as a luncheon at the Country View. The Thames Group continues to have very successful monthly luncheons and organized another successful RM Classic Car Tour.

New this year was the Country Legends show held at the Drayton Theatre in St. Jacob's. This replaced the annual trip to Stratford. There was also an Alternative Energy presentation (with a timely focus on wind turbines) in Chatham. And there were tours of the historic Canadian Aircraft Museum at Windsor Airport and the Canadian Black History Museum in Amherstburg. Many thanks to Gary MacLeod for organizing the latter two

tours. Pat also thanked John Charlesworth for all his hard work with the Social Committee throughout the years.

## 9. Archive Committee Report

### **Bill Totten, gave his report**

Bill reported that projects are worked on weekly, Monday mornings in Room 45J, by Hanno Barten, Keith Brown, Anita Blair, Pat Hallahan, Lea Simms, Marilyn Portt, Art Rae, and Bill Totten. Bill informed the membership that we are looking at purchasing a display case to house our archive items. Bill informed the membership that we would like to change the display case every 3 to 4 months and we need someone with creative skills to help arrange the display case.

## 10. Fundraising

### **Jay Ertel, Fundraising Coordinator, gave his report**

Jay informed the membership that to date we have raised \$13,454 which is 45% of our committed \$30,000 pledge to the HealthPlex Campaign. Jay also mentioned that another way to help with fundraising was to consider buying a “Brick” for \$100. Jay thanked Jim Chambers and Brian Labombard for their help with various golf events and he also thanked JoAn Dale for her help with the 50/50 raffle draws. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising events or would like to help out in any way please contact Jay Ertel.

## 11. Nomination Committee Report

### **Jim Martin presented the list for nominations.**

#### **Nomination Slate for 2010-2011**

| <u>Executive Positions</u>    | <u>Candidate</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Ex Officio Members</u>     |                  |
| President Emeritus            | Bill Totten      |
| Past-President                | Jay Ertel        |
| <u>Officers to be Elected</u> |                  |
| President *                   | Anita Blair      |
| Vice President*               | Jim Martin       |
| Recording Secretary*          | Lori Caba        |
| Treasurer*                    | John Payne       |
| Membership Coordinator*       | Gayle Harrick    |
| Thames Representative*        | Elizabeth Barr   |
| <u>Appointed Members</u>      |                  |
| Archive Coordinator           | - vacant         |
| Communications Coordinator    | Pat Hallahan     |
| Education Coordinator         | JoAn Dale        |

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Goodwill Coordinator       | Marilyn Portt |
| Newsletter Editor          | Del Zangari   |
| Retiree Fundraising Coord. | Jay Ertel     |
| Social Coordinator         | Pat Hallahan  |
| Director at Large          | Gary Docherty |

Lynne Watts moved “**THAT** the nomination list be accepted as presented.” Bill Stammler seconded the motion. Jim Martin called the question. **CARRIED**

## **12. Other Business**

A question and answer period followed the presentation of the reports.

## **13. Adjournment**

Margaret Goodman moved “**THAT** the AGM for 2010 be adjourned.” Jay Ertel seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.