

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

Present: S. Burk (Chair), A. Ashby, Vandra Masemann, Volker Masemann, J. Heighway
D. Fuller, D. Renwick, R. Tennyson, R. Watson
Regrets: I. Hubel, L. Maxwell

1. Minutes of January 8, 2019 Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting be accepted.

Moved by A. Ashby, seconded by J. Heighway.

Carried.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **Missing Item from Archives Room**

The 1967 Book of Letters still has not been located. Vandra to request that MCI Principal B. Shaw put out letter to staff.

- **The Big Book**

As previously reported, applications for new funding program for digitizing archives and making them available to the public must be made by the legal owner(s) of the subject archival item(s). David to find out when the application deadline is. Vandra to follow-up with the Principal re: ownership of "the Big Book" and suggest that ownership be assigned to MRBS in order for MRBS to make the grant application.

- **Receipts/Thank You Letters for Donations**

Bob Watson advised that Evan Butchers mailed receipts and thank you letters to his contacts who donated to MRBS.

- **Improvements to Communications**

Sandra reported that Bob did resend the questionnaire to the MRBS Executive on March 17th. Adele and Joyce did not recall receiving it, so Dianne forwarded the email to them. Members are requested to review the questionnaire and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss responses and ways this information may be used to improve communications.

3. Announcements

- **Passing of MRBS Vice-President and former President, Evan J. Butchers**

With great sadness we announce the passing of MRBS Vice-President and former President, Evan J. Butchers, on March 8th, 2019. Evan was a loyal and generous supporter of MCI and the MRBS and will be greatly missed. A celebration of Evan's life will be held at the Balmy Beach Canoe Club on Sunday, April 28th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

- **Reach for the Top**

Congratulations to the Malvern Reach for the Top team. They had an amazing season, finishing 3rd overall on April 8th. Malvern has had a Reach for the Top team off and on since 1969. The team will take on the teachers on April 29th.

- **Boys' Junior Hockey Team**

- Congratulations to the Junior Boys' Hockey Team on their exciting overtime win of the City Championship against Northern S.S. at North Toronto Arena on March 20th.

- **MCI Annual Fashion Show**

The Malvern Annual Fashion Show will be held in the auditorium on Thursday, April 18th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. each. This year's theme is "A Night at the Grammys: A Celebration of Music Throughout the Years" and proceeds will be donated to the Reese Fallon Legacy Scholarship.

- **Commencement**

This year's Commencement will be held on Friday, June 28th. Bob Watson to follow up and get names of MRBS Award winners from Nicky in order to give her the cheques well in advance.

4. President's Report – Sandra Burk

- Sandra reported that there's not much to report as the February and March MRBS meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Sandra has been posting obituaries for former Malvernites on the MRBS Facebook page. If you are aware of any that have been missed, please post on the fb page or let Sandra know and she will post them.
- Sandra reported that she received feedback from one member on her post on the MRBS Facebook page regarding Malvern students' protesting education cuts/increased class size.
- Sandra received an inquiry and request for information from an alumna interested in arranging a reunion of the 1973/74 and 1974/75 Men's Hockey Teams. Vandra to research the requested info when she is at Archives Committee on April 10th.

Moved acceptance: Vandra Masemann, seconded by Volker Masemann.

5. Communications Reports

Vandra Masemann - mail

- Vandra reported that one donation was received by mail.

Bob Watson – email, phone

Bob reported as follows:

- the Hotline was disconnected sometime in January.
- 0 new emails from the 40s, 60s or MRBS webmail as website was not working.

Dianne Renwick – database

- Dianne reported that she picked up returned mail from last Musings from Vandra and has updated the database to reflect members who have moved or passed away. Also, the database has been updated to reflect that one new member who has provided written authorization for his name to be published on our members' list (she will forward this info to David Fuller),

David Fuller – website, Facebook - discussion of Members' List

- Vandra advised that she contacted Bluehost on April 9th and renewed our website for two years.
- David reported that he has not yet posted 2018 MRBS Minutes to website, but will try to do so in the near future.

Moved acceptance: Vandra Masemann, seconded by Volker Masemann.

6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson

- Bob reported a remaining bank balance of \$1,837.44.
- Bob or Vandra to follow-up again with Lori McCauley re: cheque for approx. \$1,275. donated to MRBS through OMF/Canada Helps.

Moved acceptance: B. Watson, seconded by Vandra Masemann.

7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann

- Vandra will prepare a Power Point presentation on the archives for presentation to the Malvern Parent Council, probably for the Fall. Vandra to reach out to them to find out what their project(s) are so that we can co-ordinate our efforts with theirs.
- Vandra advised that additional funds have been allocated for the purchase of archival supplies. The five boxes of records donated by Sonya Munro's family have been sorted. Also, Donna Halliday is nearly finished digitizing the archival Items for the TDSB digitization program.
- Vandra reported that there have been some problems with students' usage of the archival materials and room. She will follow-up with Jan Haskings-Winner on this.
- Archives Committee will meet on April 24 and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of May and June

8. Improvements to Communication

- Refer to Bullet #4 under Matters Arising from Minutes. Nothing further to report.

9. Charitable Status

- Bob reported that he and Volker have reviewed the OMF and MRBS Charters and that some overlaps have been noted and need to be reviewed further. The application is a work in progress.
- Sandra reported that she was able to contact William Pace who kindly provided the name of a well-respected agency that works with many Canadian charities and that she passed this information along to Bob and Volker.
- Some discussion took place about possibly reviving the OMF. Engagement of a professional to review/provide advice and finalizing and submitting of our application will be put off until this question has been settled.

10. Water Barrels for Africa – Rod Tennyson

- Rod reported that this project is on hold indefinitely due to problems securing a suitable venue.

11. Cenotaph Repairs – Vandra Masemann

- It was previously suggested that the Malvern Cenotaph group and committee be reactivated.
- Vandra noted that Sandra has joined the Cenotaph Facebook Group.

Discussion took place about whether or not the missing/stolen sword should be replaced. It was suggested that rather than tackle that large project, we replace the letters on the Cenotaph plinth that were damaged by the vandals. Everyone agreed that this was a good project to undertake and that we should try to have this done in time for this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies.

12. Other Business

- **Next Issue of Musings**

Vandra raised the issue of a Spring Musings. After some discussion, it was agreed that as there has not been enough activity to report on and there isn't enough time to put together a Spring Musings, the next Musings will be in the Fall. Please submit any ideas for articles to be included.

- **Display(s) of Archival Materials**

Rod again suggested that the MRBS mount themed displays of archival artifacts, photos, etc. in display cases in prominent areas of the school. The Parent Teacher Council has previously expressed interest in a digital display of archival items for the cafeteria at Commencement. Vandra advised that display cases are assigned to various Departments, and suggested that we request the one on the main floor near the Guidance Office that is set up for digital displays. She also suggested that it would be a good project in which to involve students from Media Studies. When she is at the school on April 10th for Archives Committee, Vandra will discuss this proposal with the Principal.

- **Vacant Position of Vice-President**

Sandra raised the issue of filling the Vice-President position vacancy that has resulted from Evan's passing. MRBS can either appoint an Acting Vice-President to fill the position until the next AGM or hold a By-election to elect someone. Vandra suggested reaching out on social media to recruit for the position. Vandra will post on Facebook and see if there are any interested candidates.

- **July Meeting/BBQ**

Vandra and Volker Masemann offered to host this year's July meeting and BBQ at their new home. Date to be determined.

13. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

14. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by D. Fuller. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.