

**Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting - Monday, December 16, 2019
6:00 P.M. Beacher Cafe**

Present: Sandra Burk (Chair), Adele Ashby, David Fuller, Joyce Heighway, Vandra Masemann, Volker Masemann, Lois Maxwell, Dianne Renwick, Ken Scullion, Rod Tennyson, Bob Watson, Donna Halliday

Guest: Ila Beattie

Regrets: Irene Hubel, Erik Malmsten

Meeting called to Order: The Chair, Sandra Burk, called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M. On a point of order Bob Watson proposed a toast to former President, the late Evan Butchers.

1. Minutes of Tuesday, October 8, 2019: Motion to approve minutes moved by Adele Ashby, seconded by Vandra Masemann. With a minor correction to the spelling of Sean Matthews' name in section #8, the minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- **Election of new Member at Large :** Upon a motion moved by Vandra Masemann and seconded by Adele Ashby, Ila Beattie was nominated as a Member at Large. Motion carried unanimously.
- **1967 Book of Letters Missing Item from Archives Room**
The Book of Letters, a 1967 Centennial project, a compilation of letters from elected officials, including then Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and others, outlining their hopes for the future of Canada, went missing from the Archives room some time ago. Principal B. Shaw put out a notice to staff but no response has been received to date. Vandra Masemann will continue her efforts to locate the book, including checking the storage room and following up with Jan Haskings Winner.
- **Display of Archival Materials:** Rod Tennyson and Vandra Masemann to follow up on first-floor display case plans. David Fuller made two posters relating to Remembrance Day that were displayed until Christmas so that parents could see them. Teachers were pleased with the display.
- **Cenotaph Repairs:** David Fuller to follow up with Sanderson Monuments. There was discussion on possible fundraising to repair the sword.
- Other business arising was covered in the separate items contained in the agenda.

3. Announcements: It was noted that teachers were on strike for two consecutive Wednesdays. Archives Days are cancelled if they coincide with strike days. Vandra Masemann sent an email to the Principal in support of the teachers which was well received.

4. President's Report – Sandra Burk: The President reported that she had no specific items requiring an update.

5. Communication Reports:

- **Mail (snail) – Vandra Masemann:** 17 Musings returned. All were checked with very little success. Vandra reported that there were 3 donations. Vandra will get one remaining cheque to the Treasurer. *(We have some 471 members requesting paper versions of Musings, while we have over 800 members receiving the electronic version.)*
- **Email – Bob Watson:** It was noted that 5 members have passed away since the last report. 2 members have asked to be removed from the mailing list.
- **Website, Facebook – David Fuller:** David reported that he has posted minutes provided by Sandra to the website. It was noted that we should update the “passed” members on the list on the website.

David mentioned an email sent to Vandra by Steve Russell containing photos of the 1958 grade 9 class. This will be checked.

- **Database – Dianne Chadwick:** Dianne will update the MRBS database and send details to Rod Tennyson for his review with a view to creating a 50s-60s reunion mailing list.

Motion: Moved by David Fuller, seconded by Lois Maxwell that the Communication Reports be accepted. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson:

Bob reported that the account books and bank statement match. There are no outstanding items.

Motion: Moved by Bob Watson, seconded by Donna Halliday that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann:

Vandra reported that the School Principal requested a tour of the Archives for the Home and School group to be scheduled for the first Wednesday in March. Work continues on archiving various sports uniforms. There is still a question about the status of the Board's work on digitizing the archival material that we have provided to them. Vandra to follow up.

8. Improving MRBS Communications: It was noted that the unsettled labour relations and ongoing negotiations between the School Board and teachers had interrupted talks with Sean Matthews. These will resume after the parties have arrived at a settlement.

9. Proposed 1950s – 60s Reunion – May 2020:

Rod Tennyson reported that we received approximately 16 responses to the survey about holding a 1950s – 60s Reunion. Only 3 individuals indicated that they would

be willing to assist. Discussion about the reunion included whether it should be held at the Balmy Beach Club or at the school and the possible cost of attending - \$15 to \$20 was suggested. It is estimated that we would need approximately 50 paid attendees to make the event worthwhile. There was a suggestion that we should post information about the reunion on both Facebook and the MRBS website.

10. Future Plans (taken from the AGM draft minutes):

- A. Re-organize the headings for communications to include more electronic routes. **David Fuller to lead.**
- B. Raise money to repair the monument, particularly the letters of the names. The centenary will be in 2022. Rod Tennyson suggested that we host an event, perhaps charging a nominal fee of \$20 - \$25 where attendees could listen to a local historian talk about the history of the school and some of its students who left to join the war effort. **David Fuller to lead.**
- C. Publish two Musings for the next year. We should keep track of ideas for items to include in the Musings from each MRBS monthly meeting. It was noted that the cost of producing Musings is now well less than \$500, closer to \$250. **It was agreed that the President, Sandra Burk, is in the best position to co-ordinate the circulation of information about deceased members.**
- D. Try to increase donations and post donors' names if they give permission. Encourage electronic donations. There is a place on Canada Helps to note that the donation is anonymous.
- E. Draw up a projected budget for 2019-2020. We should set a fundraising goal, including the memorial, as well as our costs for Musings, archives, etc. **Bob Watson and Lois Maxwell to lead.**
- F. Keep giving out the MRBS award - \$200.00.
- G. Possible 50s, 60s reunion as proposed by Rod. So far there has been no response from alumni about this. He suggested a service position for younger member to learn e.g. student's volunteer hours. Vandra suggested maybe a 1950s day at Malvern like the 2008 Early Malvernites Reunion – in spring 2020.
- H. Improving our MRBS website. Ken asked what's achievable on our website. We need to find someone from MCI who could update our website. It can be set up that what's posted on web will automatically posted on Facebook. We can post each article, photos from Musings on Facebook/web each week (pdf files). **David Fuller to lead.**

11. Other/New Business:

- Rod Tennyson suggested that we consider hosting a tea, perhaps every two to three months, where we would support discussion of Malvern's and its students' history and achievements. Suggestion was made that we could tie this kind of event to our archives and particularly our sports teams and music program. It was suggested that we might want to consider featuring a speaker at such event(s).
- **Annual General Meeting:** Sandra and Vandra reported that draft minutes of the AGM have been prepared but not yet finalized.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

13. Motion to Adjourn: Adele Ashby moved adjournment at 8:23. Meeting adjourned.