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# George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

May 18, 2021

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## Call to Order

### **Meeting called to order by Dianne Diniz at 12:02 pm**

Present: Dianne Diniz, Bob Cox, Georgia Quartaro, Debbie Plested, Trish Robinson, Jennifer Cooke, Barb Dunlop, Denise Pontone, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson, Joan Reynolds

### **Motion: That the agenda be accepted as circulated.**

Motion made by Trish and seconded by Barb.

Added agenda items include a discussion regarding sending out the newsletter to those members who do not have a computer and the request that a notice be sent out immediately following the meeting to the Board members re the date of the next meeting. Carried unanimously

### **Motion: That the April. 18 minutes be approved.**

Moved by Trish seconded by Debbie. Carried Unanimously

### **Motion: That the April 22 minutes be approved.**

Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Georgia. Carried unanimously

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### **Calls to members:**

It was decided that Barb and Anne would contact via telephone the names of members whose emails have become dormant. Debbie will send the list to Barb.

### **Wine Tasting and Dinner:**

The Richmond Station wine tasting, and dinner virtual event is scheduled for June 16 depending if 12 people register. As of now there are 5 board members registered. It is being promoted in the next newsletter. The final date for RSVP is May 31. Registration will again be done by Eventbrite. Choices will be available for the 3 courses. Cancellation with no penalty will be given up to 7 days before the event. All information will be in the next newsletter.

Follow up with Lesley

The appointment will be scheduled late in May. Georgia has the following agenda items.

- New retirees names and email addresses

- Recognition event for new retirees
- College newsletter to go to all of our members
- Library access to all of our members
- Internet access on campus for all of our members
- Discount at the computer store

Kim from HR did send a list of new retirees and she said that this would be done quarterly

## Reports

### Co-Chairs

Georgia has sent cards to Bob Struthers, Bill Ferguson and Bob sent a card to Dale Hall. These were acknowledged by the recipients. The new President of GBC has been announced. It is Dr. Gervan Fearon who has degrees from Guelph and Western. He was the President from Brock University. Further information will be in the newsletter. The new Culinary Chair is Sharon Booy a graduate from Culinary Management Nutrition.

### Treasurer

Bank balance is \$11741.00. Joan has reached out to Max in the Foundation office. We are asking for assistance as to how to invest the money from the lifetime membership or how to keep it separate from the operating account but she has not heard from him so Georgia will try. Just for the record Lesley Brailsford paid for 2 years this year.

### Membership

Debbie received a list of new retirees from HR – Kim Tran who said that she would do this quarterly so Debbie sent out the standard information to the new retirees. There was discussion re the package of information that goes to the new retirees from GBCRA.

**Recording Secretary** – no report

### Communications

Number of members reading the newsletter and website has increased again to 74%. Some difficulty was reported because the newsletter is getting so long that articles were incomplete in the newsletter so you need to press “view as web page” to see the entire article. Apparently only 2/3 of the newsletter is able to be seen by members. Bob Cox included in the newsletter a book review on Neglected No More to increase the scope of the newsletter. It was decided to send flowers to Anne Sado’s home following her retirement.

**Senior Association** – no report as no contact

## **Clubs**

Bridge – Laura will submit a letter to the newsletter requesting a coach/teacher for our bridge club from our membership as our current teacher has a conflict with our schedule.

Book – Laura is collecting a list of books for next year. The voting process is used as to the books that will be reviewed.

Music and Theater – on hold

Movies: on hold

Discussion: the days of the week for events was discussed as members have other events on days that they would like to attend our events. Needs further discussion.

## **New Business:**

An event is to be planned for new GBCRA members and newly retired GBC members.

Suggestions regarding entertainment and speakers at this zoom event were discussed as well as gifts for these guests on the chosen date of June 17. The entire membership will be invited to this event. Suggested speakers include Cory, Anne Sado, (to recognize new retirees) Dianne and Georgia, J.P. Tom. If any of these speakers are not available it is hoped that they could send us a video.

Diane to connect with Cory

Bob to connect with Anne

Georgia to connect with J.P. and Tom

Denise to connect with Meaghan

Debbie will manage technology at this event.

**Motion:** GBCRA will spend up to \$500 for recognition gifts for new GBC retirees and new GBCRA members from fall 2020.

Moved by Bob and seconded by Trish. Carried unanimously. Debbie will send this list to Georgia.

## **Silent Auction**

Bob suggested that our silent auction for this fall have a higher financial goal than last year and that it could be opened to the public with the help of Eventbrite. We need higher end items up for auction eg. Amazon gift cards, bridge games, piano lessons, services, a computer, IT services, Chef House gift card. These prizes should be in place before Labor Day. Bob will organize the auction with a goal of \$2-\$3K. to get us closer to our \$20K goal.

Newsletter that goes via snail mail to our members with no computer access – Trish has been doing this at her own cost and now Anne has volunteered to do this for a few months and then Georgia has volunteered for the next few months. Everybody is to submit their expenses for this,

Next Meeting – Tuesday June 22, 2021 1-3 PM note the change in time

Adjournment- motion to adjourn made by Barb Dunlop

Submitted by Barb Dunlop