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# George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

April 13, 2021

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## Call to Order

### Meeting called to order by Dianne Diniz

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

Regrets: Anne Mackenzie -Thompson

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

Motion made by Laura and seconded by Debbie. Carried unanimously

### Motion: That the Mar. 16 minutes be approved as amended

Moved by Joan seconded by Bob, Carried Unanimously

The amendment was from the last item in membership-to read Keep-in-touch/unpaid 146. Motion to accept this amendment was made by Joan, seconded by Bob and carried unanimously

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### Student Placement

Joan sat in on some of the college placement poster presentations and reported that they went well. 69% of those attending found the poster sessions helpful. We had 16 responses from the final student survey and they were positive. Two great suggestions for seniors were the zoo and aquarium zoom presentations. Ideas suggested for next year's students include cost of living, losing a partner, exercises, and music. The 2 students gave Joan good feedback regarding the placement. Joan did try to organize a meeting with Steve Cirik but it was cancelled so Joan will reschedule. An example of a relevant project was nutrition in elementary schools done by another group. A thank you was extended to Joan for all of the work with this project.

### Calls to members:

Barb made the calls to members who paid or were exempt from paying in 2020 but have not paid for 2021 A report was sent to Debbie. Individual issues were discussed.

Debbie and Georgia will work on a motion regarding annual calendar date (Sept.30) that membership must be paid by in order to vote at the next AGM. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Membership is for 1 calendar year. Debbie will follow up with individual membership issues with assistance from other board members.

A suggested idea is to ask the college to put retirees on the college newsletter mailing list. It was suggested that the board compose a letter for the newsletter to share with the members why we still need membership fees to have our association grow and keep in touch with our members during COVID. We are anxious to get back together face to face, are listening to our membership ideas and trying new ventures with the cooperation of the members. We encourage members to use electronics and technology. A letter encompassing the above will be posted in the next newsletter. Depending on the feedback from this will determine if a snail mail letter will be sent concerning these issues as well. If a member is known to be ill, had surgery or has passed away please inform Georgia and she will send an appropriate card from the association..

### **Wine tasting:**

The Richmond Station wine and dinner virtual event will be during the week of June 14 (Thurs. Fri. or Sat.) with a minimum of 12 people attending. This has been organized by Trish and Georgia. There will be a draw for a complimentary ticket. All information will be in the next newsletter.

### **Chocolate Tasting:**

The scheduled date is Thursday May 20. The minimum number of guests is 5. This would make a great Mother's day gift. Soma will send a package to each attendee with chocolate information and samples and have a chocolatier do a presentation on zoom. All final details will be in the newsletter.

## **Reports**

### **Co-Chairs**

It was announced that the college would be giving GBCRA a \$2500 stipend again. Bob organized this with Lesley. GBCRA involvement came up at the faculty union committee meeting. Georgia will contact Tom to discuss as he requested more information.

### **Treasurer**

Bank balance is \$10408.00. Joan will reach out again to Max in the Foundation office as to how to invest the money from the lifetime membership or how to keep it separate from the operating account.

**Recording Secretary** – no report

### **Communications**

Number of members reading the newsletter and website has increased again. Bob and Jennifer to review the areas that members read and do not read in the newsletter. Having a design student involved in rebranding our logo etc. is a priority for January. We will need a committee in August to make branding suggestions. Thank you to Joan for editing the newsletter. Ideas for newsletter include articles involving social stands, book reviews regarding social stands, advocacy, treatment of seniors, what is happening in the college and in other colleges etc. It was suggested to review our mandate besides social events for members. This may be an idea for a break out session at the AGM.

**Senior Association** – no contact

**Clubs**

Bridge – Laura is trying to train all members to learn how to lead the group.

Book – it was suggested that the members have a discussion about what to do for a member who has published a book. Should GBCRA advertise for them???

Music and Theater – on hold

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 27, 2021 12-2 PM and Tuesday May 4, 12-2

Adjournment- motion to adjourn made by Barb Dunlop

Submitted by Barb Dunlop