

Saint Mary's University Retirees Association  
Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** 29 June 2018  
Indian Lake Golf Course

**Present:** Ron Cospers (President), Geraldine Thomas (past President), John Young (VP), Shripad Pendse (Treasurer). Keith Vaughan, Marion Sensen, Vlodek Tarnawski, Michael Herrick, Hugh Cameron, Wendy Katz, Margot Schenk, Pat Fitzgerald, Ann Trecartin, John Hayson, Colin Howell, Sandy Galloway, Bob McDonald, Bert Hartnell, Bob McCalla, Wally Mills, and Barb Miller.

1. **Call to order** 1:40 p.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** (moved John Young, second Keith Vaughan) Passed unanimously.
3. **Appointment of acting secretary** – Wally Mills
4. **Approval of 1917 AGM minutes** (moved Colin Howell, second Wendy Katz) Passed unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report** by Shripad Pendse (see attached for full report Appendix A):

Opening Balance 29 June 2018	\$2210.17
Dues received to June 26, 2018	650.00
Total expenses	1053.79
Bank balance 26 June 2018	1806.38

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Keith Vaughan second John Young); passed unanimously.

An issue arose about when membership fees are due. The fiscal year for the Association begins in January so fees become due then although many members pay later at some function or other, such as the AGM. After some discussion, it was moved (John Young, second John Haysom) that the treasurer send a notice to members in January to remind them that fees are due in January each year. Passed Unanimously.

## **7. President's Report.**

Ron Cospers reported that it was an active year of events for SMURA. Especially notable in May 2018 was the national meeting of CURAC at Dalhousie with SMURA being a co-sponsor. SMURA representatives attending were Ron Cospers, Keith Vaughan, Shripad Pendse and Andy Harvey.

The new health insurance plan in connection with retired university teachers in Ontario has been a success with many SMURA members being enrolled.

Motion to accept the report (Shripad Pendse second Wendy Katz); passed unanimously.

## **8. Report of Programme Committee (Keith Vaughan and Bert Hartnell)**

Bert Hartnell presented a list of the many events from Fall 2017 to June 2018 (see attachment Appendix B).

## **9. Nominating Committee Report (Ron Cospers and Wendy Katz)**

Recommendations:

President: Keith Vaughan

Treasurer: Shripad Pendse

Secretary: Wally Mills

Current Members at large are prepared to remain on the Board and Nicki Young is nominated as an additional member.

Geraldine Thomas is retiring from the position of Past President. Ron Cospers will assume the position of Past President.

There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to approve (Bert Hartnell second Shripad Pendse); Passed unanimously.

## **10. Appointment of Auditor**

Nominated: Milt Chew. Motion to approve (Keith Vaughan, second Margo Schenk); passed unanimously.

## **11. Future events**

There was some discussion and a few suggestions to be pursued by a future Programme Committee.

## **12. Other Business:**

There was some discussion about how to get information about new retirees. It was suggested that the Faculty Union would probably assist in this regard.

## **13 Thanks to Ron for his efforts as president**

## **14 Adjournment at 2:40 p.m.**

# Appendix A

Saint Mary's University Retirees' Association AGM, June 29, 2018.

Treasurer's Report by Shripad Pendse.

Opening balance as of 26 June 2017 (date of last year's AGM).	2210.17
Dues received from that date to June 28, 2018	650.00
(\$600 of these were received in 2018 representing 24 current members*)	
Total revenue	2860.17
Expenses on refreshments for functions**	130.39
Honorarium for Bill Davey, CBU, for his presentation	100.00
Annual fee to Registry of Joint Stock Companies	31.15
Membership fee for CURAC	26.25
Four registrations*** for CURAC national conference @\$184 each	736.00
Bank account maintenance fee for 12 months @\$2.50 per months	30.00
Total expenses	1053.79
Current bank balance as of 28 June 2018	1806.38

Footnotes - \*If you have not yet paid the fee for 2018, and wish to do so, I will be happy to collect it. (Cash, cheque, cheesecakes, Bitcoin etc. Maybe even credit card if you charge someone else's bill to your card and collect cash from them). I have a list of the paid-up members if you are not sure if you have already paid.

\*\* A cheque for \$71.65 for refreshment expenses for two recent functions has been issued to Keith. He has not yet cashed it because he has been overseas till this week. This expense will be included in next year's Report. I would like to thank Keith for his considerable work in purchasing and setting out refreshments at half a dozen SMURA functions in the past year.

\*\*\* The 2018 national conference of College and University Retirees' Association of Canada (CURAC) was held at Dalhousie from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. SMUFU and SMU paid \$500 each to be co-sponsors with Dalhousie. The SMUFU delegates were Ron Cospers, Shripad Pendse and Keith Vaughan from the Executive, and Andy Harvey chosen by random drawing at the Bistro luncheon of SMURA in February 2018.

# Appendix B

SMURA events [Fall, 2017-June 2018]:

Sunday, September 24, 2:30pm, Flex Room, talk by David Turner: "Imaging Highlights of Scotland"

Sunday, October 29, 2:30 p.m. Flex Room, talk by Bill Davey: "Making a dictionary of Cape Breton English"

Sunday, November 26, 2:30 p.m. Flex Room, talk by Marion Sensen & Keith Vaughan: "California 2016"

Friday, December 8, luncheon at The Henry House

Friday, February 2nd, 2:30pm, Flex Room, talk by David Richardson: "Art of my Grandfather"

Monday, February 19th 2pm - SMURA board meeting

Friday, February 23rd, 12:30pm, luncheon at Le Bistro

Sunday, March 25th, 2:30pm, Flex Room, talk by Wally Mills: "Behavioural Economics"

Sunday, April 22nd, 2:30pm, Flex Room, talk by David Lane: "Astronomy at SMU"

Thursday, MAY 17th, 2:30pm, SMURA Board meeting

May 23-25th, CURAC national meeting at Dalhousie university, hosted jointly by SMURA and the Dalhousie retirees association. SMURA representatives attending were Ron Cosper, Keith Vaughan, Shripad Pendse and Andy Harvey.

Friday, June 29th, 12:30pm, Indian Lake Golf Course clubhouse, AGM luncheon