

St. Clair College Retirees' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Chez Talbot
May 2, 2012

1. Adoption of Agenda

Bill Totten made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. Sue Bezaire seconded the motion.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lynne Watts made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Annual General Membership Meeting. Hanno Barten seconded the motion.

CARRIED

3. **President's Report**

Anita Blair gave her President's Report

In this my last report I wish to thank the members of the Executive for their time and energy spent on Association matters. All of our Executive have some involvement in our major events and this lessens the work for any one person. For a brief while Del Zangari thought she would have to leave the position of newsletter editor due to health reasons but she and her husband John are continuing their work of producing four lengthy newsletters a year. John Payne after many years of keeping track of our expenses and income is leaving our Executive. We wish him all the best and will miss his reasoned approach to our discussions. This year we are fortunate to have four new people putting their names forward to serve on the Executive.

It is not only the Executive that plans events and works for the retirees. Special thanks go to Dan and Mary Loncke for Trivial Tuesday and bi weekly bridge, Gary MacLeod for organizing many of our events, and Jim Chambers for the golf tournament and the Audit Report.

Any successful Retirees' Association must have the support of the College President and we are lucky to have Dr. Strasser's full support from matching our dues collection to retiree invitations to the President's two annual staff brunches. Dr. Strasser meets with the Executive twice a year at a breakfast meeting where we exchange updates on what is happening around the college and with the Association. I also would like to thank Patti France for all her assistance and John Fairley for his generosity to the Retirees. In the Summer newsletter we try to list all the staff who have helped us in one way or another. Last fall we visited the Agawa Canyon, a six hour train ride from Sault Ste. Marie. This was our first three day trip and we were pleasantly surprised by the enthusiasm shown for this trip. Tony Ellul put together a pictorial show of our trip with classical music. He now is doing the same type of presentation for retiree activities throughout the last year. Dan Loncke a knowledgeable and enthusiastic birder started Birds and Breakfast for the retirees. Last fall and winter we visited local bird watching habitats followed by breakfast at a near-by restaurant. This year there will be a substantial number of new retirees thanks to the VELI being offered by the College. In order to acquaint these retirees and their spouses to our Association we are planning on a social get together this September for the new retirees from the last three years. Hopefully we can entice the newer retirees to become active participants of our Association.

4. **Auditor's Report**

Jim Chambers submitted his report.

In accordance with my appointment as Auditor, I have examined the Financial books and records of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, for the Fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. After performing those audit tests I deemed necessary, I am pleased to report that the Financial Books and

Records provided to me by the Treasurer accurately reflects the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2011.

The Financial statements have been presented on a basis consistent with those of previous reporting years.

J.E. Chambers, MBA, CMA

Pat Hallaham made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report. Bill Stammler seconded the motion.

CARRIED

5. John Payne reported that as of year-end—December 31, 2011.

	Actual (2011)	Projected (2012)
RECEIPTS		
College Grant	\$2,450.00	\$2,400.00
Event Fees	238.00	150.00
Membership Dues	\$2,480.00	\$2,400.00
Interest Income	3.91	0.00
Other Income	<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$5,371.91</u>	<u>\$5,050.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Charity/Donations	\$1,700.00	\$1,500.00
Meeting Expenses	773.60	1,000.00
Memorial Plaques	314.13	100.00
Office Expenses	297.24	600.00
Archive Project	273.45	300.00
Xmas Lunch subsidy	127.18	300.00
Travel	650.00	750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$4,185.60</u>	<u>\$5,050.00</u>
Surplus (-Deficit)	<u>\$1,186.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>\$6,240.02</u>	<u>\$7,426.33</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$7,426.33</u>	<u>\$7,426.33</u>

The above figures do not include 2012 membership dues collected in the month of December 2011 in the amount of \$1,450.00.

Anita informed the membership that John Payne acted as Treasurer for the St. Clair College Retirees' Association for the past twelve years. Anita thanked John for his long time commitment to the Association and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Executive.

6. Goodwill Report—Lori Caba, Goodwill Coordinator

As one of the mandates of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association the Goodwill Committee is responsible for sending out cards to retirees and their family members and St. Clair College staff. Since our last AGM was held 74 cards have been mailed to help support our retirees and college staff.

Thank you to all who have helped the Executive acknowledge these retirees and staff members.

If you know of someone who should receive a card please inform Lori Caba or any other member of the Executive. The names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Executive are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

7. Newsletter Editor's Report—Del Zangari Newsletter Editor

This past year, my husband John, joined with me to produce the newsletters. He brings with him, 15 years of experience as the newsletter editor of the Retired Teachers of Ontario, Windsor/Essex District. Together, we will continue to produce the newsletter for you, the St. Clair College Retirees. This past year, we again produced four newsletters which were distributed to you in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Our goal in the production of this newsletter is to provide you with information which is of particular interest to you and to make you aware of all that is happening with and through the Retirees' Association. John and I can be reached at 519-974-8932 or zangari@wincom.net. We encourage your input in the production of your newsletter.

8. Chatham-Kent Report—Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative

In Elizabeth Barr's absence the Chatham-Kent Report was presented by JoAn Dale. The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to JoAn Dale for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convener, for taking care of all of the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year. Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove and for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 26, 2011. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of prewar classics and important post-war sports cars. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 7, 2011 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Our April luncheon included a speaker who shared his research on the anniversary of the War of 1812 and the importance it held for this area. All of these events were very successful. Normally, approximately 25 retirees attend the luncheon. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2012/2013. We invite all retirees to join us at any of the luncheons for fellowship and friendship. The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

9. Membership Report—Gayle Harrick, Membership Coordinator

As of April 1, we have collected dues for 215 members. This number is down from last year at this time. We will, however, continue to collect dues for 2012 until the end of August. For those that may need a reminder a "Second Notice" was sent out the with April 18th newsletter. As a result of the VELI offered by the college, we look forward to many new members joining our Retirees' Association. A welcome "wine and cheese" is being planned to introduce these new Retirees to our Association and invite them to participate in the many activities we are planning for this year. It is important to us that we receive these due because once again, Dr. Strasser has been kind enough to agree to match our dues for 2012. We thank Dr. Strasser for his continued support. Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. The money collected is sent on to the OCRA Membership Coordinator, Jennifer Moore.

10. Social Convener's Report—Pat Hallahan, Social Coordinator

This past year has been another very busy year, socially, for your Retirees' Association, comprised of both annual activities and new ventures.

Among the fixed activities were Trivial Tuesday, the International Trip, winter and summer golf outings, RM Classic Car tour, two staff appreciation brunches, the Retiree Association AGM and Fall Social, Thames and Windsor Christmas parties, monthly Thames luncheons and Bridge Club. New activities for the year included the Birds and Breakfast activity, Victoria Playhouse outing in Petrolia, the Agawa Canyon trip, a Chatham Capitol Theatre performance, a winery tour, the Ojibway Nature Centre tour, Mediaplex tour, the Great Lakes Institute tour and an Identify Theft workshop.

I am pleased to announce that Margaret Goodman has offered to take the leadership of the Social Committee for the next year.

11. Archive Committee Report—Bill Totten for Lea Garber

Bill informed the membership that a small but very active group of dedicated retirees meet every Monday morning in Room 45J from 9 until 12 noon. The Retirees’ Association display case, which is located in the main lobby of South Campus, is changed several times year. New volunteers are always welcome to join this worthwhile activity.

12. Fundraising—Jay Ertel, Fundraising Coordinator

Jay informed the membership that we are in the fourth year of our fundraising campaign and to date we have raised over \$21,000 which is 71% of our committed \$30,000 pledge to the HealthPlex Campaign. Jay also mentioned that another way to help with fundraising was to consider purchasing a “Brick” for \$100. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising events or would like to help out in any way please contact Jay Ertel.

13. Nomination Committee Report—Jim Martin presented the list for nominations.

Nomination Slate for 2012-2013

<u>Executive Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
<u>ExOfficio Members</u>	
President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past President	Anita Blair
<u>Officers to be Elected</u>	
President	JoAn Dale
Vice President	Cindy Bissonnette
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Portt
Treasurer	Sue Bezaire
Membership Coordinator	Gayle Harrick
<u>Appointed Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
Archive Coordinator	Lea Garber
Board Observer	Owen Klein
Communications Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
Education Coordinator	-vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Jay Ertel
Goodwill Coordinator	Lori Caba
Newsletter Editor	John and Del Zangari
OCRA Observer	Jim Martin
Social Coordinator	Margaret Goodman
Thames Representative	Elizabeth Barr

Jim mentioned that there was a vacancy in the Education Coordinator position and encouraged members to apply if interested.

Jim Martin moved “**THAT** the nomination list be accepted as presented.” Dan Loncke seconded the motion. Jim Martin called the question. **CARRIED**

14. Other Business

Nothing to report.

15. Adjournment

JoAn Dale thanked Anita Blair and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service as President of the Retirees’ Association.

Bill Totten moved “**THAT** the AGM for 2012 be adjourned. Jay Ertel seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.