

Malvern Red & Black Society
July 11, 2007 Minutes

Present: Randy Deffett (chair), Louise Greenaway, Vandra Masemann, Donna Halliday, Sonya Munro, Rod Tennyson, Tim Daciuk, Shanta Nathwani. Regrets: Len Nanjad

Order of Business

Minutes of June 6, 2007 approved (Vandra/Louise)

-2 corrections

Announcements

-Shanta will be living in Hong Kong August to January, 2008

Members' Survey Results- Tim Daciuk

- Fairly good response rate
- Difference between email and regular mail results in responses to question on having enjoyment: email respondents were more favourable
- Discussions of relationship among responses: no statistical difference in response to value of benefit programs, but generally less than positive- Malvernites seem to be already established in relation to insurance policies
- Very high % of respondents (90%) read the communications
- Respondents (30-40%) showed interest in what the survey was all about
- Discussion of policy implications:
 1. change of constitution re: AGM
 2. canceling contract with Johnson Insurance
 3. sending a small questionnaire before AGM
 4. Tim recommended leaning more toward electronic communication since respondents are more enthusiastic
- We could fine tune this for next year
- Return rate by email was 132 out of approximate 1700 surveys mailed or emailed
- **Motion: to write to postal mail respondents requesting a donation for continued receipt of the Musings by postal mail. Noting that they can supply email contact information for free and exempting previous donors (Donna/Louise- unanimously approved**

Proposal for Scanning the Musings

- Tim- would recommend it as a school project by students. Then need to locate the software. Need for the labour for scanning all the pages (e.g. 85 Muses published x 50 pages = 4200 pages)
- Discussion of the value of scanning the Muses as a back-up
- Tim- ask Malvernites if they were interested in having an electronic copy of the Muses; little expense for labour, space; more expense for organizing of data
- **Proposal- to invite Michael Momich to a future meeting with a more developed proposal in-hand (Louise/Sonya)- agreed**

Financial Report- Len Nanjad (see attached)

Website

- Randy will get to work on updating website
- Shanta has investigated how to fix the message board- will contact Alex Bethke again
- Shanta has set up a MRBS Page on www.facebook.com. There are two other Malvern C.I. groups on Facebook
- We could invite members to join MTBS, on Facebook

Johnson Insurance

- Randy will write the letter withdrawing from the programme and thanking them for their efforts

Other Business

- Newsletter to go out at end of September
- Donna will do envelopes for mailings; Randy will supply envelopes

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

NEXT MEETING September 12 at MCI