

**Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday September 30, 2013 @ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

1. Call to Order and Welcome: *Brenda McGinnis*

Present: Brenda McGinnis, Stephen O'Connell, Nancy Baker, Pam Niesiobedzki, Anne Smith, Carol Christie, Mike Curtis, Joyce Barnes, Pat Bruder, Rick Goodbrand, Joan Berry, Mary Hermann, John Ritchie, Marina Howlett, Lynn Morrison, Joan Miller

2. Approval of/Addition to the Agenda: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Marina Howlett to approve the agenda; seconded by Anne Smith; Carried

3. Approval of the June 3, 2013 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

4. Next Meeting Date: *Brenda McGinnis*

Thursday October 24, 2013 – Fall Luncheon @ Fergus Community Centre
Wednesday November 6, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:30 am in the UGDSB Boardroom

5. Project Service to Others Presentation: *Brenda McGinnis/Joan Berry*

OSGA 55+ Games Presentation (see enclosed magazine)

Over 10 000+ participants, 18+ summer events, 11+ winter events, largest Provincial games, Ontario divided into 41 member districts, mixture of physically And mentally active events, combination of individual, partner and team events, 1250 participants at 2012 Summer Games and 950 participants at 2013 Winter Games, each district pays registration fee, fund-raise and apply for grants for Events to be financially self-sufficient, WHY JOIN? 1. More Active 2. Socialization 3. Relaxation 4. Give Back to Community 5. Ability to Combine Volunteering and Participating, asking for \$4000 to support games costs "in kind", recognition for RTO would include banner at games, RTO volunteers to run games, set up/take Down, booth at opening, recognition at opening exercises, Joan Berry and Brenda McGinnis will put together proposal for Provincial; District #31 will advertise this Event

Motion by Stephen O'Connell that we support the Ontario Senior Summer 55+ Games 2014, District #26, as our Project Service to Others asking for the full \$4000 Grant from Provincial; seconded by Carol Christie; carried

6. Planning for Fall Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

(See green sheet entitled: RTO/ERO Fall Luncheon – Suggested Agenda)

7. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

President's Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

Report from Senate: Motions and Issues: (see green sheets)

Motion #1: 1. Impose \$10 levy fee to all members to support Foundation; NOT Voluntary 2. Provincial Executive proposed to transfer all annual surplus funds to Foundation

Provincial Options: 1. Give \$238,000 toward the U of T geriatric program
2. Change to extendable care to raise the balance of \$3 million over 5 years

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

(See newsletter article) responsible for fact sheets; districts to look out for fraud
When getting speakers, credit cards, etc.; check them out; prey on seniors; every Senior should read Book 419

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated September 30, 2013)

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Received email for Guide For Seniors; credit counseling; can do Important Document sheet on-line; Rick to have some at Fall Luncheon; Mary Hermann Purchased cheaper stamps at Cosco

Membership: *Carol Christie*

Will have another RPW either: March 26/14 or April 9/14; need form to apply; Neither Carol nor Brenda have it yet; will need volunteers to help; find out at Senate

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

Areas of discussion included RPW's, Goodwill, Recruitment, Travel; if we promote Merit Travel in our newsletter, they will pay us; "will this become a funnel for all Other groups/agencies who want local advertising?" willing to negotiate; look at Our advertising policy and Anne Smith will contact them; District 30 produces a Tri-Fold brochure "Frequently Asked Questions"; Carol Christie will pursue this And Pam Niesiodedzki/Mike Curtis could do layout; Charitable Foundation: ALL Districts oppose levy; Steve's beginning last year; been asked to reapply; "Rack Card" (on site)/ in newsletter; one sheet can be updated frequently

Motion by Joyce Barnes for Anne Smith to pursue what Merit Travel is willing To give us for their ad in our newsletter; seconded by carol Christie; carried

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Enjoyed workshop in Toronto; Shoppers can't but their drugs as cheaply as Cosco Like a political arena; wouldn't answer questions directly; Pat will give copy of Questions to four people going to Fall Senate to ask Provincial Office; wishes Other executive members attend workshop to enjoy question periods; could send Another member

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Put in more pictures of our activities; some email people want hard copy too; Nancy suggested we start a new "Something to Shout About" section where we Feature what members are doing: anniversaries, birthdays, plays, trips, etc. Mary and Nancy are liaisons; mention at Fall Luncheon; need a list of what to be Included; can't be an ad; would be personal achievements not commercial;

Newsletter: *Mike Curtis*

It's overweight with one insert; contacted Canada Post on-line; qualifies for

Newsletter discount rate if made in booklet format; 12-page booklet with one fold
With address and postage on one side; awaiting for call back with price; possibly
Twice the newsletter for the same price; M&T to process the booklet; set dates at
November 6th meeting

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

Agawa Canyon trip was fantastic; great weather, sites, tours; Stratford trip for
Oct.18th has full bus; Next Year (2014) Suggestions: Stratford, Shaw, Mirvish,
Walters Family, Toronto Harbour Boat Cruises, Royal Botanical Gardens and
Dundurn Castle (Hamilton), Wine-Tasting Tour, RCMPPI "Scrooge"; trip to
Boston/Salem Sept. 22nd to 26th/2014 is booked

Website: *John Ritchie*

Move to Nov. 6th meeting

Public Relations: *Rick Goodbrand*

Criteria for Scholarship

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that the RTO/ERO Wellington Scholarship established
June 3, 3013 be given to secondary students who, in the opinion of the Principal
(In consultation with the staff) of the student's school, have overcome significant
Obstacles in order to graduate; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried
Discussion: will establish amount of money at Nov. meeting; Rick will present
Amount

8. Christmas Donation: *Brenda McGinnis*

Moved to Nov. 6th meeting

9. Wellness Workshops: *Brenda McGinnis*

Moved to Nov. 6th meeting

10. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to adjourn meeting; seconded by Anne Smith;
Carried; meeting concluded at 11:54 am. Special thanks to Mike Curtis and
Nancy Baker for providing coffee and treats.