

Acadia LifeLong Learning Annual General Meeting --- 20 April 2011
at Centreville Baptist Church

1. Chairperson Rachel Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. and welcomed some 30 recently fed-up ALL members.
2. Dorothy Robbins-Walker/Anthony Harding that the proposed agenda be adopted as printed. CARRIED
3. Roger Boutilier/Diana Shelley that the minutes of the 20 April 2010 annual general meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED
4. Reports:
 - a) Claire Diggins reported for the program committee noting a generally successful year, although there were a couple course offerings that had to be cancelled because enrolment did not meet the minimum (10 persons) threshold. She encouraged those present to let the committee know what topics they think would be appealing to our membership.
 - b) Vicky Parker stated that the highlight of the Partnership Committee's work was the 6 April Creativity Night, though here too, numbers were lower than hoped. Two or three ALL members will be going to the 50+ Partnership conference in Halifax held during the summer. She also noted that perhaps a new initiative to launch a summer expedition such as the ones held in 2008 and 2009 would be worth a try for next year.
 - c) Rachel Cooper reported for Communications chair Doris Salsman and recognized that the biggest focus of this committee was the widespread distribution of the ALL calendar throughout the Annapolis Valley.
 - d) Rachel then "changed hats" to remind us that the ALL newsletter is published twice a year (June and December) and that suggestions and submissions were welcome, but be concise, not prolix.
 - e) Roger Boutilier mentioned that the 23 Brown Bag Lunches drew audiences that ranged between 9 and 36. Like others before him, he saluted the assistance of the Open Acadia staff in making his job easier. If ALL members have speakers/topics to recommend, pass their names on to him as soon as convenient.
 - f) Rachel then gave her year's end and final report as our chair. She thanked all board members for their hard work and reminded us to spread the word about ALL, including our "gift certificates." Special thanks was

expended to retiring members of the Board: Claire Diggins, Vicky Parker, Doris Salsman and . . . herself, Rachel Cooper. Rachel has done an excellent job in encouraging and organizing the Board and we will miss her.

5. John Murphy/Claire Diggins that the nominating committee report for new appointments to the ALL Board, as follows, be accepted:

Richard Denton (1 year), Yvette LeBlanc (3 years), Stan Moeller (3 years), Teresa Patterson (3 years). CARRIED

6. Round Table Discussion:

- * membership fell this year from 350 to 237: why? can we reverse this by -?
- * suggestion of a (cheaper) bulk mail out to a target area as a trial
- * use community bulletin boards to get our message out
- * \$25 ALL gift cards are a great retirement gift
- * ALL is a terrific way to meet wonderful people . . . like us!
- * auditing Acadia courses with youth is positive for everyone
- * continue to include ALL literature in the Welcome Wagon kit
- * seek members at the September Newcomers Club and Farm Market

7. The next general meeting will be the annual pot luck picnic and calendar launch at the Kentville Experimental Station in August

8. Claire moved adjournment at 1:50 p.m.

Chair,
Kathy Little

Secretary pro-tem,
Roger Boutilier