

**The Royal St. George's Society of Halifax**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**November 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**870 Young Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia**



1. President Carol Dodds called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. The following members were in attendance: Carol Dodds, Colin Dodds, Iris Newman, Sylvia McCleave, Philip and Jill Peapell, Sonia Grogono, Peter Duffy, Vera Schwartz, Helen MacDonald, Brian Penney and Bonnie Hutchins.
3. Happily, we did not lose any members this year so there was no Moment of Silence.
4. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were reviewed. Moved by Secretary Peter Duffy and seconded by Brian Penney the minutes be approved, Motion carried unanimously.
5. Treasurer Vera Schwartz gave the 2017 Annual Financial Report. Income from dues, the annual dinner and the Chester Tea Party amounted to \$1,930.00. This figure, added to the book balance as of December 29, 2017, amounted to a total of \$7,821.07. Expenses for the period, including banking charges, totalled \$2,152.63 for a balance of \$5,668.44. When added to our Scotia Bank investments, our society has \$20,407.85 to its name.  
Moved by Peter Duffy that the 2017 financial report as delivered by the Treasurer be accepted. Seconded by Brian Penney. Carried unanimously.
6. President's Annual Report – President Carol observed that the Society was involved in fewer activities than in previous years, but those that did occur were, for the most part, well-attended. She mentioned in particular a fish-and-chip brunch at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel and floated the possibility of holding a buffet breakfast there next year.  
The President described the Society's annual dinner in April as a great success with the Lieutenant-Governor and his spouse as distinguished guests. She expressed the hope that, if

the Vice-Regal couple can attend next year's event, provision can be made to allow them to mingle with guests before departing.

President Carol said our Society has added a couple of new members during the year but that increasing our numbers remains an ongoing struggle. She noted that we had been invited to various events staged by our sister organizations over the last 12 months and said she hoped such cooperation would continue, given the enrolment issues each society faces.

**7. Nomination and Election of the New Executive** – The following members were named by acclamation to the Executive for 2018/19: **President:** Carol Dodds; **Treasurer:** Vera Schwartz; **Membership secretary:** Bev Woodward; **Secretary:** Peter Duffy. **Members-at-large:** Sylvia McCleave, Brian Penney and David Redman.

There being no further nominations, it was moved by Brian Penney and seconded by Colin Dodds that the new executive be as named. Motion carried unanimously.

**8.** Note was made of an invitation to all from members Peter and Carolyn Matthews to attend a bonfire night at their home in Lunenburg on December 1 at 7 p.m.

**9.** The issue was raised of the Society once again making a regular donation to a worthy local cause, in keeping with the philanthropic principles of our founders. During the discussion, it was noted that, in the past, we have assisted a number of causes, including the Boy Scouts and that we continue to support an annual scholarship at the Dalhousie Music Department. After further discussion, a motion was made by President Carol and seconded by Philip Peapell that, henceforth, attendees at the Annual General Meeting shall choose a worthy cause to support and an amount to donate. The motion included a decision to make a \$500 donation for 2018 to the Halifax Refugee Clinic. The motion passed unanimously.

**10.** There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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