



Royal St. George's Society of Halifax

Annual General Meeting

November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

University Club, Dalhousie University

1. The President, Alan J. Williams, called the meeting to order. Regrets were received from Junne Bagley, Clare Dent, and Sonya Grogono.
2. There was a quorum with the following members attending:
Carol Dodds, Colin Dodds, George Elliot, Pam Fish, Anne Matthewman, Peter Matthews, Sylvia McCleave, Iris Newman, David Redman, David Russell, Vera Schwartz, Alan Williams, Beverly Woodward,
3. Introduction and Opening Remarks – The President thanked everyone for coming. He indicated the meeting would be as brief as possible given that it was US election night and people would be following the results.
4. A moment of silence was held for members who had departed since the last Annual General Meeting:

Basil Grogono
Robin Lee
Anne West
Bob Wilson
5. AGM 2014 Minutes Review
The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on May 15, 2014 were distributed.

Moved by Colin Dodds, seconded by Beverly Woodward, that the minutes be approved. Carried unanimously.

6. 2015 and 2016 Annual Financial Report – Vera Schwartz, Treasurer, distributed a brief interim report. There was little financial activity over the past two periods as few events were held. The bank balance at the end of September 2016 was \$6073.16 and the investment balance at the same date was \$14,584.64 for a total amount of \$20,657.80. This represents an increase of \$1500 since the last financial statement.

It was moved by Iris Newman, seconded by Sylvia McCleave, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried unanimously.

7. President's Annual Report – The President indicated that the Society had been in Halifax since 1786. Due to the President's busy work and travel schedule there have not been a lot of activities lately. However there is a need to keep the society going, to retain the Annual Dinner in April, and to pursue new members. He indicated that there had been some events held jointly with the Monarchist Society and the Commonwealth Society. Membership is dropping in all these types of societies.

The President indicated that he would be stepping down at the end of the meeting as he has been President for seven years and his work schedule will not allow him to continue. He hopes other members will step forward when it is time for nominations.

The Society is still sound financially and there is still a core group of members. The cost of the Annual Dinner is very reasonable and it is unclear why members are not attending. Dues has there ave not been charged in the last year as there have been no activities other than the Annual Dinner.

There was a request from the Military Historical Preservation Society to become involved in their discussions with the City and other lobbyists about the Cornwallis statue. As this was a political debate, the executive decided not to get involved as we are neither a political nor a lobbyist group.

8. Nomination and Election of New Executive – The President called for nominations for Executive positions.

Call for nominations positions were filled by acclamation.

President: Sylvia McCleave nominated Carol Dodds. Nomination seconded by David Russell. There were no more nominations. Carol Dodds was acclaimed and agreed to stand for a period of one year.

Treasurer: Vera Schwartz – agreed to stand for another term. Acclaimed.

Secretary: No one nominated. Anne Matthewman will continue to act for a short while until someone is appointed but she will not remain long term.

Membership secretary: Bev Woodward – agreed to continue in the role. Acclaimed

Board members: Pam Fish, George Elliot, David Redman – agreed to continue in the role. Acclaimed.

Nominations and election closed

Alan Williams thanked everyone who worked with him as executive members. He passed the presidential medallion to Carol Dodds. She officially thanked him for serving as President for the past seven years. David Redman also extended his thanks

Applause

9. Other business:

A letter has been received from the Monarchist Society asking for St. George's Society support in their request to the city for a civic tribute to Queen Elizabeth as the longest reigning monarch. This will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

There was discussion about the format of the Annual Dinner that honours St. George's Day.

10. Adjournment - 7:50