

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING, MARGARET HENNIGAR PUBLIC LIBRARY,
AUGUST 16, 2017

*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers South Shore Public Libraries.
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Mr. Patrick Hirtle Chair
Mrs. Cindy Bruhm, Vice Chair
Dr. David Brattston
Councillor Tina Connors
Councillor Michael Ernst
Councillor Michael Graves
Ms. Sara Lochhead
Mr. Tom Sheppard
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Staff
Ms. Christina Pottie, Staff
Mr. Eric Pottie, Staff
Mr. Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Mr. Mark Taylor, Ms. Marie Hogan Loker, Mr. Kelly Wilson, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White, Councillor Brian Fralic, and Ms. Brittany Hachey.

A letter was received that Mr. Kelly Wilson would be representing the Town of Mahone Bay as a citizen appointee.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the minutes of
June 19, 2017 General meeting as circulated.
SHEPPARD/Ernst All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG ACADEMY

Jeff reported on the construction progress at the Lunenburg Academy. The inside renovations are well underway. However, the renovations on the outside are not due to start until this fall and could potentially delay the move of the library.

LBANS REPORT

Sara reported on the recent meeting with LBANS, CORL and the Deputy Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage, Tracey Taweel. Most of the discussion was regarding the Culture Innovation Fund and library funding.

Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that they are funding the registration for first time Board Members attending the 2017 NSLA/LBANS Conference.

Some highlights of the Conference include sessions titled: "Library Board Trustees: What Role - What Future?"; "Advocacy Now!" and "Fundraising: Current Trends and Legacy Fund" .

STAFF ASSOCIATION - no report

1ST QUARTER VEHICLE REPORT

1st Quarter 2017-2018 Vehicle Report was circulated with Notice of Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding funds for replacing the mobile in the future.

Motion: "THAT a subcommittee be formed to examine potential ideas to raise capital funds for a new mobile.
SHEPPARD/Brattston All in favour. Motion carried.

Tom Sheppard, Michael Ernst and Michael Graves volunteered as board members and Christina Pottie will be the staff member.

BARBARA DAVIS

Barbara Davis from the Lunenburg Branch has announced her retirement effective August 31, 2017. During her twenty-eight years at the library, she has been a loyal and dedicated employee. Barbara added her name to the casual employee list.

CORREPODENCE

A letter from Shirley Pineo, Chair of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, was received regarding her recent visit to the Thomas H. Raddall Library. (Please see attached)

OTHER

- A request for an article to be submitted to Municipalities newsletters regarding 'Books by Mail'
- A suggestion was put forth for the South Shore Public Libraries to examine the 'Give a book, take a book'/'Little Free Library' model possibility in the Town of Bridgewater.
- Information about Lunenburg Lit Festival, September 29 & 30 was disseminated.
- Sara Lochhead volunteered to be on the Library Board Development Sub-committee.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017; 6:00 p.m. at the Margaret Hennigar Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Sara Lohead moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Patrick Hirtle, Chair

Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer

Hi Troy,

I would like to say a special "thank you" to one of your staff members in Liverpool. I believe his name was David and although I am always observing any staff of libraries, when I go into a branch, this time I was simply "very impressed" with the manner in which your employee interacted with the members of the public.

I believe that David is the manager of the Liverpool branch and I just wanted you and your board to know that he is a wonderful asset and he shows the way a librarian should act in their position.

I believe almost all of our Librarians do an excellent job but every once in a while, one, such as David, stand out from all the others.

Thank you for taking the time to share this with your board members,

Sincerely
Shirley Pineo
Chair
AVRL