

**NORTHUMBERLAND DISTRICT 30 RTO – EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**June 24, 2009**

**Attending: Jane McCaig, Connie Poole, Faye Farmer, Dave Randall, David Staples, Bob and Barbara Moorcroft, Don Colby, Charlotte Magic, Anne Tryon and Morris Tait.**

- 1. Secretary Report – David S. moved, seconded by Don, that the minutes be accepted as printed. Carried.**
- 2. Treasurer’s Report – Dave R. moved, seconded by Anne, that the report be accepted as printed. (See Appendix 1). Carried**
- 3. Fall Senate October 27-28: Jane McCaig – Senator 1  
John Christie – Senator 2  
Charlotte Majic – Observer 1  
David Staples – Observer 2**
- 4. Spring Senate May 18-19: ON HOLD UNTIL NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING**
- 5. Old Business:**
  - a) Project Service to Others – Dave R. reported that our executive is sponsoring ONE evening for the Blacklight Theatre. Barbara reported that our display at the recent Senate was the best of all districts, thanks to the efforts of Dave R. Bob hi-lighted a proposal for support of the Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc. (See Appendix 2) Faye made a motion, seconded by Morris, that our project for 2010 will be Northumberland Family Respite; as well, The Youth Centre in Brighton will be given strong consideration for 2011. Carried**
  - b) Annual General Meeting – October 20 @ The Lion’s Centre.**

<b>Registration/Social</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Black Light Theatre</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Merit Travel (Re-book)</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>The Work of RTO (DVD)</b>	<b>11:45</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00</b>
<b>Draws</b>	<b>1:00</b>

**(Faye is going to check out a night in Toronto, with 2 theatre tickets, as a new draw item).**

<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>1:15</b>
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  - c) Blue Jay Tickets – Morris will contact Sharron McMann to see if she will continue to organize this event.**
  - d) Retirement Dinner, October 17 - This will be held at Cobourg East and The**

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Dutch Oven will be the caterer. Anne will send out the information to schools.

- e) **Annual General Meeting, May 26, 2010. This date is confirmed. "Nutrition" is a possible theme, or a topic that surfaces from our Member Survey that will be carried out later this year.**

#### **6. Committee Reports**

- a) **Health – Bob: He recently attended a Health Workshop. The number one concern is how our claims are handled. Exact proof of leaving the country, OR the province, is essential.**
- b) **Recruitment (Anne/Bob) – Anne distributed a Demographic Breakdown of our 700 members. For example, about 15% of our members are 80 years of age or older (this may be a reason they do not attend); on the other hand, we have 70% of our members living right within the Northumberland District.**

**So, with some work, we should be able to improve our attendance at the AGM gatherings. (In May '09 we had less than 60 members in attendance!).**

**Actions: i) Charlotte and Jane will prepare a brief questionnaire as to what people want at an RTO meeting. This will be sent via e-mail and postal mail.**

**ii) Charlotte will contact the local press with announcements of upcoming events, as well as a write-up after the event. iii) Morris made a motion, seconded by Faye, that our Executive do a phone blitz to "pump up" our attendance at the spring dinner. Carried. Anne will contact her Goodwill helpers to see if they will assist with the phone blitz. iv) Two or three of our Executive will be at the door (spring meeting) to welcome people and help them mix and mingle during the social time.**

**Finally, Morris will contact Jim Stirling, Sharron McMann, Mary Bird and Betty Morris to see if they are interested in continuing on the Executive.**
- c) **Membership – Anne reported that we have about 700 members.**
- d) **Hell With the Bell – Barbara reported that everything is ready to go for this event.**
- e) **Political Action – no report**
- f) **Pension/Retirement – Morris reported that the teachers of Ontario prefer to keep the current "85 Factor", even at the expense of higher contributions.**
- g) **Travel – Faye gave a brief report on MeritTravel. More details will be in the newsletter.**
- h) **Website/Newsletter – Don will work around the dates we set at our next Executive meeting. We get a few hits on our website. NOTE: (The Executive appreciate the work Don puts into these endeavours.)**
- i) **Archives – Connie asked that everyone save news clippings for her.**
- j) **Social – no report**
- k) **Good Will – Anne reported that she has sent an up-dated list to her helpers.**

**7. New Business**

- a) Don made a motion, seconded by Anne, that \$100.00 be given to the host of our annual Executive pot luck luncheon. Carried
- b) Jane made a motion, seconded by Don, that the mileage rate for attending District meetings be set at 0.50/km effective today. Carried.
- c) Connie requested that we look into the possibility of a second edition of “The Schools of Northumberland”. This will be on the agenda at our September Executive meeting.

**8. Next Executive Meeting – The date will be September; the location T.B.A. Connie will look into some possible places.**

**9. Adjournment – David made a motion, seconded by Barbara, for adjournment. Carried.**

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH A WONDERFUL POT LUCK LUNCHEON AND SOCIAL TIME AT JANE’S HOME.**

**David Staples, Secretary of Northumberland RTO, District 30, prepared the minutes.**

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 23, 2009                      **\$ 10,322.61**

### Expense Summary -January - June 2009

Goodwill	\$ 199.36
Recruitment	\$ 578.14
PSO	\$3,100.00
Executive Mtgs.	\$ 383.77
Senate	\$1,127.50
Newsletter	\$ 756.85
Office Expenses	\$ 84.37
Travel/Transport	\$1,057.12
Website	\$ 125.00
Other	<u>\$3,235.95</u>
Total	<b>\$ 10,648.06</b>

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Spring Luncheon - June 2/09 - Report

Lions' Community Centre - 70 people \$ 1,697.85  
(includes 18.50 + taxes and 10%)

Expenses

Gifts for presenters	\$150	
Draw Tickets	\$ 48	
Gifts for Draws RTO	\$ 83.28	
Cheese Trays	\$ 121	
Flowers	\$ 29.95	
Mileage for Presenters	<u>\$ 41.44</u>	
Total	\$473.67	<u>\$ 473.67</u>

\$2,171.52

Income

Deposits \$ 675.00

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## **Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc.**

### **Proposal – Project – Services to Others**

Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc provides parent relief to families with a member with special needs. Special needs could include a handicapping condition of developmental or physical nature, behavioural, emotional or Autism. Support is provided to families living within Northumberland County

In 1980, questionnaires were sent to various agencies providing services to children who have special needs within Northumberland County.

The results of the survey indicated a need for a community based parent relief program. The program was implemented June 1, 1981 and has been providing respite since the fall of 1981.

Planned respite periods may include one on one support to participate in a community activity, a week end or overnight visit with a host family, in home support by a skilled respite worker, or participation by the child in the summer program.

The summer program matches summer worker with children with special needs to spend meaningful time together. Support is provided on an individualized basis according to the needs of each participant. Activities will include but are not limited to: participation in local community based day camps, outings to the local library, parks, beaches, local festivals, multi sensory room. The child will be provided with the opportunity to expand their social skills, develop relationships with other children, increase self confidence, develop an understanding of and an interest in a recreational activity and increase their physical abilities where appropriate and just have fun "being a kid".

Parents will feel rested and rejuvenated by receiving periods of respite knowing that their child is engaging in meaningful activities within a safe and happy environment. Parents will feel confident that their child is being supported by workers with knowledge of their child's specialized needs.

Both parents and child will experience decrease in stress level by this respite opportunity.

Students who are hired as the summer workers are university or college students who are pursuing careers in education, social services or child related fields. This summer placement will provide the students with hands on experience working with children with special needs. It will provide an opportunity to develop unique and creative activities based on the abilities and interests of each individual child. It will demonstrate the complexity of the family situations and will increase their knowledge and understanding of people with disabilities.

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Funding for the base program is provided by the Ministry of Community and Social Services; however the demand for summer support exceeds the base funding requiring NFRS to seek additional funds to meet the demand. Funding would be utilized for the hiring of students to provide meaningful activities for children during the months of July and August when they are not attending school.

Respectfully submitted by

Yvonne Brydges  
Executive Director  
Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc

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