

TELEPHONE RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
INC.
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Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Telephone Retirees Association of Manitoba Inc. (TRAM) held on Tuesday, May 29th, 1:00 PM, 2018, at, the Masonic Memorial Temple 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba,

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Dave Gnutel
2. Dave Gnutel asked Tony Leonard to lead the meeting in the singing of O Canada
3. President Dave Gnutel asked for “A Moment of Silence”, to observe the lives of members/beneficiaries who passed away in 2017.
4. Darlene Huyin presented the scrutinizers report.

Members attending	49	
Proxies voted **	179	
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Total	228	(This represents 16 % of the membership)

**NOTE: There were a total of 178 proxies received.

Based on the total number of members present and proxies received Dave Gnutel declared that a quorum was achieved and the meeting was duly constituted.

5. Minutes of May 31th, 2017.

Moved by Glen McCoubey, seconded by, Roberta Davis, to adopt the minutes of the 2017 AGM held on May 31st. 2017 CARRIED

6. Financial Report

Moved by Kin Pododworny, seconded by, Darlene Huyin, to receive the audited financial report for 2017, as circulated CARRIED

Questions

Tony Leonard asked about the money left over in the trust account. (Reserved for legal expenses)

As past treasurer Roberta Davis stated that all the money in the account had been spent and that there was no surplus.

Kim P. will look into last year's report

MOTION

Moved by, Kim Pododworny, seconded by Dave Klippel, to adopt the 2017 budget as circulated

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by, Tony Leonard, seconded by, Frank ? to appoint Roberta Davis, and Joanne Pelzer as auditors for 2018

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Moved by Debra Akister, seconded by Doug Quail, to receive the membership report,

CARRIED

Debra gave a brief oral report on the state of our membership.

Active members: 1634

Inactive/Deceased members: 12

Of the active members, 1405 are employees and 229 are spouses of deceased members

** A full report is attached to the original

Luncheon

Adrienne K. gave a brief presentation on the 2018 luncheon. Due to some comments on parking Etc. it has been decided to look into holding the luncheon at the Viscount Gort for this year.

Blue Cross

Dave Gnutel gave a brief report on the ongoing negotiations with Hub Strata and Blue Cross with regards to benefits and costs.

TRAM is now at 115% of our reserve funds in the plan.

We are still trying to develop the best plan we can for our members

We are looking at changing the plan to allow buy in

It was suggested that we should look into an open enrollment policy.

MTS pension and surplus implementation plan report

Larry Trach reported on the status of the surplus funds.

He stated that current employees cannot have access to the funds, and that only employees who paid into the original fund will get final payouts. At this time he feels the payout will be around the \$200.00 mark but reminded everyone that this is an estimate only and will be subject to revision.

There is a meeting scheduled for June 19th at which time Larry feels that the distribution matter will be finalized.

The latest pension meeting was held on November 28th 2017. At that time the pension investments were taken over by Bell Corp.

Presidents Report

Dave reported that he and others were having difficulties dealing with Bell

Some outstanding issues are membership cards for TRAM members, availability of corporate discounts for all MTS employees, and ongoing efforts at building alliances with other Bell Corp Groups.

Website Report

Moved by James Burr, seconded by, Roberta Davis, to receive the Website report as presented.
CARRIED

Election of officers

Report of the nomination committee

The nomination committee reported that the following people were willing to stand for office for the year 2018

President	Dave Gnutel	1 st . Vice President	Debra Akister
2 nd Vice President	Adrienne Katchanoski	3 rd , Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant	Treasurer	Kim Pododworny

Nominations received by mail: none

Nomination from the floor:

Darlene Buan asked for nominations from the floor

The following people were nominated and acclaimed into the following positions

In the position of 3 rd Vice President	Joanne Peltier
In the position of treasure	Kim Pododworny
In the position of secretary	Ilona Moros?

MOTION:

Moved by, Tony Leonard, seconded by, Darlene Baun , to approve and elect the proposed slate of officers for 2018.

CARRIED

12, New Business

As per the mail outs to the membership the executive put forward a motion to ask the membership to elect J Larry Trach as the TRAM representative to the MTS DB Pension Plan Committee, and to extend voting privileges to this position at all further TRAM board meetings for the next year

NOTE; the original motion is attached to the minutes.

Moved by Dave Gnutel, seconded by Jack Quail to adopt the above motion as circulated.

CARRIED

13 Introduction of the new executive

At this time Dave Gnutel introduced the new slate of members of the board.

Outstanding questions (the TRAM executive will attempt to get answers to the following questions as soon as practicable)

Can MTS employees get BELL share purchase plans?

As ex MTS employees can we benefit from any existing Bell Plans?

Will or is Bell looking at any reduction of employee benefits.

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by, Tony Leonard, to adjourn at, 3:10 pm

CARRIED.

**THE NEXT AGM OF TRAM TO BE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF MAY 2019
AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR.**

Dave Gnutel, President

Glen McCoubrey, Secretary