

NEW ENGLAND DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.  
General Membership Meeting  
Rhode Island Deaf Senior Citizens, Providence RI  
October 24, 2015

The meeting started at 10:00 AM. Wayne Dore led the Pledge to the Flag. Officers present: President Russell Biando, Vice President James Snow, Secretary Bonnie Snow, Members-at-Large Mary Lomastro and Roberta Greene (working at the attendance table) and Parliamentarian Wayne Dore. Absent were Assistant Secretary Barbara Burbank, Treasurer Basil Brackett and Member-at-Large Richard Todd.

There were 52 members present and 3 non-members.  
Minutes of April 18, 2015 in East Longmeadow, Mass. were approved.

### **Reports of Officers**

Treasury reports were passed out. NEDSC at Bay State Deaf Senior Citizens, 4/18/15 – loss of \$120.07. NEDSC annual picnic at Thompson CT, 8/01/15 – NEDSC covered difference of \$1,380.00 (loss). NEDSC treasury had \$18,233.19 total. Auditors had signed the reports.

### **Reports of Committees**

2016 NEDSC Conference Maine – Chairperson Karla Madore updated the members on the conference next April. Things were moving along good. Will have Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> in Portland.

2018 NEDSC Conference Conn – Shirley Desrosier reported that they have not gotten a chairperson yet for the conference.

2020 NEDSC Conference Bay State – Shirley Desrosier reported that BSDSC did accepted to host 2020 conference but now not so sure because the membership is small. Will think about it more.

By-laws Committee – the committee did meet and updated the bylaws. Treasurer Brackett did talked to them and felt that we do not need to have assistant treasurer. So the idea of having assistant treasurer was DROPPED.

### **Old Business**

Overhead projector – Shirley Desrosier moved to untable the motion. Seconded by Carol Tufts. Passed.

Suggestion: if using PowerPoint, still needs projector. But if information like bylaws in website for members to print themselves, not need projector.

Shirley Desrosier moved to kill the old motion of buying or renting the projector. Seconded by Bill Brown. Passed to drop old motion.

Website for NEDSC – it was passed at last April meeting that we filled out application to join the Deaf Web Connections website. Alex Witkowski moved Russ Biando to be the

coordinator for the website. Seconded by Bill Brown. Russ accepted. VP James Snow took the president's place. Shirley Desrosier moved we accepted Russ Biando as our website coordinator by acclamation. Seconded by Sandra Strong. Voted and passed.

### **New Business**

1. Alex Witkowski moved to give Maine DSC/Bola \$100.00. Seconded by Rod MacInnes. Shirley Desrosier moved to amend we donate \$200.00 - \$100 at top and \$100 at bottom of Bola tickets. Sandra Strong seconded. Voted on \$200.00 amended. Passed. Voted on main motion for \$200.00 instead of \$100.00. Passed.
2. Shirley Desrosier moved to buy advertisement in MDSC conference program book for \$100.00. Mary Lomastro seconded. Passed.
3. VP Snow took the president's place. Russ Biando (for Basil Brackett) moved we increased our membership dues from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Jeanine Fitzpatrick seconded. Passed.
4. Shirley Desrosier moved we use the Conn DSC's website for our by-laws TEMPORARY till NEDSC gets its own website. Carol Tufts seconded. Passed.
5. Shirley Desrosier moved the by-laws committee to use word corrections and another section added to the by-laws before it is put in CDSC's website. Seconded by Juanita Pelletier. Passed.

Another addition to the by-laws is as followed:

ARTICLE X

Section 10.4.b

No two (2) or more elective officers shall be from the same household especially in regards to close proximity to money involving the treasurer.

6. About paperless. We can email to members who have computers to look in our website for by-laws, minutes, flyers, etc. We will continue to mail papers to non-computer members. Treasurer would need to set up two groups of members – computer users and mail users.
7. Everett Annis moved to close the new business. Seconded by Mary Lomastro. Passed.

Annual picnic in VT/NH ??

NEDSC meeting in June in Worcester, MA ??

President Biando will find out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Bonnie M. Snow  
Secretary