

# READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

READS Executive Board  
Meeting place: Mill Falls, Meredith, NH

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2019

**Present:** Betsy Solon, Mindy Atwood, Brianna Hemmah, Natalie Moser, Sue Harmon, Mat Bose, Christine Friese, Beverly

**Absent:** Eileen Gilbert

**Call to Order:** Betsy called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

We welcomed Christine to visit the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Noted the correct spelling of Jessamyn West's name. Beverly moved to accept the minutes, Mat seconded. The minutes from 3/8/19 were passed.

**Treasure's report:** Mat noted that he had missed income and interest last time; that has been corrected. Spring roundtable this year brought in a good amount of money. Our budget was presented to NHLA.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

#### President Report:

Kudos to the Programming Committee for the Roundtable in April. There was good discussion and it was well attended. Betsy also sent along a report which included information about the NHLA Board meeting she attended on April 9, 2019. The board drafted its 2019-2020 budget and reviewed plans for the NHLA Spring Conference. All sections and committees were asked to make sure their bylaws list their officer terms as January to December (our READS Handbook states that we follow the NHLA Calendar, so I we are all set).

Betsy has also been active with Conference Planning Committee – finalizing the program, finances and schedule. It looks to be a great conference with something in it for everyone.

Betsy also submitted requests for the conference room at LGC for July 12th, September 13th and November 8th. She's going to try to book the November meeting for 9am instead of our usual 10am, since that will be our transition meeting.

**Vice President:** (no report)

#### Membership:

READS currently has 191 active members. Active membership increased slightly. Sue will keep eye on pending membership (especially those who received a discount and had yet to pay dues). Sue was also at the Roundtable. Lengthy discussion at the end about parent visitation

Only 51% of people opened the newsletter. A small percentage opted out. Sue may try to send it out on a Tuesday next time to get a better rate of recipients opening the newsletter.

**Programming:** (absent)

**READS-TO-GO:**

A kit for *Salt Houses* was added and being hosted by the Nesmith Library. We had an unexpected weeding – Brianna has not yet met with READS-To-Go to talk about getting an official deaccession process, but she intends to. Reservations jumped in March. We had 5 new kits added; was announced the additions on FB and the newsletter. Brianna is hoping to replace the blog with a webpage. (READS-To-Go page of the website.) – Dianne owns the subscription for the domain name – we may have to pay a transfer fee. Maybe renew it for the name, but point it to the new page? Also going to get rid of the FB page for READS-To-Go.

Brianna is going to reach out to YALS to be included in KitKeeper. May offer this to them for free in order to get the ball rolling and to get them involved. In the future, if this rate were to go up, maybe we could ask them to contribute.

**Past President:**

A call for nomination for READS Award of Excellence was published in the April newsletter and posted to Facebook. Kersten is collecting the nominations. Natalie also put post an announcement to NHAIS. A reminder email would be good too.

**Public Relations:**

The newsletter went out in April. June's newsletter will include highlights from the conference. Natalie will include pictures from the newsletter. We could include READS-To-Go instructions. The newsletter will come out the first Tuesday in June. Natalie is working with Diane Lynch to co-author an editorial about groups who are targeting libraries as a source of solicitation. We will also include a READS Fall Conference teaser. Nancy Farewell created a newsletter archive page under the Membership tab on our site. The two that have been sent are up there now. In FB posts and new RTG acquisitions, Natalie also tags the libraries. We purchased 200 RTG magnets. Natalie will send out another reminder about the Award of Excellence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nominated committee:**

Kersten is interesting in running for Vice President. Matthew Gunby from Meredith is interested in the Secretary position (he serves as a past NHLA Secretary). Sue will contact him. Kersten and Matthew are officially being nominated for the next election.

Kersten moved to adjourn, Mindy seconded. Next meeting July 12 at LGC, Betsy will not be there that week. Meeting adjourned 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera  
Secretary