



Central Ontario District Board of Directors

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
Date:	May 13, 2023	Location:	Holiday Inn Oakville
Time:	8:30 a.m.	Prepared by:	Michelle Stokes

Participants:			
Voting Members in Attendance:	Alan Fourney, Governor Brian Wick, Imm PG Denise Nacey, PG/Burlington Alex Hillson, Halton Hills Bonnie Sheer-Porteous, LG Z10 Susan Brown, LG Z1 Susanne Gauder, Hamilton Jane Morson, LG Z5 Christine Smith, Dunnville Glen Sharp, Aurora	Ralph Brunton, Governor – Elect Michelle Stokes, District S/T Don McConnell, Strabane PG Tony Edge, Forest Park* Larry Harper, Spencerville Kim Eros, Port Colborne Susan Montgomery, LG Z6 Don Zynomirski, LG Z2 PG Anne Donkers, Lancaster Bryan Wood, Barrie	
In Attendance:	Bob McFayden, OI Pres Linda Young, Strabane Carilyn McNaught, Oakville Matt Peters, Spencerville PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick Mike Ballard, Newmarket PG Dennis Kwasnicki, Erin PG Gord Holly, Etobicoke Linda Mitchinson, Hamilton Linda Andrus, Keswick Cindy Crane, Newmarket Fatima Zaidi, JOI Pres Vicki Mains, Oakville Gabriella VanHooydonk, Burlington Brenda McDonald, Oakville Gale Wood, Barrie	Penny McFayden Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills Howie Bentley, Battlefield PG Paul Thomson, Keswick PG Alex Ansell, Aurora Linda Rumble, Newmarket PG Jim Lynge, Etobicoke Laszlo Gauder, Hamilton PG Frank Tuttle, Keswick PG Mac Rumble, Newmarket Tanja Coughlan, Brooklin Anna Hill, Forest Park Marijke Coffa, Burlington Gus Amodeo, Etobicoke Rob Gaby, Aurora	

Next Meeting:	Date:	August 13, 2023	Time:	8:30 am
Location:	Kingston			

Governor Alan called to Order the Meeting and welcomed everyone to the virtual conference and introduced the head table.

Lieutenant Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous Acknowledged the Land.

DS/T Michelle Stokes clarified the voting members for this meeting are:

Governor Alan, Governor-Elect Ralph, Immediate Past Governor Brian, District S/T – Michelle, the Lieutenant Governors for each Zone, The Club Presidents, or Club Representative if appointed in writing to the District S/T Michelle Stokes

Approval of Agenda – Governor Alan

Moved by: PG Tony Edge, Forest Park **2nd by:** Glen Sharp, Aurora
Carried

Approval of 2nd Quarter Board of Director Meeting Minutes – Governor Alan

Moved by: Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, LG 10 **2nd by:** Brian Wick, Immediate PG
Carried

Review of the 2nd Quarter Financial Statement as presented- S/T Michelle

Moved by: Brian Wick, Immediate PG **2nd by:** Susan Montgomery, LG 6
Carried

Confirmation of Michelle Stokes for the 2023-2024 District S/T – Governor-Elect Ralph

Moved by: Ralph Brunton, Governor-Elect **2nd by:** PG Tony Edge, Forest Park
Carried.

Zone Reports

Zone 1 – Presented by LG Susan Brown.
Zone 2 – Presented by LG Don Zynomirski
Zone 3 – Submitted by LG Ken Williams
Zone 5 – Presented by LG Jane Morson
Zone 6 – Presented by LG Sue Montgomery
Zone 7 – Presented by LG Gordon Holly
Zone 8 – No report presented/submitted.
Zone 9 – No report presented/submitted.
Zone 10 – Presented by LG Bonnie Scheer-Porteous

****Detailed reports will be available at <https://cenon.org/zones> after June 7th ****

Committee Reports

Candidates Qualifications: The following LG's have been elected in their Zones: Zone 1 - Don Deverdee, Zone 3 – Ken Williams, Zone 5 – Mac Rumble, Zone 6 – Olaf Krahmer, Zone 10 – Larry Harper. The following Zones are pending – Zone 2 and 8. Bonnie Scheer-Porteous has let her name stand for Governor- Elect.

Essay: The 2022-2023 topic was 'Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?'. There were 18 clubs that participated with a total of 48 entries. The winner was 16yr old Hannah Wilson sponsored by the Uxbridge club.

CCDHH: This year we were able to hold a contest which took place last weekend. The Topic was 'Discovering the Optimism within Me'. The winner will be joining us at lunch to present her speech to the district.

Membership: Currently sitting at +60 in the District, with Zone 10 having a Net +22 and Zone 8 at net + 19. CENON is currently at #4 (but in reality #3) on the Leaderboard! Let's keep up the great work!

New Clubs: Cornwall has built a club within a club. There is a new Adult Club in the works in Cardinal and a JOI club in Prescott.

Jr. Golf: Entry deadline is May 26, 2023 with the Tournament being held at the Caledon Country Club on June 3rd with a start time of 1:00pm.

Conference Report: 72 Registered, 2 first timers, 10 oratorical participants, 1 CCDHH, 1 Essay and 27 guests.

OI Convention: July 2 – 5th, 2023 in Arlington Virginia – Registration opens soon at <https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation: We are well on our way to becoming a Distinguished District for the 2022-2023 Optimist Year. Last year we were in the top three districts with an average contribution of \$18.16 per member and Barb and Gord were presented with a plaque from PG Brian Wick for being Distinguished representatives and raising \$16,029.90 for the foundation. If you would like Barb and Gord to come speak at a Zone or Club meeting – just give them a call.

JOI District Updates: There are 12 JOI club members are in attendance today plus virtual attendees so that they may have their elections.

New Business

Address from OI President Bob McFadyen

Zone 8 & 9 Realignment Discussion – Governor – Elect Ralph

Motion to accept that the Zone Realignment move forward with the following zones being combined starting in the 2023-2024 Optimist Year.

Zone 6 and Zone 7 (8 clubs) become Zone 6

Zone 8 and Zone 9 (5 clubs) become Zone 8

Moved by: PG Tony Edge, Forest Park **2nd by:** Sue Montgomery, LG Z6
Carried

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be August 13, 2023 in Kingston

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 10:06am