



Central Ontario District Board of Directors

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| Purpose of Meeting: | Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes | | |
| Date: | November 26, 2023 | Location: | Grantham Optimist Hall |
| Time: | 9:00 a.m | Prepared by: | Michelle Stokes |

| Participants: | | |
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| Voting Members In Attendance: | Ralph Brunton, Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect Brian Wick, PG Sue Montgomery, Caledon, P Larry Harper, Spencerville, LG Don Devreede, Welland, LG PG Jim Lynge, Etobicoke, P Kim Eros, Port Colborne, P Al Wood, Stoney Creek, P PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick, P | Michelle Stokes, District S/T Alan Fourney, Immediate PG Alex Hilson, Halton Hills, P Ken Williams, Puslinch, LG Christine Smith, Dunnville, P PG Mac Rumble, Newmarket, LG Don Zynomirski, Dunnville, LG Chris Boyer, Welland, P Cathy McGowan, Hamilton, P |
| In Attendance: | PG Paul Thomson, Keswick Lauralee Reily, Keswick Sue Beckwith, Carlisle Johnmark Crockford, Welland Jaslynn Dhiman, Guest PG Brenda McDonald, Oakville Anna Hill, Forest Park Joan Carter, Stoney Creek Marijke Coffa, Burlington Gabriella Van Hooydonk, Burlington Linda Mitchinson, Hamilton | Diane Laframboise, Halton Hills PG Alex Ansell, Aurora Mark Beckwith, Carlisle Susan Crockford, Welland PG Tony Edge, Forest Park Vicki Mains, Oakville David Shanehan, Dunnville PG Ted Simmonds, Caledon PG Denise Nacev, Burlingtgon PG Anne Donkers, Lancaster Brenda Zynomirski, Dunnville |

(*) indicated designate, P = President, LG = Lieutenant Governor

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| Next Meeting: | Date: | February 25, 2024 | Time: | 9:00 am |
| Location: | Hilton Garden Inn, Ajax | | | |

Governor Ralph called to Order the Meeting and welcomed everyone to Cornwall.

Governor-Elect Bonnie Acknowledged the Land & provided a Moment of Reflection.

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

Governor Ralph, Immediate Past Governor Alan, Past Governor Brian, Governor Elect – Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, District S/T – Michelle Stokes, 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

Moved by: Larry Harper, LG10

2nd by: Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect

Carried

Approval of August Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Mac Rumble, LG5

2nd by: PG Jim Lynge, Etobicoke

Carried

2023 Convention Report – Past Governor Alan:

72 Registered, 6 First Timers, 6 Guests, 51 Dinner, 59 Breakfast, 10 Presidents, 6 Lieutenant Governors. 22 of 48 Clubs Represented.

Moved by: Alex Hilson, Halton Hills President **2nd by:** Larry Harper, LG10

Carried

Review of 4th Quarter Financial Statements

Moved by: Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect **2nd by:** Sue Montgomery, Caledon

Carried

Review of 2022-2023 Budget Proposal as revised.

Moved by: Alan Fourney, PG

2nd by: Larry Harper, LG10

Carried

Approval of 2022-2023 Financial Review Committee

The review committee will consist of the following members: PG Jim Lynge, PG Brenda McDonald, and Gus Amodeo

Moved by: Christine Smith, Dunnville **2nd by:** Sue Montgomery, Caledon

Carried

Depository and Signing Officers:

- Governor Ralph Brunton
- District Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Stokes
- Past Governor & Finance Chair Brian Wick

Moved by: Christine Smith, Dunnville

2nd by: Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov-Elect

Carried

Approval of 2023-2024 Awards and Achievement Program

Moved by: Larry Harper, LG10

2nd by: Don Zynomirski, LG2

Zone Reports

Zone 1 – presented by Don Devreede

Zone 2 – presented by Don Zynomirski

Zone 3 – presented by Ken Williams
Zone 5 – presented by Mac Rumble
Zone 6 – presented for Olaf by Alex Hilson
Zone 8 – presented for Jim by Brian Wick
Zone 10 – presented by Larry Harper

**Detailed reports will be available at <https://cenon.org/zones> after December 13th **

Committee Reports

Candidates Qualifications: currently have one candidate for Governor-Elect – Larry Harper.

Essay: Topic is 'Optimism: How it Connects Us'. Information and entry form is found online here: <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm> . Club winning essays with all documentation is due to Chair Sue Montgomery by February 28, 2024 so that judging can be completed.

Oratorical: Topic is 'How to Change the World with Optimism' and is open to anyone under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2023 and have not completed secondary school or equivalent. No minimum age.

Club Contest Winner is to be sent to your LG so that they may host a Zone contest if required prior to April 27th. Zone winners to be sent to Marijke Coffa by April 27th.

District Contest will be held at the 3rd Quarter Conference on May 4th in Barrie

CCDHH: The 2023-2024 Topic is: How to Change the World with Optimism. Information can be found here: <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships2.cfm>

Membership & Engagement: Please remember to put your member adds and deleted into Optimist Leaders as soon as possible and that all information is correct for members.

Growth: Please let Governor Ralph and Tony know where you want to or are interested in building a club and they will assist.

Leadership Development: Reminder to go onto the Optimist Institute – All Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and CCOF reps must take the training to qualify for Honour Club Status. There is a lot of information about the organization and is open to all members. Information on creating a new account or renewing an existing is online at <https://cenon.org/LMS>

Conference Report: Had 65 Registered, 12 first timers, 59 for dinner plus 4 COLS reps, 2 Governors from Midwestern Ontario and Southwestern Ontario also attended.

100 Years of Optimism in Canada: Encouraging every club to celebrate what we have accomplished in the last century. We encourage your club to have your own 100th Anniversary Celebration! What about a Club birthday party on your charter date? Or get members to share 100 Acts of Kindness. Donate 100 books to a local library (with a sticker that it comes from your club). Do a writeup for the local newspaper about your club and how we are an international organization. Collect 100 toys for children or 100 school backpacks. Invite 100 community leaders/volunteers to an event such as a barbecue or dinner to begin a creative dialogue about community service. The possibilities are endless and do not need to be expensive to be successful! It can be as big or as small as your club chooses, but the consistent message is, "Our Club is celebrating being a part of Optimist International's 100 years of service internationally."

OI Convention: 109th Optimist International Convention in Niagara Falls, ON from June 23 to June 26th. Lots of work is going into the planning of the events and celebration of 100 years in Canada. Hotel Bookings are available now - <https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation: There will be special 35th Anniversary pins for those who donate to dime a day this year. Submit your projects and fundraising projects to the CCOF for qualifying grants. 2 page summary sheet is on the cenon website with the information.

Communications: send any events or items of note to cenoncommunications@gmail.com. Additionally, please ensure all of your members contact information, including emails are correct and up to date.

Marketing: Vicki provided information on different websites that could be used by clubs for new websites – ClubUx, Club Runner, Wix, Kpage. A detailed information sheet has been placed on the cenon website – passwords have been sent to your presidents.

JOI: There are currently 5 active JOI clubs. The current Governor for CENON JOI is Shelby from the Oakville JOI Club. Please respond to Jody if you are an advisor and get an email – they are trying to get a Zoom meeting in place. If you are no longer the advisor, please provide their contact information to Jody!

Junior Golf: Tournament is June 15th in Caledon, \$95/golfer, with no maximum number of golfers a club can attend. Sponsorship for holes is \$200.00. All golfers must be under 18 years of age. See website Junior Golf page for a detailed 3 page printout with the registration form. <https://cenon.org/Golf>

New Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be February 25, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Hilton Garden Inn, Ajax

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 11:45am