

Sowing the seeds



Central Ontario District Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn, Markham, Ontario

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Berczy B – 2:15 P.M.



Head Table: Gov. Anne Donkers, Gov. Elect Gord Holly, Past Gov. Jim Lynge, O.I. Representative Paula Reyling, Sec./Treas. Susan Lynge

District Board of Director Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Governor Anne.

Gov. Elect Gord Holly provided the invocation.

Welcome and introductions were provided by Governor Anne.

Helen Fraser from COLS and Janet Lewis gave our COLS Awards for the 2010-2011 Year.

Paul Thomson introduced the representative from our Community Project for this 2nd Quarter Conference. Salvation Army Sutton Youth Centre which services Youth 16 – 26 in York Region.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Niagara Falls President Terry Twocock , seconded by LG Barb Holly. Carried.

Approval of the Previous Board of Director Meeting Minutes from 1st Quarter Conference November 19, 2011- Moved by LG Sue Montgomery, seconded by LG Barb Holly, carried

Approval of the 2011/2012 1st Quarter Financial Statements – Moved by LG Sue Montgomery, seconded by Aurora President Alex Ansell. Carried.

Approval of the 2010/2011 Audit Report – Moved by LG Lynne Twocock, seconded by Newmarket President Mac Rumble, Carried.

Committee Reports

Candidates Qualifications - Past Gov. Jim Lynge encouraged people to think about the position of Governor Elect. He also stated that Robbie Davidson was interested in the LG Position in Zone 1. He also said that it is the LG's responsibility to replace themselves and to look around their zones to see who could be mentored to be the next LG.

Optimist Junior Golf – Past Gov. Dennis Kwasnicki thanked everyone for supporting the Junior Golf again this year and announced that the tournament would be in Caledon at the Caledon Golf Club on Saturday, June 23rd, 2012 at Noon. It would still be \$200 to sponsor a hole.

Essay – Past Gov. Terry Twocock reminded everyone again that the close date was February 28th. District applications have been sent. The subject this year is “**How my Positive Outlook Benefits my Community**”.

Oratorical – Oratorical Chair Gus Amodeo gave an overview Contest is for students under 18 years of age as of December 31st, 2011. 1st prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500, 3rd prize is \$1000. The subject is “**How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles**”. Finals will be held at the 3rd Quarter Conference in Peterborough on Saturday, May 5th, 2012. There will be a zone competitions sometime the end of April. Gus will advise all Zones who are participating. There are now 8 zones participating

CCDHH – Jim Dallimore gave an overview of this year’s competition. The subject is “How my Optimism helps me Overcome Obstacles”. The competition is open to all youth through Grade 12 with a 40 decibels or more hearing loss. There are three (3) competitions....York Board on April 11th, Durham Board on April 12th and Toronto Board on April 18th. District Final will be held at the Oshawa Optimist Club on April 28th. There will be a separate contest for signing.

Growth & Membership – Chair Don McConnell reported on our progress and goals. Our goal is to have 5 new clubs in 2012. Don also spoke about the success of NOW programs and that he would be happy to share his power point presentation to anyone interesting in holding a NOW program. Don also shared a Map of Cenon District to show where clubs are now situated and where new clubs could be built. Don also presented 1st Quarter Awards of Gift Cards to the Clubs with new members.

Awards & Recognition – Chair Lauralee Reily spoke about the President’s Citation Award . The President’s Citation has been reinstated and the President’s Pride Report date for completion needs to be checked as that has changed to August 31st instead of the usual September date. A motion to investigate the President Citation Award was brought forward by LG Lynne Twocock, seconded by Gov. Elect Gord Holly, carried. Paul Thomson to investigate and report at the 3rd quarter conference.

Conference Report – Conference Chair Sheril Thomson reported that we had 84 Optimist Registered, 87 Luncheon Attendees and 7 Walk Ins.

District Convention – The Theme will be “Putting On The “Glitz”

Rooms will be \$129.00 plus taxes.. The Lord Elgin Hotel is within walking distances to all restaurant, shopping, Parliament Buildings, Tours, etc. The first Convention Meeting will be held the 1st week in March. The dates are August 17, 18th and 19th.

International Convention – Linda Mitchinson reminded everyone that the 94th Annual International Convention was being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 12th through July 14th. Gov. Anne asked about the Hospitality Suite. Linda advised she was in discussions with the other districts and would report back next conference. Linda also advised that she would have a Video, brochures, etc. at the next conference.

U18 Curling – Past Gov. Jim promoted this event in the morning session. Jim again stated that they are looking for \$15000. from the Optimists including the \$5000.00 committed from the District.

Past Gov. Jim will get in touch with Optimist Clubs who are in the same city as the teams participating in the U18 Curling.

Jim reminded everyone that it is being held April 4th through 8th at the Dixie Curling Club In Mississauga and the St. George Curling Club in Etobicoke.

International Convention – Chair Linda Mithchinson did a presentation on video about the Milwaukee Convention on July 12-14, 2012. The main hotel is the Hilton and Linda advised that we should book early if we wanted to be in that hotel.

Childhood Cancer – Chair Ted Simmonds shared “Where does the money go” It goes to families with childhood cancer. US Supports John Hopkins and Canada now has 17 different organizations. There was a conference call in November discussing how Canada can streamline where the money goes.

O.I. Representative Paula Reyling- Gov. Anne introduced O.I. Representative Paul Reyling and thanked her for being part of our 2nd Quarter Conference. Paula thanked everyone for inviting her and was very impressed with our commitment to youth and our successful programs.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be – Saturday, May 5th at 2:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Waterfront, in Peterborough, Ontario – Room to be announced.

Adjourned with the Creed – 3:40 P.M.