

Sowing the seeds



Central Ontario District Board of Directors Meeting

Holiday Inn, Peterborough Waterfront

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Regency Room – 2:15 P.M.



Head Table: Gov. Anne Donkers, Gov. Elect Gord Holly, Past Gov. Jim Lynge, Past Gov. Tom McNaught. 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.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by LG Barb Holly, seconded by LG Sue Montgomery. Carried.

Approval of the Previous Board of Director Meeting Minutes from 2nd Quarter Conference – February 18, 2012- Moved by LG Lynne Twocock, seconded by Newmarket President Mac Rumble, carried

Approval of the 2011/2012 2nd Quarter Financial Statements – 2nd Quarter Financials to be amended as proposed at the Executive Meeting. Move Achievements and Rec. \$166.11 and Training and Supplies of \$744.32 to account 480 Previous Administration Charges. Motion to approve by LG Josh Couture, seconded by Aurora President and Past Gov. Alex Ansell. Carried.

Committee Reports

Candidates Qualifications - Past Gov. Jim Lynge reported on who will be LG in each Zone. Zone 1 will be Robbie Davidson, Zone 2 will be Sandra Stokes, Zone 3 will be Ken Williams, Zone 4 will be Jim Lynge (Potential), Zone 5 will be Mac Rumble, Zone 6 will be Sue Montgomery, Zone 7 confirmed LG but not named., Zone 8 will be Annette Cowan, Zone 9 is Vacant but there are two possibilities, Zone 10 will be Ralph Brunton. Jim was also pleased to announce that Ted Simmonds has been nominated for the position of Governor Elect.

Optimist Junior Golf – Past Gov. Dennis Kwasnicki was not in attendance but a report was given by Jim Lynge. The Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Golf and Country Club. We are still accepting donations. \$200.00 for a hole sponsorship. Applications for kids to be sponsored are being accepted until June 15, 2012.

Essay – Past Gov. Terry Twocock thanked the 16 Optimist Clubs who sponsored the kids for Essay. The clubs were Scarborough, Ajax, Georgetown (Halton Hills), Aurora, Whitby, Cataraqui Club of Kingston, Barrie, Garden City of St. Catharines, Greensville, Orangeville, Oakville, Ennismore, Caledon, Collingwood, Niagara Falls, and Etobicoke. First place winner with a Scholarship of \$2500.00 went to Mary Michalski sponsored by the Optimist Club of Whitby. Second place went to Holly Soave sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greensville. Third place went to Christina Hoes sponsored by the Optimist Club of Aurora.

Essay Chair Terry Twocock asked that the following be considered for future Essay Contests. This will be discussed at the Past Governor's Meeting sometime in July.

- By November 15th, date every club running an essay contest notify the District Chair of their intent to host this contest.
- Clubs notify the District Chair of their Essay Representative so emails and phone calls go to the correct individual as International starts sending out student enquiries as soon as the topic is announced.
- We set a deadline of February 7th or 15th for all clubs to close off their contests so students are all told the same date.
- Club Chairs make sure that the correct documentation is sent to the District Chair along with the Essay
- We should have 2nd and 3rd place funding for the students.

Oratorical – Oratorical Chair Gus Amodeo 1st prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500, 3rd prize is \$1000. The subject is "**How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles**". The winners of the Oratorical Contest held in Peterborough at Cenon's 3rd Quarter Conference were 1. Mohamed Sairay 2. Dasha Metropolitansky 3. Malikah Ebrahim.

CCDHH – Jim Dallimore gave an overview of the competitions held for CCDHH. On Saturday, April 28th, 2012, the district final of the CCDHH for deaf students who can speak was held at the Optimist Club of Oshawa. There were 12 speakers.

The Senior Winner is Laura Colley of Pickering. She wins \$2500.00 college scholarship donated by the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.

The Junior Winner is Hristina Belevski of Scarborough, Ontario. She won a \$250.00 Gift Certificate donated by Cenon.

A special thanks to President Sandy Crosbie, Optimist Greg, Carole and all members of the Optimists of Oshawa for donating their club house and putting on the lunch. I was also assisted by Optimist Janet Lewis, Lorna Dallimore and two teachers, Hailey Rasmussen and Laura Levett.

Growth & Membership – We started the 2nd Quarter in January 2012 at 1456 members on the rosters. At the end of March 2012, we are at 1479 active members. The friendly District membership drive competition is still active with Zone 3 still in the lead but Zone 2 bought in more members during the second quarter. One member sponsored 6 new members.

We had 27 members sponsor new members.

We have added one new Club in the East called South Dundas.

We have added a JOOI Club in Oakville and that club has been chartered.

Approx 11 Clubs have finished a NOW event. There are still some planned.

Awards & Recognition – Lauralee Reily spoke about new awards..

Conference Report – Conference Chair Sheril Thomson reported we had 55 Optimist Member registered for the Conference. 69 Optimists registered for the Lunch and a total of 115 people at the Lunch with guests included. 5 First Timers. Randy and Susan Horton, Jack & Teena Flood and Rick Andrus.

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 restaurants, 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.

There is a committee formed from Clubs in Zone 10. The Registration Form should be on the Cenon Website very soon. There is a tentative agenda on the Website now. The committee is looking into Boat Tours and other activities for non-members. Pre-Registration should be around \$40.00. The committee is trying to negotiate a better price with the parking lot as it is not attached to the Hotel.

International Convention – Linda Mitchinson reminded everyone that the 94th Annual International Convention was being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 12th through July 14th. There was a display about the International Convention at the Registration Desk.

U18 Curling - Jim Lynge reported on the success of the U18 Curling Event which was held at the Dixie Curling Club in Mississauga and at St. George's Club in Etobicoke from April 4th through April 8th, 2012. There were teams from all over Canada and northern United States plus two teams from Japan. Jim thanked all the Optimist volunteers who came out and helped at the event. Jim did mention that there was a decrease in funds from the Optimists and encouraged all clubs to see if they could give some money to support this event. Next year's event will be held in British Columbia.

Childhood Cancer – Chair Ted Simmonds spoke about ideas on encouraging donations to CCC. There was a brief discussion from Sandy Crosbie on ideas.

The next Board of Directors Meeting - Day, Time and Room to announced at a later date.

Adjourned with the Creed – 4:00 p.m.