

Sowing the seeds



Central Ontario District Combined

Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting

Lord Elgin Hotel – Friday, August 17th, 2012

Pearson Room - 4:00 – 5:45 P.M.



Head Table: Gov. Anne Donkers, O.I. President Jack Creswell, Gov. Elect Gord Holly, Immediate Past Gov. Jim Lynge, Past Gov. Tom McNaught Sec./Treas. Susan Lynge

The meeting was called to order by Governor Anne.

Gov. Elect Gord provided the invocation.

Welcome and introductions were provided by Governor Anne.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by LG Sandra Stokes, seconded by LG Barb Holly, Carried.

Approval of the Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of Friday, May 4th, 2012 - Moved by LG Barb Holly, seconded by Past Governor Roger Gibeau, Carried

Approval of the 3rd Quarter 2011/2012 Financial Statements - Moved by Immediate Past Governor Jim Lynge, Seconded by LG Sandra Stokes, Carried.

Zone Reports – Were presented by Zone 1 – LG Lynne Twocock, Zone 2 LG Sandra Stokes, Zone 3, Past Governor Tom McNaught (LG Ken Williams not in attendance), Zone 4 LG Barb Holly, Zone 5 Past Governor Alex Ansell, LG Glen Sharp not in attendance, Zone 6 LG Sue Montgomery, Zone 7, LG Gord Holly, Zone 8 LG Annette Cowan, Zone 9, LG Brian Wick, Zone 10 LG Josh Couture. Most Clubs were concentrating on late summer, fall activities and fundraising. LG Gord Holly reported that the Clubs in Zone 7 have a renewed interest and district and he was going to try to get a conference in Barrie the coming year so that those clubs had an opportunity to attend. LG Annette Cowan reminded everyone about Brooklin's 25th anniversary on Wednesday, September 26th. Anyone interested in attending should give her a call. Josh Couture also reminded everyone that Forest Park will also be having their 25th Anniversary on September 22nd. Information is on the Cenon Website.

There was a discussion around the new Mosaic Club (York University). The club was originally put in Zone 3 but because it is physically located in Zone 4, the consensus was to allocate the club to Zone 4. Motion by Immediate Past Governor Jim Lynge to move

the Mosaic Club to Zone 4, Seconded by LG Barb Holly, Carried. Susan to email Jacques Pelland to change the Club to Zone 4.

Governor Anne thanked all the LG's for all their hard work for the 2011-2012 year.

Growth - Don McConnell reported that Zone 3 is leading the District in membership as of the end of June. Every zone has brought in at least one new member. There have been many inquiries about NOW meetings and how to run them.

Junior Golf - Dennis Kwasnicki was unable to attend. Immediate Past Governor Jim Lyngge gave an overview of the success of the Junior Golf which is detailed on the Cenon Website. Dennis sends a thank you to all the individuals who helped and the Clubs supported Junior Golf this year. There was a \$4600.00 surplus.

International Convention – Linda Mitchinson was not in attendance. Governor Anne reported that there was 16 attendees from Central Ontario.

Candidate Qualifications – Immediate Past Governor Jim Lyngge has received all the documentation for Governor Elect and therefore, has put Ted Simmonds name forward.

LG's for 2012-2013 are as follows:

Zone 1 Robbie Davidson
Zone 2 Sandra Stokes
Zone 3 Ken Williams
Zone 4 Jim Lyngge
Zone 5 Mac Rumble
Zone 6 Sue Montgomery
Zone 7 Ted Simmonds
Zone 8 Annette Cowan
Zone 9 Brian Wick
Zone 10 Ralph Brunton

Ratification will be at the General Assembly.

A reminder that only 60% of our District has entered their new boards into Optimist Leaders. The deadline was May 20th. We need this information for our new Directory which will come out sometime in October 2012. Optimist International also needs this information. Secretary/Treasurer Susan Lyngge will send out an email before September 30th reminding all Presidents to enter the information on Optimist Leaders Online.

New Business

Insurance UNIVESTA is the insurance company we will be going through for claims or insurance certificates. The policy itself is underwritten by Lloyds of London.

There was a brief discussion regarding the request on support and help for the Gold Ribbon Campaign for Childhood Cancer being held in Toronto on September 15th, 2012.

Proposed Policy Changes

Essay

A request was made from the Past Governors Committee to the District Executive that the District request the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation to consider the addition of \$1500 for the second place finisher and \$1000 for the third place finisher of the District Essay Contests. Brian Wick to contact.

The Past Governors Committee recommended to the Finance Committee that \$1000 be included in the 2012-2013 budget for additional scholarships for the Essay Contest and that this be reviewed annually.

CCDHH

Discussion was held on how funds are raised for the extra scholarships. It was indicated that Clubs send money into the Foundation and indicate what it is to be used for. The Past Governors Committee was advised the enrollment in the deaf schools was decreasing and the Drummond Report included a recommendation to amalgamate the three current schools. Questions were asked about the possibility of holding both the speaking and signing contests at a single school. Questions were also raised on whether there will be one or two contests in the years to come.

There are no recommendations at this time.

College Member Dues

It is recommended in OI Leaders that District Dues for College Members be \$0. It is the Club's responsibility to record members as College members. The Dist. Secty/Treas. to look at the roster of each Club and bill accordingly.

General

Brian Wick advised that revisions to policies no longer have to be approved by Optimist International.

This should read that Revisions have to be sent to Optimist International for review.

Motion to accept report by LG Lynne Twocock, Seconded by LG Sue Montgomery, Carried. Note to put Policy Changes Update on the Agenda for our 1st Quarter Meeting in October.

COLS

There was a request for Financial Aid. It was deferred to the Finance Committee for further investigation.

All the best for a speedy recovery for Floyd Smelser and we look forward to seeing him at the 1st Quarter Meeting in October.

O.I. President Jack Creswell spoke on Growth and Club Membership and gave us three new ideas. 1. 30/30 Programs 2. Food Programs 3. New Honour Clubs

The next executive meeting will be – Friday, October 19th, 2012 at the Toronto Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre, time and room to be announced at a later date.

Adjourned with the Creed – 5:45 p.m.