



Central Ontario District Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
Date:	August 17, 2014	Location:	Regency A
Time:	9:00 am.	Prepared by:	Denise Nacev

Participants:			
Head Table:	Governor Ted Simmonds, Secretary-Treasurer Denise Nacev, Past Governor Gord Holly, Governor Elect Sandra Stokes		
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Next Meeting:	Date: November 15, 2014	Time:	2:30 pm
Location:	Best Western Cobourg, ON		

Governor Ted welcomed everyone to Peterborough

Governor Elect Sandra opened the meeting with an Invocation.

Memorial Service

Optimist Bob Brownlie, Bob Ives and Floyd Smelser conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of all optimists we lost this past year.

Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by: George Clark, President Barrie 2nd by: Mac Rumble, L.G. Zone 5
Carried**

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes November 2, 2013

**Moved by: Susan Lynge, LT Gov Zone 4 2nd by: Leo Bertuzzi, President Hamilton
Carried**

Approval of 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Moved by: George Clarke, President Barrie 2nd: Jim Davidson, President, St. Catharines
Carried**

3rd Quarter Financial Statements presented by Past Governor Jim Lynge

Approval of 3rd Quarter Financial Statements

**Moved by: George Clarke, President Barrie 2nd by: Susan Lynge, LT Gov Zone 4
Carried**

Committee Reports:

- **Candidate Qualifications – Gord Holly** – 2 candidate for Governor Elect: Robbie Davidson, St. Catharines and Steve Gardonyi, Milton
- Confirmed Lieutenant Governors:
 - Zone 1 – Susan Brown, Port Colborne
 - Zone 2 – Robert Brownlie, Ancaster
 - Zone 3 – Marijke Coffa, Burlington
 - Zone 4 – Barbara Holly, Etobicoke
 - Zone 5 – Jennifer Krizel, Richmond Hill
 - Zone 6 – Norm Paget, Halton Hills
 - Zone 7 – George Clarke, Barrie
 - Zone 8 – vacant
 - Zone 9 – Brian Wick, Brooklin
 - Zone 10 - Ralph Brunton, Cornwall
- **COLS – Howie Bentley and Janet Lewis** – 120 students attended, a great success, COLS alumnae association is growing, 5 areas clubs are doing fundraisers and doing events to keep the kids involved. Would like to see some changes to have optimist clubs go out to the schools to get people to contact the schools to get people to attend. Would like Clubs to institute COLS committees to increase attendance

- **Junior Golf – Dennis Kwasnicki** - report given by Gov Ted on behalf of Dennis Kwasnicki, tournament held on June 21 at Caledon country club, revenue \$10,000 expenses \$5000 left \$5000. Hole sponsorship \$200. The parents do notice the signs and the sponsorship when the kids are playing. The district sent 1 golfer to the championships in July. Next year June 20, 2015 at Caledon country club.
- **Growth/Membership Ted Simmonds-** Midwest district is forming a club in Coe Hill a village near here, next year they will be in our district. Make your local newspaper editor a friend of optimism or school board trustee of school councils. 7% of all optimists are willing to recruit try to change yourself from a 93% to a 7%.
- **District Convention Sheril Thomson** - 74 Optimists, 12 guests, 17 JOOI Members, 26 clubs represented
- **International Convention Barb Holly** – 28 attended in Las Vegas, shared a hospitality suite with Southwest, possibly regional next year. Next year in New Orleans
- **Childhood Cancer Campaign Frank and Linda Tuttle**– received some cheques today Garden City, Welland, Zone 1, \$1 for each giraffe , \$200. Newmarket Poker run \$1400, applied for a matching grant. Richmond Hill, \$1000
- **CCOF** – Well on our way of achieving our goal. Puslinch, friends of today get a print and a \$500 donation. In Vegas received Imminent Benefactor which is \$10,000.
- **Leadership Development/PGI Michelle Stokes**– awards for PGI, Michelle has books if people need them
- **2014-2015 Convention Site – Sandra Stokes** – Holiday Inn and Convention Centre in Burlington August 14-16

Policy Changes

Approval of Policy Changes as outlined in attached

Moved by: **George Clark, President Barrie** 2nd by: **Paul Thomson, Keswick**
Carried

Election:

- Voting procedure: 20 clubs eligible to vote casting 60 votes, have President or a delegation from the President to be a voting delegate. Simple majority is required
- All certified delegate have received card, there is a number that determine how many votes they have 1 for every 10 members or major fraction thereof. You can split votes.
- No nominations from the floor

Motion to close Nominations

Moved by: **Herman Rogalsky** 2nd by: **Jim Davidson, St. Catharines**
Carried

- Candidates are Robbie Davidson from St. Catharines and Steve Gardonyi from Milton
- Election Results: Steve Gardonyi, Milton

Motion to Destroy the Ballots

**Moved by: Paul Thomson, Keswick 2nd by: Herman Rogalsky, Cornwall
Carried**

JOOI Report

- We have 4 clubs in the district so a JOOI District has been formed and the election results are:
 - Governor: Brett Santacona (Brooklin)
 - Lieutenant Governor: Steven Hayes (Brooklin)
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Mathew Nacev (Burlington)
 - Director of Membership: Casra Ghazanfari (Burlington)
- This weekend they discussed future meetings and plans for the district
- They had \$900 to go shopping for Youth Emergency Shelter here in Peterborough, each team was challenged to use their entire funds to get as much as they could

Introduction of 2014-2015 Board of Directors

Installation of 2014-2015 Executive (including JOOI members)

Address by Governor Designate:

- Theme Lighting the Way for Youth

Resolutions – Past Governor Gord Holly

- **Be it resolved:**
 - **That we**, the Convention delegates, extend our sincere appreciation to the Convention Team for the hospitality and fellowship that has been extended to all Optimists, delegates and guests of this the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Central Ontario District of Optimist International. We especially wish to thank all those Optimists who have been involved in organizing this convention for their untiring efforts to make the Thirtieth Annual Convention a success
 - **That we**, the Convention delegates express our sincere thanks to Past Governor Sheril Thomson, for her service to the Central Ontario District in coordinating our Quarterly conferences and activities during this year of “Standing Tall for the Kids” 2013-2014
 - **That we**, the Convention delegates request that District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Nacev, express in writing to Benny Ellerbe, Executive Director of Optimist International, the appreciation of the Central

Ontario District, for all the services rendered by both Optimist International and Optimist International Canada, under the direction of Jacques Pelland, to our District during 2013-2014 year, and extend our most sincere thanks to all of the staff for an excellent job in the administration of our organization in a manner which adds continuity of good leadership and growth of Optimist International

- **That we**, the Convention delegates, recognize the special contributions made by International President Ron Huxley and International Vice President Harry Margo to the well-being of the Central Ontario District
- **That we**, the convention delegates, express our sincere gratitude to Governor Ted Simmonds, and the “Standing Tall for the Kids” team, the Lieutenant Governors, District Chairpersons and District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Nacev for their outstanding efforts for the Central Ontario District and in the pursuit of Optimism.
- **Be it so resolved** by this the Thirtieth Annual General Assembly of the Central Ontario District of Optimist International on the 17th day of August, 2014

Key Note Address – Bob McFadyen

- structure@optimist.org to give your input on how we help to keep our organization alive.
- Showed a video of Past President JC St Onge and President Designate Ken Garner on the state of our organization and the options that the board of directors are exploring.
- Ken 100 in 100 dream, we will be back to 100,000 members at our 100 anniversary in 5 years. 40% increase over the next 5 year.
- CENON would be a next increase of 600 members or 150 new member each year. Currently have 56 clubs if each club ended the year with a net +1 and 4 new clubs we would have enough to meet Ken’s goal.
- “Whether you believe you can or you believe you can’t you will always be right” – Henry Ford. Attitude must change to make this a reality. If each optimist sponsored just one person in the life of their membership we would not have membership a problem.
- Currently at -18, only 19 new members from bringing distinguished status to our district. Let’s get all Optimist engaged in the 100 in 100.

Adjournment of General Assembly

**Moved by: Herman Rogalsky, Cornwall, 2nd by: Barb Holly, Etobicoke
Carried**

New Business:

- Charter party for the Snowboard Optimist Club on Saturday October 18th at Newmarket Hall, Tickets \$35
- Milton chartered an Octagon Club with 10 members possible charter party on September 25th.

Next Regular Board Of Directors meeting is November 14 at Best Western, Cobourg, Ontario.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 with the Optimist Creed.