



CENON 1st Quarter District Conference Board of Directors Meeting minutes held Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 2:35 p.m. in the Northumberland room at the Best Western Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre, Cobourg, ON

Head Table: Governor Sandra Stokes, International Vice President Fatima Plater, Past Governor Ted Simmonds, Past Governor Jim Lynge, Secretary/Treasurer PG Gord Holly, Gov Elect Steve Gardonyi

Attendance: as per attached listing

The meeting was called to order by Governor Sandra followed by the invocation delivered by Governor Elect Steve. Governor Sandra welcomed everyone, provided introductions, and thanked everyone for their participation for the weekend.

Governor Sandra called for the Approval of Agenda. Moved: Barbara Holly, Second: Terry Twocock, Carried as presented.

Governor Sandra called for the Approval of the previous Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Moved: Terry Twocock, Second: Barbara Holly, Carried as presented.

Finance Chair Past Governor Jim called for acceptance of the 2013/2014 Financial Statement as presented. Moved: Barbara Holly, Second: Sue Brown,, Carried as presented. A request was made to note the well done job for the 2013 2014 statement preparation.

Past Governor Ted Simmonds stated that although they did not have the attendance numbers and a formal report on the 2014 Convention available for this meeting that financially it had suffered the same problem as some of the other conventions in some of the past years. The projection was to make approximately \$2900.00 and in actuality the convention lost \$3814.61. No formal report was presented for acceptance at this meeting.

Finance Chair Past Governor Jim called for approval of 2014/2015 Budget Proposal with the noted change from the Executive meeting to correct the spelling of Robert Brownlie. Moved: Barbara Holly, Second: Marijke Coffa, Carried with the noted change, and the action to reduce the budget for the CCDHH program by \$2500.00 to reflect the District policy changes that had been made to operate only competitions that are funded by Optimist International and stop the solicitation of additional funds from the clubs to provide additional scholarship. The policy as amended and accepted previously was read aloud by Denise Nacev, and it clarified that we cannot deviate without another policy change which could not be initiated before the next administrative year. The rationale behind the change was to prevent the district from being financially committed to scholarships , for which the fundraising is being done after the competitions have been announced may produce a shortfall in the necessary funds. It was also

recommended that we seek the advice of other districts on the competitions they run and if they run additional competitions how they are funded.

Governor Sandra called for the approval of the appointment of Bruce A. Herdman, Chartered Accountant as Auditor for the 2014 - 2015 Administrative Year. Bruce has been our auditor of record for a number of years now and has the understanding of our organization. Moved: Ted Simmonds, Second: Steve Gardonyi, Carried as presented.

Governor Sandra called for the approval of the Depository and signing officers for the 2014-2015 Administrative year to be The CIBC located at Lloyd Manor and Eglinton Avenue in Etobicoke, and that the signing officers to be any two of the following: Finance Chair PG Jim Lyne, District S/T PG Gord Holly, of Governor Sandra Stokes. Moved: Steve Gardonyi, Second: Sur Brown, Carried as presented.

Governor Sandra called on Optimist Lauralee Reily to present the 2014-2015 District Recognition Program for the approval of the Board of Directors. Moved: Lynne Twocock, Second: Marijke Coffa, Carried as presented.

Past Governor Ted Simmonds, Candidates Qualifications chair had no candidates to declare at this early date but wanted to encourage those considering any of the elected positions to declare it now and not wait until the end of the year. Mentorship may be one of the most important factors in success in this area.

P G Dennis Kwasnicki, Optimist Junior Golf Chair announced the qualifying tournament will be held Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Caledon Country Club, Inglewood, ON. Hole Sponsorships remain \$200.00 again this year and can be paid either to CENON or Denis Kwasnicki for District Golf. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship will be held at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida between July 16<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> depending on the age category.

P.Gov Terry Twocock, Essay Chair announced the topic "Optimism should be a priority" and is open to those 19 and under. The district award for the winner is \$2500.00. Lt.'s please let him know who the contacts are within their clubs so he may have contacts to direct children who want to participate to. Essay are Due to Terry no later than Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Sue Montgomery, Oratorical Chair announced the topic "How my Optimism will help to press on to the greater achievements of the future." Dead line to complete club and Zone competitions is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

Jim Dallimore, CCDHH Chair announced it is the same topic and the standard Oratorical topic, "How my Optimism will help to press on to the greater achievements of the future." This will be Jim's final year as chair, and will mentor Ted this year so Ted may succeed him and provide a smooth transition.

Denise Nacev, Growth/Membership Chair reminded everyone of our competition with the South West District and our need to win this competition as she cannot go back to the district she grew up in and admit defeat. We have also created a VIP seating section that is reserved for both first timers attending the conference or the new member and sponsor attending the conference. We will also be placing sponsors names on a lantern for each member the sponsor that will light our path. Denise expressed thanks for all that is being done and reminded everyone that Steve, Karen or herself are available to come out and talk with your club or assist with a program.

Lauralee Reilly, Awards & Recognition Chair indicated that the program presented will be on the web soon. Lauralee requested clubs submit their info quarterly.

PG Paul Thomson, on behalf of P G Sheril Thomson Conference Chair delivered the following report: total of 71 registered, 62 members, 9 VIP's, 66 attended for the Luncheon.

International Convention: No report provided.

Annette Cowan, Childhood Cancer Chair was unable to stay for the meeting but reported we had a successful initial fundraising session upstairs this weekend.

Tom and Carilyn McNaught, Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation Chairs reported that we have received a goal this year 30% higher than last year, a change from \$10.00 per member to \$13.50 per member.

New Business: Governor Sandra reported that the web site is up to date for clubs to reference and PG Ted reported that all giraffes received last year are in the process of being donated.

The Mac McDonald award was presented to Milton for plus 15 members net for last quarter.

Governor Sandra announced of the date and time for the next regular Board of Directors Meeting as Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Toronto Radisson East, 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, ON.  
Approximate time 2:35 pm – to be confirmed

For the good of "OPTIMISM" Governor Sandra adjourn the Executive meeting with the reciting of the Optimist Creed

Meeting Attendance Record: Board Meeting

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Board</b>
GARDEN CITY	LYNNE TWOCOCK	X
PORT COLBORNE	SUSAN BROWN	X
ST CATHARINES	TERRY TWOCOCK	X
ANCASTER	MICHELLE STOKES	X
DUNNVILLE	FLOYD SMESLSER	X
EAST HAMILTON	HOWARD BENTLEY	X
STONEY CREEK	JOY LAWRENCE	X
STONEY CREEK	JOHN LAWRENCE	X
STONEY CREEK	JOAN CARTER	X
STONEY CREEK	IAN CARTER	X
BURLINGTON	MARIJKE COFFA	X
BURLINGTON	JODY CAPERCHIONE	X
BURLINGTON	DENISE NACEV	X
MILTON	KAREN MANUEL	X
OAKVILLE	CARILYN McNAUGHT	X
OAKVILLE	TOM McNAUGHT	X
OAKVILLE	BRENDA McDONALD	X
OAKVILLE	MAC McDONALD	X
ETOBICOKE	SUSAN LYNGE	X
ETOBICOKE	JIM LYNGE	X
KESWICK	PAUL THOMSON	X
KESWICK	LAURALEE REILY	X
NEWMARKET	JEFF MILLER	X
NEWMARKET	JANICE ASSELSTINE	X
BRAMPTON	DENNIS KWASNICKI	X
BRAMPTON	JANET LEWIS	X
CALEDON	TED SIMMONDS	X
CALEDON	SUSAN MONTGOMERY	X
HALTON HILLS	JIM DALLIMORE	X
BROOKLIN	BRIAN WICK	X
ANCASTER	SANDRA STOKES	X
ANCASTER	BARRY STOKES	X
MILTON	STEVE GARDONYI	X
ETOBICOKE	BARB HOLLY	X
ETOBICOKE	GORD HOLLY	X
Detroit	FATIMA PLATER	X