

Central Ontario District Board of Directors Meeting

Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
Saturday, June 4th, 2011 2:15pm

Head Table: Gov. Jim Lynge, Past Gov. Tom McNaught, PG Brian Wick, International VP Don Brose, Sec/Treas. Gordon Holly

District Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Governor Jim

Governor Jim provided the invocation

Welcome and introductions were handled by Gov. Jim.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by LG, Sandra Stokes, second by Don Richard. Motion passed.

Approval of the Previous Director's meeting minutes – moved by PG Terry Twocock, seconded by George Archer, motion passed.

Approval of the 2nd Quarter Financial Report: - PG Brian Wick presented the statement indicating that we continue to accumulate a surplus and that it should be referred to the Past Governors for a policy review pertaining to our budget. Moved by LG, PG Brian Wick, seconded by LG Sue Montgomery, motion passed.

Candidates Qualifications – PG Tom McNaught reported that as of this date we had seven LT.'s positions filled: Zone 1 – Lynne Twocock, Zone 2 – Sandra Stokes, Zone 3 – Ken Williams, Zone 4 – Barbara Holly, Zone 5 – Glen Sharp, Zone 6 – Sue Montgomery, Zone 7 – Vacant, Zone 8 – Annette Cowan, Zone 9 – Vacant, Zone 10 – Josh Couture. Concern was expressed about the vacant zones and the team will continue to look for willing candidates. At present, the Governor Elect has not been determined.

In accordance with policy a motion is required to confirm the selection of District Secretary Treasurer Susan Lynge for the upcoming year.

Moved by Don McConnell, seconded by George Archer, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Optimist Junior Golf: Gov Jim on behalf of Chair & PG Dennis Kwasnicki reported that the first tee off will be Saturday June 25th at 1 pm and it is \$75.00 for each registration. He also appealed to the clubs for their continued support in either sponsorship of children or holes for the tournament.

Essay: Chair & PG Terry Twocock reported that 15 clubs participated (Nepean, Caledon, Etobicoke, Brampton, East Hamilton, Garden City, Milton, Whitby, Greensville, Forest Park, Stoney Creek, Scarborough, Keswick, Oakville, and Newmarket) The winner of the \$2500.00 scholarship is Tiffany

Harrington from the Optimist Club of Whitby. Second place was Dennis Yu from Oakville, and third place was Manel Barkey from Newmarket. Terry recommended the following for the future:

1. Each club who is participating declare to the district chair by November 15th so interested students may be referred to the participating club in their area.
2. That all clubs close their contests no later than February 7th to meet district deadlines for judging.
3. Club chairs please complete and send the appropriate forms to the district chair.

Oratorical: Jim on behalf of Chair & LG Gus Amodeo “it is done”

CCDHH: Chair Jim Dallimore reported that OIF provides one scholarship of \$2,500.00 for the speaking competition and it was won by Ava Hadi Zadeh Bazzaz sponsored by the OC of Scarborough. The competition was held in Richmond Hill on April 30th and had 20 participants.

The District Signing Competition was held on May 10th and had a total of 16 participants. The winner of the second \$2500.00 scholarship which is funded by the clubs of CENON was Catlin Ryan sponsored by the OC of Milton. Jim thanked the participating clubs for their support toward this scholarship.

Membership: Gov Jim Lynge reported that he is extremely proud of our district. Between membership additions and clean up we are still strong. Leading the way is zone 3 and zone 8. Gov Jim presented the district growth awards: 1st place Jimmy “D”, Whitby – 12 new members, Sandy Crosby, Oshawa – 7 new members, John Pepper, Strabane – 4 new members. The new district contest will run from June until October 1.

OI has also introduced a new award program to recognize the membership growth over a member’s lifetime. The accumulative sponsor awards were presented by Gov Jim as follows: For 10 members: Lynn Jocham, Brampton, Brian Wick, Brooklin, David Ernst, Burlington, Brian Ralph, Kingston, Sam Speakman, East Hamilton, Laszlo Gauder, Hamilton, Linda Mitchinson, Hamilton, Dan Snider, Milton, Barbara Holly, Etobicoke, Mac McDonald, Oakville, Carole Newman, Port Colborne, Paul Hohenadel, Puslinch, Michael Sossin, Richmond Hill. There was one award presented for 100 members and this award went to Jimmy “D” of Whitby.

The Mac McDonald Award was presented to the Whitby club for plus 12 members for this past quarter.

Awards & Recognition: Chair Lauralee Reily thanked all those that are sending in their reports and asked that clubs attempt to send their reports in on a quarterly basis to gain the recognition for the efforts of what they are doing in their club.

District Convention Report: PG Sheril Thomson reported that everything is a go for Blue Mountain in Collingwood for August 26th to 28th, 2011. The convention will host training on Saturday in hopes to allow more new LG’S, presidents and secretary treasurers to attend. In addition there will be free time to allow those who wish to explore the Collingwood area. The theme: “Back to the Blue.” There will be a Silent auction of baskets prepared by the clubs, so please let us know in advance of the baskets your bringing and the theme and value so we can prepare the bid forms. The block of rooms close on July 26th Check in is 4:00 pm Early or late check ins must be arranged by the individuals. Our

International representative will be International VP Elect Sonia Anderson from Jamaica. It will be a great time so make sure the word gets out to your members.

District Conference Report: PG Sheril Thomson noted that we had 58 registered for the conference and 104 registered for the luncheon on Saturday.

International Convention: Chair Linda Mitchinson reported that we had 27 registered for Baltimore and encouraged those to attend the convention in Baltimore, Maryland July 3rd to 5th 2011. We will be participating in an Ontario Hospitality suite in Baltimore and they are asking for help both in terms of working the room and donations for 40 goody bags that are to be sold off as a fundraiser for the room.

U18 International Curling – Gov Jim reported that despite some of the unexpected issues with their volunteer coordinator, the event was a success. A total of \$13,000.00 was raised from the clubs including the \$5,000.00 from our district surplus. There were 24 teams which included two from Japan, four states, and Canada including the NWT. Next year's event will be held in Mississauga March 30th to April 3rd. Please make sure the word reaches your members as volunteers are needed to assist with the event.

For the good of Optimism:

- LG Lynne Twocock thanked all clubs for their support in providing pop can tabs for their MS support project and notably Oakville and Caledon for their huge contributions of tabs, as well as those providing soup can labels.
- Insurance is a major issue for Canadian clubs and we need some action to correct the discrepancies in the policy with regard to Directors Liability. International VP Don Brose will express our concerns to the board and the importance of the issue to the Canadian clubs in hopes of obtaining a speedy resolution. PG Adrian Maes will provide the name of a broker that can provide this type of insurance in the meantime while the board resolves the issue.
- There is the possibility of a club to be built in PEI.

The next Director's meeting will be a combined Executive and Board meeting – Friday August 26th, 2011 at 7:15 to 9:00 PM, Weider Room 111, Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood, ON

Adjourned with the Creed