

Sowing the seeds



Central Ontario District Board of Directors Meeting

**Holiday Inn, St. Catharine's, Ontario
Saturday, November 19, 2011**

Chardonnay Ballroom – 2:15 P.M.



Head Table: Gov. Anne Donkers, Gov. Elect Gord Holly, Past Gov. Jim Lynge, Past Gov. Tom McNaught, International V.P. Dwight Phillips, 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 Historian Chair Mac McDonald, seconded by Essay Chair Terry Twocock, Carried.

Approval of the Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Moved by LG Barb Holly, seconded by LG Sue Montgomery, Carried

Approval of the 2010/2011 Financial Statements dated September 30th, 2011 - A brief discussion was held that we had a smaller surplus this year of just over \$10,000. That we had commitments to the U18 Curling of \$5000.00 in the 2010/2011 year and \$5000. for the 2011/2012 year. Scholarships were another commitment. Receipts were \$66,783.17 and expenses were \$56,462.96. Audited statements will be presented in February as the Statements have just been sent to the Auditor. Final version to be sent to all Presidents. A motion by Brian Wick to approve the financial statements as amended verbally and to be sent out by Gord Holly in its final form. Seconded by LG Barb Holly, Carried.

Approval of the 2011 Convention Report – Sheril Thomson shared that we had a loss of \$5,962.54 based on the fact that our numbers were low and there were guarantees in place. The hotel did work with us to lower our obligation to them. There were 69 people attending. Moved by LG Sandra Stokes to accept the 2011 Convention Report, Seconded by Newmarket President Mac Rumble, Carried.

Approval of the 2011/2012 Budget Proposal for recommendation to the Board of Directors - Gov. Elect Gord Holly advised that the Budget had been sent out to the members and there were a number of printed copies. Gov. Elect Gord Holly moved to accept the 2011-2012 Budget as presented. Etobicoke President Don Richard seconded, Carried.

Approval of the Auditor for the 2011-2012 Administrative year – Gov Anne requested the approval of hiring Bruce Herdman as Auditor. Motion by LG Barb Holly to accept, seconded by Finance Chair Paul Thomson, Carried.

Approval of the Depository and signing officers for the 2011/2012 Administrative Year – Gov. Anne. Requested the approval of staying with the CIBC at Lloyd Manor & Eglinton and that the signing officers were to be any two of the following: Gov. Anne Donkers, Sec./Treas. Susan Lynge, Finance Chair Paul Thomson. LG Sandra Stokes motioned to accept, Newmarket President Mac Rumble seconded. Carried.

Approval of the Review of the 2011/2012 District Recognition Program – Activities & Recognition, CPA Chair Lauralee Reily presented the program. LG Barb Holly made a motion to accept as presented. LG Sue Montgomery seconded, Carried.

Candidates Qualifications - Past Gov. Jim Lynge announced we were looking for a Governor Elect and LG's. He also said that it is the LG's responsibility to replace themselves and to look around their zones to see who could be mentored to be the next LG.

Committee Reports

Optimist Junior Golf – Past Gov. Dennis Kwasnicki thanked everyone for supporting the Junior Golf again this year and announced that the tournament would be in Caledon on Saturday, June 23rd, 2012 at Noon. It would still be \$200 to sponsor a hole.

Essay – Past Gov. Terry Twocock asked that we all let him know if we are running an Essay Contest as soon as possible. Although, people have until the end of February, he would like everyone's in as soon as they can. The subject this year is "**How my Positive Outlook Benefits my Community**".

Oratorical – Oratorical Chair Gus Amodeo gave an overview and spoke about a change in age requirement. Contest is for students under 18 years of age as of December 31st, 2011. 1st prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500, 3rd prize is \$1000. The subject is "**How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles**". All rules and regulations will be sent out to the LG's. A reminder that the 3rd Quarter Conference is a month earlier this year (May 5th).

CCDHH – No Report

Growth & Membership – Chair Don McConnell reported on our progress and goals. Our goal is to have 5 new clubs by 2012.

Awards & Recognition – Chair Lauralee Reily had given her report earlier in the meeting.

Conference Report – Chair Sheril Thomson report that we 88 people for Lunch, 83 Members attending and 26 Clubs attending. 2nd Quarter Conference will be on February 17/18th at the Holiday Inn in Markham and the Theme will be “HEARTS”. Theme for the District Convention in Ottawa will be “Putting on the Glitz”

U18 Curling – Past Gov. Jim shared that they are in the initial stages of promoting this event. Any help from any of the clubs would be appreciated. They are looking for a total of \$15000. from the Optimists including the \$5000.00 committed from the District. Past Gov. Jim will get in touch with Optimist Clubs who are in the same city as the teams participating in the U18 Curling.

International Convention – Chair Linda Mithchinson did a presentation on video about the Milwaukee Convention on July 12-14, 2012. The main hotel is the Hilton and Linda advised that we should book early if we wanted to be in that hotel.

Childhood Cancer – Chair Ted Simmonds shared that in 2010 we raised \$2500.00 for CC and this year we have already raised \$6200.00. Common Sense can Conquer Cancer.

International V.P. Dwight Phillips - Gov. Anne introduced Int. V.P. Dwight who gave us a message from International President Jack Creswell to have a successful and rewarding conference and that we should lead by example and make a difference for the kids.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be – Saturday, February 18th at 2:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, in Markham, Ontario – **Theme will be HEARTS.** Room to be announced.

Adjourned with the Creed – 3:40 P.M.