

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WFCU BUILDING, 2800 TECUMSEH RD. E., WINDSOR, ON,
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Judy Bowden, Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Norm Renaud, , Emy McBride, Marilyn Laframboise, Val Luscott, Gord Miall, Freddie Beekhuis

1. President Jim Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:44 A.M. welcomed all with special welcome to Freddie Beekhuis who was attending her first Executive Meeting.
The Statement of Purpose was read aloud by Executive Member Norm Renaud.
2. **Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Judy Bowden; seconded by Gord Miall. Carried**
3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the May 25, 2015 Executive Meeting as corrected (Eleanor Douglas in Present) - moved by Norm Renaud; seconded by Val Bland. Carried**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - a) Judy gave a short campaign update, indicating that there would probably be four candidates for the two Executive positions.
 - b) RPW dates have not been finalized. Marilyn is waiting for communication from Provincial.
 - c) Judy reported a clarification of the ChildCan Volunteer Tutoring program and indicated the information was included in our latest Newsletter and e-communication to members.
 - d) Judy reported that there was no update on the Grief pamphlet but would have a budget proposal for our November meeting.
 - e) **Motion – That the following District 7 motion be forwarded to the Provincial Executive Director for inclusion in the business of the Fall Senate: That Guidelines for Travel on RTO/ERO Business Section 3, Travel, be amended by the addition of a new section to read: " Travel by automobile shall be an acceptable means of travel, with reimbursement accordingly, without seeking Provincial approval beforehand." Moved by Judy Bowden; seconded by Norm Renaud. Carried.**
 - f) Possible PSTO Grant Applications for next year: Alba Elliott's group will be submitting; G.O.A.L.S. does not qualify.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Jim Sparrow
 - communications from Provincial were forwarded to Executive Members
 - information was forwarded regarding the qualifications of a possible member recipient of the Community Service Award
 - members were cautioned not to download Windows 10 as there are several problems that have not been resolved
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Leo Couture
Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet. **Motion – That the Treasurer's Report for May, 2015 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**
7. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
President– Jim Sparrow
 - attended the June Breakfast
 - lunch meeting and follow-up meetings with Norm Renaud regarding the \$ 3000 allotted for the Election campaign
 - contact with Alba Elliott regarding possible PSTO Grant
 - passed on memos sent from Provincial, monthly reports etc.to appropriate executive members
 - visited District 2 and 26, Aug. 8-15, using accumulated travel and hotel points. Met with both District Executives (barbeques). The north meets during the summer as they do not meet from January-April- wonderful hospitality
 - prepared rationale for motion to be submitted to fall Senate(if approved)
 - attended the OTF annual dinner and part of their meeting, as a Fellow of OTF. Also attended the ETFO reception there
 - communicated with Provincial and members when necessary

Past President – Judy Bowden

- attended June, July and August Breakfast Club get-togethers
- prepared Bell Breakfast Flyer and forwarded it to Toni and Roger for distribution to the schools prior to June school closing
- prepared and sent off 9 pages for the August Newsletter
- attended Newsletter folding/ mailing
- created template for change of personnel listing on back of District 7 Brochure; need to purchase appropriate size mailing labels

President-Elect – Marg Clarke

- assisted with newsletter mailing
- attended a meeting of the Awards Committee
- met with Judy Bowden in regarding sending out a press release about our Hell with the Bell Breakfast

Vice-President – Norm Renaud

See reports under Awards Cttee and PAC

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride

- have spent considerable time over the summer organizing materials

Awards Committee – Norm Renaud

The Awards Committee met on August 10th. We discussed the Lenore Graham Award and the possible candidates. This award is based on the following criteria and can be rewarded to up to three candidates:

Local involvement in the District

Community involvement

Leadership

Volunteerism

Ambassador for RTO/ERO locally

After a brief discussion and involving the criteria listed the following candidates were chosen to receive this award:

John McLaughlin

Bob Lamoureux

Simone Rickerby.

Each were notified and will receive a framed certificate extolling their contributions at our Fall Luncheon.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke

Participated in a DFR Teleconference on June 30th

Dr. Paula Rochon has been named the inaugural RTO/ERO Chair in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Toronto (if interested I can send her bio by separate email)

The Foundation is expecting to make multiple grants across Ontario by the end of the year

Johnson Inc has committed to a new gift of \$250,000 over five years

Harmony Printing has confirmed their support of the Foundation with a gift of service to provide all the printing and design needs of the Foundation

In Memory and In Honour Cards are now available and will give this popular way of remembering or honouring family, friends and fellow RTO/ERO members a very special touch.

What should our District be doing for the Foundation this year? I would like to hear suggestions of how we can raise money for the Foundation.

Communications Committee

a) Newsletter – John McLaughlin – N/R

b) Public relations and Media Representative – Judy Bowden

- prepared data-base/ mailing labels for media contacts

- prepared and mailed out letter, Bell Breakfast Flyer and info on RTO to a combination of 16 newspapers, radio and television stations asking if they could include our Bell Breakfast in their Community Announcement sections.

c) Website – Eleanor Douglas

The numbers of email addresses is dropping rather than increasing. I have asked Leo if it might be possible to purchase either some large flash drives or a Seagate back-up device because the computer holds all photos and documents since 2006. Most of the photos are also on Flickr but as far as I know there is no other back-up. Another item to consider is Norton anti-virus which expires shortly. I have downloaded Windows 10 onto my personal computer and I'm wondering about upgrading the District computer. The current version of Windows on the group's computer is a professional version of Windows 7 and I'm sure that was not free. Paul will likely know more about all of this than I do so I will defer to the committee members and executive for their decisions.

d) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason – N/R

Glenna Hemphill – N/R

Val Luscott – I am catching up after my recovery from knee replacement.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

Fielded the following phone calls:

- phone call from a member re: coverage for psychological services under our Extended Health Coverage
- phone call from a member re out of province coverage and proof of departure when making frequent trips across the border
- phone call re life insurance and transferring coverage from school board when cancelled at age 65
- phone call re health forum being held at the Ciociaro Club on August 26th
- phone call from a member re out of province coverage and pre-existing conditions

After attending our annual DHR Workshop in Toronto, I prepared a report for our October Newsletter. I am glad to report that 2 major questions that I had for the HSIC were addressed. The questions related to: 1.Diabetic supplies and coverage of same
2. Our Dental Plan and coverage for our senior members.

Personally I do not believe our plan addresses the needs of our more senior members who require better coverage for root canals, crowns, implants, dentures etc.

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill N/R

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

Marilyn is waiting for communication from Provincial before determining the date for the RPW.

Nominating Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall

Gord will be attending the Provincial workshop in September.

Political Advocacy – Norm Renaud

The decision as to where to build the new mega hospital has been made. It will occupy 60 acres of farmland at the corner of County Road 42 and County 9. The price for the land is \$6 Million. Another \$800,000.00 will be needed to bring utilities to the site. Also the widening of both County roads will have to be done. Some of the other details were also released: The hospital will have 500 rooms with 80% being private; A satellite urgent care centre will be built at on the former Grace site; Hotel-Dieu Health Care will take over the Ouellette Avenue site, where a new building will be constructed for outpatient mental health services and chronic disease management: In addition a Transitory Stability Centre and Wellness Centre will be built on the Ouellette site; Windsor Regional's Met campus will be demolished and turned over to the city for development. The Ministry of Health now must make a final decision on this proposal, and it could come in early 2016. The bidding for the new Gordie Howe International Bridge has begun. The price tag for the new bridge, which will be paid entirely by Canada, is \$2.1 Billion. At its first meeting with prospective primary contractors, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority had 216 companies show up. Also in the preliminary plans are the "early weeks" projects to get the site ready for the building of the bridge. This should see a shovel in the ground by next month.

The ESC LHINs reports that all of its critical care hospitals, along with hospitals in the South West region are now linked to provide data of the integrated electronic health records for Ontarians. Thus 67 hospitals can share information with each other. As well, regional cancer centres and community care access centres is available through Clinical Connect. Lab requests and results from Ontario labs along with diagnostic images are now integrated in Clinical Connect. As doctors

connect to this they will have the information they need to better serve their patients. ESC LHINs also plan to continue funding the Obstetrics Unit at Leamington Hospital at current levels while they search for a permanent solution. With the Federal election coming this October, your PAC committee has been busy making arrangements with CKLW to run a series of ads. These ads (two in total) urge our older members of our society to vote. The second ad reaches our 18-25 year olds to get involved in the election process and vote. The ads begin on September 28th and run each day to October 16. The Senior ad will be on CKLW and the younger crowd will hear theirs on 89X.

The Health Care Forum that RTO published by Eleanor on "Mail Chimp" was held on August 26 at the Ciociaro Cub. There were between 3500-4000 people present. The intent of the Forum was to bring to the attention of the politicians, of all levels, the need for a National Health Care Strategy. With the election coming this was the perfect time to bring this forward to become part of the debate. The emcee for the two hour meeting was Ken Lewenza and the guest speakers were Jerry Dias, Unifor's National President, Dr. Ryan Meili, representing Canadian Doctors for Medicare and Natalie Mehra, Executive Director of Ontario Health Coalition.

Norm distributed mail-in cards to be signed and sent regarding our concern for the lack of adequate funding for Long-Term Care.

Norm also commented on the recent health Care Forum that was well-attended.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk, Freddie Beekhuis
The Hell With The Bell breakfast is all set. Cost to members is \$10.
Caboto will be booked for our November luncheon.

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

- Great trip to Stratford in June
- 50/50 draw raised \$94.00 for our designated 2015 Charity - GOALS
- Plans are underway for our return to Stratford for 2 trips - one in the Spring and one in the Fall of 2016
- Musicals playing next year are:
 - All That Jazz and
 - A Little Night Music
- Las Vegas Trip is a go -September 21st - 25th
- I have been meeting with our travel advisors at Travel Excellence regarding a multi-day trip for late winter/early spring 2016
- I met with Chantal at Travel Excellence regarding TICO and our responsibilities - the main one of which is ensuring invoices for the bus first go to the Travel Agency and then us.

-As you can see from the previous notes, plans are underway for next year's trips but I always welcome suggestions from our members. One suggestion has been a trip to Shippshewana - possibly to take place in early June. Our annual shopping trip to Great Lakes Crossing continues this year on Tuesday, November 24th -already we have a significant number of reservations and I anticipate the usual sellout.

Suggested New Policy For Booking Travel Bookings

In the past we have been very lenient about cancelling spots on our bus. In the future, because we operate at cost, there will be a no refund policy within 30 days in advance of the trip. Members are welcome to sell their ticket to another member or friend.

Because we have very little wiggle room in our pricing we would lose money if we did not have such a no-refund policy. I do not believe that RTO/ERO District 7 is here to lose money in such a manner. I am open to any help or suggestion with respect to instituting this policy.

9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Committee – George Merrett
Next meeting is September 18.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) A donation request was received from Pedalling For Docs. No action was taken.
- b) Executive Director Jim Grieve cannot attend our Fall Luncheon but will be invited to our Spring Luncheon.

- c) The Drum Ensemble will be invited to play at our Fall Luncheon at 1:00. A \$100 honorarium will be presented.
- d) Two items were postponed until the next Executive Meeting: an invitation to the Provincial Charity Fund Director to attend our Fall Luncheon; and Distribution of our Newsletter by email.

11. Important Dates to Remember

- Hell With The Bell Breakfast – September 8
- PRCC Provincial Workshop – Sept. 20, 21
- Executive Meeting – Oct. 5
- Golf Tournament – Oct. 6
- Newsletter Submission deadline – Oct. 7
- Goodwill Fun and Fellowship – Oct. 8, Amica 2-4 pm

Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club thrives. This month we were in Leamington with 18 members in attendance.
- September 17th we meet at Johnson's on County Road 42
- October 8th at Baker's on Wyandotte East (member's request)
- November 12th at L.A. Grill on Malden Road in LaSalle (in honour of President Jim).

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7