

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ESSEX TRAIN STATION, ESSEX, ON MONDAY, January 12, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Judy Bowden, Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Norm Renaud, Margaret Clarke, Ann Cotter, Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

1. President Judy Bowden called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. The Statement of Purpose was read aloud by Executive Member Bill Bowden.
2. **Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Norm Renaud; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried**
3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Executive Meeting - moved by George Merrett; seconded by Ann Cotter. Carried**
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - a) **Motion – That the cost for District 7 RTO/ERO Members to attend the Hell With The Bell breakfast be a minimum of \$10.00. – moved by Marg Clarke; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**
  - b) **Motion – That the minimum cost to attend the Spring or Fall Luncheon be \$22 pre-paid for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$25 at the door for members. – moved by Marg Clarke; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**
  - c) **Motion – That the cost for participants in the District 7 RTO/ERO golf tournament be a minimum of \$10 exclusive of golf fees. – moved by Marg Clarke; seconded by Roger LeBlanc.**
  - d) District Grant Applications – Jim Sparrow  
Jim presented three grant applications along with background information. Discussion ensued.  
**Motion – That the request from Alba Elliott for a \$500 grant for “Sew It Forward” be approved. – moved by Jim Sparrow; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**  
**Motion – That the request from Al Linnell for a \$500 grant for “Uni/Com Percussion Ensemble” be approved. – moved by Jim Sparrow; seconded by Leo Couture. Carried.**  
**Motion – That the request from Beata Jasniewicz for a \$1000 grant for Polish Scouting Association, Windsor, not be approved. – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**  
Jim stated that the Grant Committee will review the Grant Application Form to clarify requirements re: RTO/ERO membership and funding. The committee will report, with recommendations, to the Executive at a future date.
  - e) PSTO Applications – no further information has been received.
  - f) Review of Luncheon and Newsletter dates will occur at a future meeting.
5. CORRESPONDENCE – Judy Bowden
  - Provincial communications were distributed by Judy via email.
  - received a phone call from an OECTA member who will be retiring at the end of January.
  - received Membership Change Reports from Diane Vizeau for December
  - email from Hospice regarding refund for cancelled workshop
  - memo from Simon Liebovitz re: Provincial Goals and Priorities and the Presidents’ Workshop
  - phone call and email from Polish Scouting Association of Canada
  - phone call and follow-up email from Steve Hickson, Co-ordinator of Special Events for Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario
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 December, 2014 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Judy Bowden. Carried.**  
Leo presented the Consolidated Financial Statement to be forwarded to Provincial. **Motion – That the Consolidated Financial Statement for 2014 be approved and forwarded to the Provincial Office. – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**

**Motion – That approved budget expenditures for 2015 not be exceeded without the approval of the Executive. It is understood expenditures for events dependent on their own revenues (e.g. RPW, Excursions, Social, Spec. Proj.) are limited to the amount of revenue they generate. Moved by Leo Couture; seconded by George Merrett. Carried.**

Leo presented the revised Proposed 2015 Budget. Revised budget lines were reviewed. **Motion – That the proposed 2015 Budget, as presented by the Treasurer today, be approved. – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Marilyn Laframboise. Carried.**

## 7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President– Judy Bowden

- Sent the cheques for the Jump Start Nutrition Programme to Mary Lynn Biggley along with a note explaining how the money was raised and thanking her and the group for the wonderful service they are providing for our children in the community.
- Attended the December and January Breakfast Club get-togethers.
- Assisted with the Grant Application for the Polish Scouting Association and reviewed all 3 applications in preparation for today's meeting.
- Visited TD Canada Trust to view their meeting room as a possible venue for future Executive Meetings
- Prepared for today's meeting.

We did not have a representative at the OECTA RPW probably due an over-site by OECTA. Judy will contact local Federation Presidents to ensure a continuation of communication.

Past President – Gord Miall – N/R

President-Elect – Jim Sparrow

1. I worked with George to prepare a motion for inclusion in the Fall Senate agenda:

Our motion that passed at the last Fall Senate read -

THAT Article 16 – Expenses, of the Provincial Constitution be amended by the addition of a new section 16.03 to read:

16.03 Guidelines for Travel on RTO/ERO Business may be amended by the Senate at an Annual Senate Meeting.

My proposed motion for the Fall 2015 Senate would read something like this:

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. "

- could add a km. limit

Jim will bring the motion to a future executive meeting for approval.

2. Worked with, and gave advice to four groups of potential Grant Requests. Shared the two requests submitted with the Grant Committee members for input.
3. Attended the December Breakfast Club event.
4. Accepted an invitation from District 27, Ottawa to take part in their " Surviving and Thriving Well: Today and Beyond" workshops on April 15. I need some help putting my power point presentation together as I am computer illiterate when it comes to that. I have the material ready and just need to collate it. Any volunteers who could assist me. Judy has indicated that she will assist Jim.

Vice-President – Marg Clarke – N/R

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride N/R

Awards Committee – Marg Clarke

Committee will meet in 2015 to determine Award winners. Please send suggestions for Outstanding Service Award and Community Service Award to Marg by Feb. 15.

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden

No applications received at this time. We expect submissions at a later date.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke – N/R

Communications Committee

a) Newsletter – John McLaughlin – N/R

b) Website – Ann Cotter –

Website has been updated. Please let me know if there are any corrections or suggestions.

An e-communication was sent out Jan. 7 with a 53% open rate.

c) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason – N/R

Glenna Hemphill

I attended one funeral, sent 13 Birthday cards and delivered 34 Christmas bags.

Val Luscott

Christmas gifts were purchased, packed up in gift bags and then delivered.

I called Shirley Plant, one of the volunteers who pay visits to some of our members. We discussed visiting Dorothy

Brush. Dorothy celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan 6th. We went to the Royal Oak Long Term care home in Kingsville.

I had purchased a bouquet for Dorothy.

I contacted our members who help with the visitations and asked if they required expense sheets. I then mailed ones that were needed.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

-Spent some time with one of our new members answering questions about our Health Plans

-Investigated an issue for one of our members who had some concerns regarding the method of payment for the

Supplemental Travel Insurance - it appears that as this can be quite costly as payments are deducted monthly and if you have applied for it once Johnson will continue to deduct payments for the following year automatically unless you instruct them otherwise.

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill

As of Dec. 31 – Full members: 2119; Associate: 181

Member Services Committee – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

The RPW has been booked for March 28 at Caboto. Plans are proceeding.

Nominating Committee – Gord Miall – N/R

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall – N/R

Political Advocacy – Norm Renaud

Ontario's Auditor General found, after auditing the province's privatized P3 projects, that they cost \$8 Billion more than if the projects had been delivered by the public sector. These P3 projects include Ontario's hospitals. The majority of these costs (\$6.5 Billion ) come from higher financing costs alone. To put it in context, if the \$8 Billion in higher costs were spent on actual public health care services rather than multinational for-profit financial companies Ontarians would have:

a) 8200 more nurses, b) 27 more entire community hospitals, or c) 20,000 more hospital beds operating year-round.

In December the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act was passed. This legislation will 1)

expand the Ontario Ombudsman's role to include municipalities, school boards and publicly-funded universities, 2)

require cabinet ministers, parliamentary assistants and opposition leaders to post their expenses online, 3) require the

Speaker to post online MPP expense information for out-of-town travel, hotel, meals and hospitality related to that travel, 4)

allow the government to appoint a Patient Ombudsman to respond to complaints about public hospitals, long-term care

homes, and community care access centres.

To improve public transportation the Ontario government is planning two new initiatives. The new Union Pearson

Express will provide fast, reliable service between Union Station and Pearson Airport. Train service is on track to start

next spring. The second initiative is to build a high-speed train between Windsor and Toronto. An environmental

assessment marks the beginning of this endeavour.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk

The Caboto Club has been booked for our AGM and Luncheon on April 28. There will be a buffet, no entertainment, and

a silent auction. A couple of slab cakes will be made/purchased for dessert. Cost of buffet will be \$18.95 + HST + 10% Gratuity. Toni will meet with Caboto staff and sign agreement. There is no room or linen charge.

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden  
Next meeting is this Wednesday.

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

We have 45 tickets for the Sound of Music on June 26<sup>th</sup>. It has not yet been advertised and I have already had calls for 6 of them.

I received a letter from Great Canadian Tours Director of Sales - Jill deMunick, letting me know that they have a new rep for Southwestern Ontario - Teresa Lirette

I will be meeting with our Travel Agent (TICO Rep.) to pursue the possibility of short length trips that might be of interest to our members. Your suggestions are welcome!!!

Breakfast Club

Our numbers remain good even for the winter - we had 16 people out at our January breakfast at Deb's Diner on Ottawa Street. Deb - the owner - has quite the sense of humour so everyone was well entertained. In spite of our good numbers I am always looking for ways to get more people out.

Our next breakfast is February 12<sup>th</sup> and we are at Maria's in Amherstburg.

#### 9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Committee – George Merrett – N/R

Ad Hoc Succession Committee Rep – Jim Sparrow

Short List will be given to committee members Jan. 19. Interviews will be held in February.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

Executive members are asked to come to the March meeting with ideas for possible charity designation this year.

#### 11. Important Dates to Remember

March 9, 2015 – Executive Meeting

March 16, 2015 – deadline for submissions for April Newsletter

March 28, 2015 – retirement Planning Workshop

April 7, 2015 – Address and mail April Newsletter

April 28, 2015 – Annual General Meeting and Spring Luncheon

#### Breakfast Club

February 12, 2015 – Maria's, Amherstburg

March 12, 2015

April 9, 2015

May 14, 2015

#### Deadlines

##### PSTO

To Executive - March 8, 2015

Presentation to Executive - May 25, 2015

Submission to Provincial - Monday, June 22, 2015

##### PSTO Scholarships

To Provincial - Thursday, February 12, 2015

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Marg Clarke at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7