

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ESSEX TRAIN STATION, ESSEX, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014 AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Judy Bowden, Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Norm Renaud, Adrienne Fasullo, Margaret Clarke, Glenna Hemphill, Val Luscott, Mary Mason, Gord Miall, Ann Cotter

1. President Judy Bowden called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. The Statement of Purpose was read aloud by Executive Member Ann Cotter..

2. **Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Glenna Hemphill; seconded by Norm Renaud. Carried**

3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the October 6, 2014 Executive Meeting - moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Adrienne Fasullo. Carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) District 7 Mileage Policy and Procedures was distributed in its updated format for filing in our binders.

b) PSTO possible applications

Gord outlined communications he has had with two local therapeutic riding associations and will visit representatives of both in January once their PSTO Applications have been completed. Jim will forward a PSTO Application Form to Alba Elliott (robe-makers for Cancer patients group) and invite an application for PSTO and a District 7 Grant.

c) Jim updated the Executive on the Grief Pamphlet project, indicating that additional Districts had expressed an interest in participating. Several legal and financial issues are currently being addressed.

d) The December Executive meeting will be held December 8 at Lilly Kazilly's beginning at 9:30, followed by lunch. Leo will present the 2015 Budget for approval.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Judy Bowden

Provincial President June Szeman has accepted our invitation to attend our Fall Luncheon.

Provincial communications were distributed by Judy via email.

Judy had numerous communications with other Districts concerning the Provincial Travel Guidelines, and motions for presentation to Senate from District 7, 38, and 20.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Leo Couture

Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet. **Motion – That the Treasurer's Report be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Judy Bowden. Carried.**

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President– Judy Bowden

I sent 16 pages off for the Newsletter. Unfortunately I missed some typos - my apologies - I am really trying to work on my proofreading skills.

On my way to Port Simcoe I stopped in at the Goodwill Social. Many thanks to Glenna, Mary and Val for all their hard work in preparing and hosting this event.

I prepared and sent out invitations to our Fall Luncheon:

-June Szeman

-Ken Attridge and Gord Miall our Lenore Graham Award Winners

-Will do Presidents of our local Affiliates this week

I attended Pre-Senate in Port Dover. It was not our usual journey through the Senate package but more of a discussion of the pertinent issues that would be coming up at Senate.

I attended the Newsletter Mailing - many thanks to Toni, Gord, Bill, Leo, George and John for a job well done.

I attended Senate and prepared the Senate Report.

Past President – Gord Miall

Gord is aware of a member who is interested in being the District 7 Photographer and will follow up.

President-Elect – Jim Sparrow

- attended Pre-Senate in Port Dover
- attended Senate. An interesting three days. Judy has/will be reporting on this
- assisting Judy with follow-up on Grief pamphlet. Judy hopes to send a copy to all Districts, seeking more Districts to come on board. District 4 has indicated interest, through their President, Dave Hodge.
- submitted budget request for Grants (\$ 1500). Coordinated budget requests from Communication Committees, as Coordinator
- following up on Motions passed at Senate by examining motions that District 7 could submit next year that would benefit us (in conjunction with Judy and George) . In particular, our one motion that passed- " That Article 16- Expenses... be amended by the addition of a new section 16.03 to read ' Guidelines For Travel on RTO/ERO Business may be amended by the Senate at an Annual Senate Meeting' "

Vice-President – Marg Clarke

- attended pre-Senate meeting in Port Dover
- attended Senate

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride N/R

Awards Committee – Marg Clarke – N/R

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden

I received a phone call from a member inquiring about a Bursary for their granddaughter. However, she does not attend the University of Windsor in the Bachelor of Education Programme. I referred them to the RTO/ERO Scholarship Programme where, based on meeting eligibility criteria, up to 25 individual scholarships of \$1000.00 are awarded for students in their final year of Post-Secondary Studies. I also referred them to the Provincial and District Websites.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke

A new part-time fund-raiser has been hired.

The deadline for member applications to be on the Foundation Board was extended to Oct. 31.

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.

There is some confusion over the website address. This is understandable given that the web address was changed a couple of years ago. I have created a business card with addresses. Please let me know any suggestions. I can print more if there is interest.

There is letterhead with the correct email address available for download on the Resources page of the website. If you would like for me to email you a copy of the letter, just let me know.

The webmaster laptop was purchased in 2009 and has worked well for the most part. I have had it tuned up on a yearly basis at a cost of around \$100. Direction from the executive was to proceed with a tune up for the laptop.

An e-newsletter went out on Mon. Oct 27, 2014. The open rate was 45%.

The next e-newsletter will go in the next few days. It will be a reminder to attend the Thurs. Nov. 13 District 7 Breakfast and to register for the Thurs. Nov. 20 Fall Luncheon.

Thank-you to Adrienne Fasullo for taking pictures at the Fun and Fellowship Event and to Bill Bowden at the October Breakfast and the Fall Senate. It is great to have these photos. They have been posted on Flickr and also appear on the home page of the website.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Ann would remove the letterhead from our website and Judy would forward it to Executive Members only.

c) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason

Since my last report in September, I've sent out 28 cards – sympathy, congrats, etc.

We planned a social evening at Amica and an afternoon at Essex Train Station. Both were sparsely attended but I think very enjoyable. Door and game prizes at both functions were gift cards for Shoppers and Tim Horton's. I think this was better than the usual prizes.

Gift bags are now being prepared for our Christmas delivery for our shut-ins and over 90 members. We expect to deliver about fifty gift bags.

Our next adventure will be "Christmas Cards – writing and mailing". We plan to have all complete by December 10!

Our year has been busy!

Val Luscott

Visits continue to be made. Christmas gift bags will be purchased and delivered later in the month.

Glenna Hemphill

Since my last report – Made 5 visits to members Talked by phone to 5 members Hosted events at Amica (7 members and their guests) and The Essex Train Station (10 members.) Thanks to Judy for bringing greetings from the Executive

Cards Sent – Birthday – 54 Thanksgiving – 81 Halloween – 91

Have updated the mailing list for 2015. There are 113 people on that list as of Nov 1.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

I received an email regarding HSIC meeting Highlights of September 29/October 1st, 2014. Any changes in our plan will be sent to members by the end of November. Also I received two questions regarding outside of Ontario coverage and proof of residency.

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill – N/R

Member Services Committee – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger Leblanc – N/R

Nominating Committee – Gord Miall

Gord has received a self-nomination for a position on the executive for next year.

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall

Inflation adjustment will be 1.7% in January.

Political Advocacy – Norm Renaud

At the last Erie St. Clair LHIN's meeting the following were reported:

- 1) When the new Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins visited Windsor in July he announced the expansion of the angioplasty program at Windsor Regional Hospital, Ouellette campus. He also announced the opening of the latest long term facility located in the St Clair College area.
- 2) The new website or the ESC LHIN is up and running. It is easier to use.
- 3) The ESC LHIN Chronic Disease Prevention & Management team and the ESC CCAC are developing a new tele-home care program for patients with chronic diseases.
- 4) The ESC LHIN Board of Directors approved \$1.246M (to be paid for over a 2 year period) for the implementation and adoption of an Integrated Decision Support (IDS) system.

The Ontario Health Coalition held their annual Mini-Conference in Toronto on October 18-19, 2014. Some of the topics that were discussed were: "Harper and the Assault on Everything Progressive"; Private Clinics ; Public Private Partnerships (P3s).

In November the OHC is sponsoring a rally at Queen's Park to "STOP" Private Clinics. Along with this rally OHC is sponsoring a series of Community meetings across the province in order for Ontarians to stand up and tell the government to stop the destruction of our community hospitals. These meetings began on October 29th and will go to November 6.

Social Committee – Adrienne Fasullo, Toni Michalczuk

Door prizes have been purchased for the luncheon and the entertainment has been arranged.

The December Executive Meeting has been booked for Lilly Kazilly's beginning at 9:30, lunch at 12:00.

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden

Next meeting is Thursday.

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

I am happy to report that our trip to Great Lakes Crossing is completely sold out. On November 25th, I will be accompanying 53 ladies on their fabulous shopping trip. I have projected trips for next year with an attempt at two trips to Stratford - one in May/ June and the second in September/October. Also there will be another Detroit River Cruise in the Summer, our annual Great Lakes Crossing shopping trip and a possible Casino trip in the Fall.

All our out of town trips will be in accordance with TICO regulations through an agreement I am completing with Travel Excellence. There could be a cost involved for this service and if so it will be covered partially by price and partially through budget. We anticipate the cost will not be a burden on either our members or our organization. Our trips are a social event for our members and we should make every effort to continue them.

The Breakfast Club thrives. Last month was a very pleasant surprise with numerous new attendees. It was good to see President-Elect Jim and other Executive Members in attendance. Thank you so much for your continued support. This month, on Thursday, November 13th, we are in Essex at the Main Street Diner. Hope to see you there!

9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Chair, Project Service To Others – Norm Renaud

The Executive thanked Norm for his many years of service on the Provincial PSTO Committee.

Communication Committee – Ann Cotter

Ann expressed her thanks for the opportunity to represent District 7 on this Provincial Committee.

The Executive thanked Ann for her valuable service representing District 7.

Constitution Committee – George Merrett

The Constitution Committee assisted the recent Senate as the Speakers and Resolutions Committee. This Senate was particularly convoluted and required considerable preparation.

As always the Committee will be reviewing Senate and the member evaluations and making recommendations to the Provincial Executive.

Ad Hoc Succession Committee Rep – Jim Sparrow

The names of applicants will be forwarded to Committee Members on February 4. Interviews will be held during the month of February.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Marg Clarke indicated that the ETFO Retirement Workshop will be held for two hours after school on March 24. The Executive confirmed that District 7 will hold their RPW on Saturday, March 28.

b) Senate Report – Judy Bowden

Judy highlighted a detailed report of the happenings of Senate. A complete copy of her report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes, has been forwarded via e-mail to each Executive Member and will be posted on the District 7 website.

c) Embracing Challenges Through Life Workshop

Motion – That registration fees be provided for up to two District 7 Executive Members (\$55 each) so that they may attend this workshop in Windsor on November 18 – moved by Gord Miall; seconded by Val Luscott. Carried.

Jim Sparrow and Judy Bowden will attend.

11. Important Dates to Remember

November 20 – Fall Luncheon, Fogolar Furlan

December 8 – Executive Meeting (Budget), Lilly Kazilly's

Breakfast Club -November 13, 2014, Main Street Diner, Essex

- December 11, 2014

Adventures - Great Lakes Crossing & Etc. - November 25, 2014

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

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7

