

Minutes for Zone F Conference 2016
Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
Fanshawe College, St. Thomas
February 28, 2016

1. Call to Order by Deputy Governors Terry Baldwin & Matt Sharpe at 10:12 am.
2. O Canada led by Darryl Van Moorsel, Dorchester Kinsmen and Past Deputy Governor.
3. Kin Song led by Andrew Else, St. Thomas Kinsmen.
4. Moment of Silence for departed.
5. Introductions of Head Table, Guests, Life Members, Past Officers and New Kin:
Head Table– DG Matt Sharpe, DG Terry Baldwin, Secretary Elise Stark. Yvette Lock is recording
Secretary for the Kinette Club of Elgin St. Thomas
District One BTF – Terri Iredale, Communications Director
District One BTF Part 2 – Bill Harris, District Vice Governor
Vice Governor Candidates - Debbie Ruffley and Tanya Bettridge
District One BTF – Wendy Rolfe, CF/Service Director
Eight Life members stood and were recognized
All past Zone and District officers stood and were recognized
Three First year Kin stood and were recognized
A Welcome Greeting from Executive Director, Grant Ferron was read by DG Matt
6. Toast to the Association and Response –
Don Cousins, Tillsonburg Kinsmen gave the Toast to the Association – “Canada donated 50 million quarts of milk”
Russ Jackman, St. Thomas Kinsmen gave the response “Those who do not remember the past are condemned”
7. DG Matt and Terry officially welcomed everyone to Zone Conference 2016
House Keeping Rules were explained:
All motions and Seconds have to be Accredited Delegates only. There will only be 3 speakers for and 3 speakers against. Jokes will be called for randomly throughout the agenda for Joke-Off. Cell phones need to be off. Please show respect for the Speakers and Speakers try to keep time within 10 minutes. Jennifer Barned is our official time keeper.
8. DG Matt shared the Address to the Chair –
DGs Terry & Matt, Guests & Fellow Kin – I Solemnly Swear I’m Up To No Good!
9. Host Club Comments – Chair, Karen Coutts welcomed everyone, 58 members to Hogwarts. She dressed Matt as Harry Potter and Terry as Hermione turned into a cat. Karen shared the drinks of the day, pumpkin juice and poly juice potion. Karen explained the Penny Table Auction etc.
10. Karen Coutts appointed Carol Van Rooy as Sgt. of Arms as a Dementor. To recover from the Dementor one must pay a fine and take a chocolate.
11. Fines Master – Terry and Matt – keeper of the gavel and gong.

President Dave Martin of the Tillsonburg Kinsmen required a wizard spell to turn his fork back into their club gavel that went missing from a club meeting. Tillsonburg's fork was transfigured back to a gavel, which was then stolen by a powerful Wizard with the London Kinsmen shortly thereafter and will be held as ransom for an interclub visit from Tillsonburg to London."

12. Motion to open the fines session was moved by Shawn Holroyd of the St Thomas Kinsmen. Seconded by Darryl Van Moorsel of the Dorchester Kinsmen.

Carried

13. DG Terry appointed Darrell Cooper as the Rules of Order Chair.
14. DG Terry appointed the St Thomas Kinettes as the Scrutineers.
15. Roll Call by club –

Club	President	Members
Aylmer Kinsmen	Brett Houston	Pres + 0
Delhi Kinsmen	Les Berta	0
Tillsonburg Kinettes	Judie Rice	1 + 1
Dorchester Kinsmen	Terry Day	1+2
London Kinsmen	Russ Howe	1+2
London Kinettes	Carol Cooper	1+7
Port Dover Kinsmen	Dave Johnson	0
Simcoe Kinsmen	Don Hoover	0 + 2
Simcoe Kinettes	Debbie Myerscough	0+3
St. Thomas Kinsmen	Shawn Holroyd- HENK	0 +6
St. Thomas Kinettes	Jodi McLaughlin-Rossiter	1+7
Tillsonburg Kinsmen	Dave Martin	1+11

16. DG Terry and Matt asked the Presidents if there was anything further to add to their reports as printed in the brochure. Each reported there were no more additions.
17. Jokes will be called throughout the agenda. Elise Stark recorded names, club and joke title for Joke Off vote.
18. Credentials report presented by Elise Stark
 - 47 members signed in at credentials
 - 8 Accredited Delegates
 - Straw vote 58
 - Show of hands vote: 50% majority is 5 votes, 2/3 majority is 6 votes
 - Poll or Ballot vote: 50% majority is 68 votes, 2/3 majority is 88 votes
19. Minutes of Zone Conference 2015 and 2014-2015 Financials
 - Terry asked for errors or omissions, Motion to approve as printed or as amended

Moved by Russ Howe, Kinsmen Club of Greater London,

Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen

Carried

20. London Kinettes gave a presentation to bid for Zone Conference 2017

21. Matt made the First call for nominations

a. Nominations for Kinsmen Deputy Governor – 1st call- no one

b. Nominations for Kinette Deputy Governor – 1st call- no one

c. Nominations to Host Zone Conference 2017 – 1st call - Kinette Club of London placed a bid

22. Zone Reports

DG's Report given by Matt and Terry

As the saying goes, time flies when having fun and Terry and I are here to say that it's been fun and busy in our Zone the last few months! We'd like to share some highlights of the past few months and where we'd like to continue for the rest of the Kin year.

The Zone F Club Executive Seminar was held on Oct. 8 hosted by the Delhi Kinsmen at their Clubhouse and was enjoyed by Kinsmen and Kinettes from London, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Simcoe, Aylmer and St. Thomas. Our District 1 Cystic Fibrosis/Service Director, Wendy Rolfe and District 1 Webmaster, Russ Jackman, provided very informative presentations. Wendy had everyone participate in the "breathing through the straw" exercise to demonstrate the feeling of limited breathing similar to those who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis, a very powerful demonstration. Additional facts and information about CF and how to get more involved with CF and service projects was also presented. Russ explained how clubs can access our District 1 website and post our club information, creating websites and using various social media for promotions and membership building etc., an excellent sharing platform and useful tools.

We also introduced an education component to the evening with Executive Position Breakout Sessions offering more education to the members. Education Director, Karen Coutts offered her expertise and presented the comment cards that were collected to welcome feedback. The comment cards were reviewed and we realized that there is an ongoing need for various education within the clubs, which we hope to continue to offer clubs with specific needs and requests.

Another idea that was introduced at the CES was the Zone Event Tracking Calendar for all the clubs in Zone F. Secretary, Elise Stark has been contacting the clubs at the beginning of each month to find out what is happening for club projects and events. We've been sharing the calendar through email, the District 1 website and the District 1 and Zone F Facebook page. It's been a great success with clubs participating and sharing their events. We encourage all clubs to make note of the dates and consider attending and helping each other or visiting as an interclub event. Overall, we felt the evening went very well and was pleased with the turnout and support and the beginnings of where to focus for the future.

Since the CES, we continued with club visits, projects and the big event for Zone F was FLC in St. Thomas, hosted by the St. Thomas Kinsmen in November, a successful conference and great time for all.

December was busy for all clubs, it was great to see the many Christmas events, parades, Santa visits, Christmas parties and community giving projects, we were impressed to see so many of you serving the Community's Greatest Needs.

On Jan. 14, DG Matt and I hosted our President's Round Table, attended very well with only 2 clubs not represented. We shared and discussed lots of information over dinner and learned a little more about each other, it was an enjoyable evening.

Another big and important event that has kept me very busy the past 9 months, is the annual Cystic Fibrosis Panama trip for 34 enthusiastic travelers. We just returned on Feb. 13 and it proved to be an amazing good time. Talks are in the works of where we are going next year, so stay tuned for details to come and get on board to support our National Project, Cystic Fibrosis and have a fun experience with your fellow Kin.

Where do we go from here? In keeping with our monthly Zone calendar, please take the time to recognize what other clubs are planning and really try to offer some help or visit to show your support. As your DG's we emphasize to please invite us to your events and let us know how we can help. We want to encourage more interaction between the clubs.

A very important event we hope to see many of you attend, is the upcoming Spring Convention in Ft. Erie. It's very exciting to see an election for the next Vice Governor Team for 2016-17. Members talk of change, issues around membership, costs and dues to clubs, governing bodies, etc. well now is the time to get involved and learn what each team's campaign platforms are about, ask questions, voice your concerns and speak up. Please show your support, have your club's voice heard and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE. It's your right and privilege as a member so exercise your rights. Please have your Accredited Delegate forms in, make sure you express how you want your specific votes delegated. Register and attend in person, it sounds like it's going to be a very fun time. Let's try to have a good showing from Zone F. Thank you and enjoy the conference!

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Barned reported the Zone Financial Report as printed in the brochure for the current year. No comments or questions.

24. LUNCH - Kin Grace led by Bill Harris, Vice Governor

25. Speak Off – Karen Coutts, Kinette Club of Elgin – St. Thomas

26. Joke Off - Carol Van Rooy, Kinette Club of Elgin St. Thomas

27. Speak Off - Bea Crowley, Kinette Club of London

28. Matt called for Second Call for nominations:

a) 2nd Call for Kinsmen DG:

Darryl Van Moorsel of the Dorchester Kinsmen nominated Dave Crowley of the Kinsmen Club of Greater London. Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St Thomas Kinsmen.

Dale Cheney nominated Dave Martin, Tillsonburg Kinsmen. Seconded by Don Cousins, Tillsonburg Kinsmen

b) 2nd call for Kinette DG:

Carol Cooper of the Kinette Club of London nominated Bea Crowley of the Kinette Club of London.

Seconded by Darryl Van Moorsel of the Dorchester Kinsmen

29. London Kinette – Joke Off

30. BTTF District One Report - presented by Terri Iredale, Communications Director. Terri reported that there are changes to the old proxy format. There is a new Accredited Delegate format for Spring Convention. All delegates need to be well versed. Only an Accredited Delegate can make a motion. She encouraged everyone read the resolutions prior to convention. There is a District webpage, Facebook page and a Twitter account. Forward all club events to Webmaster Russ Jackman, St. Thomas Kinsmen. There has been a loss of 7 clubs this year. There are resources available to help clubs with membership. Wendy Rolf CF Service Director spoke of the monies raised for Cystic Fibrosis. Helen Meinsinger will be a guest speaker at Spring Convention about her family's journey with Cystic Fibrosis.

The Carstar Cystic Fibrosis Walk will be on May 29, 2016.

There is still time to donate to the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund of the 49th Parallel Fund.

31. BTF Part 2 Vice Team Report & Resolutions- presented by Bill Harris, Cayuga Kinsmen, District Vice Governor. Bill Harris shared the incoming team: Govenors Bill Harris, Cayuga Kinsmen and Monika McKean, Collingwood Kinettes; Secretary Terri Iredale, St. Mary's Kinettes; Treasurer Barb McArthur, Collingwood Kinettes; CF Directors Katie McKean, Collingwood Kinettes and Dustyn Pumfrey, Dresden Kinsmen; Risk Management Curtis Thoms; Membership Director Karen Coutts, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas; Webmaster Russ Jackman, St Thomas Kinsmen; New Role as Personal Development Terry Iredale, St. Mary's Kinettes.

Vice Governor, Bill Harris read the proposed 13 District Resolutions to be finalized and voted at District Convention. Lengthy discussions arose regarding resolutions. Russ Jackman and Brad Bedford, both of the St. Thomas Kinsmen will form a committee regarding the resolutions to report to Vice Governors, Bill Harris and Monika McKean.

32. VG Team Campaign: Matt Called up both proposed VG's for a Wizarding Duo - Rock, Paper, Scissors to see who speaks first? We heard presentations by the following candidates.

“Building on the Basics” Vice Gov. Candidate for Presentation – Debbie Ruffley

“Kinnect * Invest * Build” Vice Gov. Candidate for Presentation - Tanya Bettridge

33. Mention of National Vice President Candidate - Terri MacCannell – Flyer in Brochure

34. Awards presentations:

DG Matt awarded the Eric Glover Memorial Fellowship Award t o Darryl Van Moorsel, Kinsmen Club of Dorchester and Area

DG Terry awarded Kinette Jr. Bulletin Award to Carol Van Rooy, Kinette Club of Elgin - St. Thomas

Rookie of the Year: Kinsmen: Brad Martin, Kinsmen Club of Tillsonburg

Kinette: Bonita Stevens-Vere, Kinette Club of London

Kin of the Year:

Kinsmen: Walter Wisotzki – Kinsmen Club of Dorchester (accepted by Terry Day on Walter's behalf)

Kinette: Karen Coutts – Kinette Club of Elgin – St. Thomas

35. DG Matt called for Third Call for Nominations

a) 3rd and Final Call for Kinsmen DG - No new nominations

b) 3rd and Final call for Kinette DG - Jennifer Barsed, Kinette Club Elgin - St. Thomas nominated Terry Baldwin, Kinette Club Elgin - St. Thomas, Seconded by Jodi McLaughlin, Kinette Club Elgin - St. Thomas

c) 3rd and Final Call for Zone Conference 2017 bid- no new bids

36. Elections

DG Matt asked for a Motion to close nominations for Kinsmen DG:

Moved by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen

Seconded by Russ Howe, Kinsmen of Greater London

DG Terry asked for a Motion to close nominations for Kinette DG

Moved by Carol Cooper, London Kinettes

Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St Thomas Kinsmen

DG Matt asked for a Motion to close bids for Zone Conference 2017

Moved by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen

Seconded by Darryl Van Moorsel, Dorchester Kinsmen

DG Matt asked DG nominees if they will let their name stand:

Dave Martin, Tillsonburg Kinsmen declined

Dave Crowley, Kinsmen Club of Greater London let his name stand.

Terry Baldwin, Kinette Club Elgin – St. Thomas let her name stand.

Bea Crowley, London Kinettes let her name stand

Secretary Elise Stark to cast one vote for Dave Crowley, Kinsmen Club of Greater London

Carol Cooper spoke on behalf of Bea Crowley

Jennifer Barsed spoke on behalf of Terry Baldwin

Russ Howe spoke on behalf of Dave Crowley

Elise Stark cast 1 vote for Zone F 2017 host club, London Kinettes

Scrutineers distributed ballots for Kinette Deputy Governor and collected to count. No one leaves/enters the room while votes are being counted. Scrutineers presented winners' names to DG Matt and Terry in writing.

Joke-Off Voting: Elise Stark asked all candidates to stand as their name was read.

Joke Off Candidates:

Kinsmen:

Russ Howe, Kinsmen of Greater London - Motorcycle/dirtbag

Brad Bedford, St. Thomas Kinsmen - Heaven

Russell Baldwin, St Thomas Kinsmen - Snake /Bengal Tiger

Kinettes:

Liz Russell, Simcoe Kinettes - Parrot

Debbie Ruffley, Kinette Club of Fort Erie - Student Archibald

Cindy Olly, Kinette Club of London - Meowtain

Cindy Olly, Kinette Club of London - You know joke

Carol Van Rooy, Kinette Club Elgin – St. Thomas, - Speciman bottle

Scrutineers collected Joke Off ballots to count. No one leaves/enters the room while votes are being counted. Scrutineers presented winners' names to Matt and Terry in writing. Winners move on to Spring Convention.

Judges provided scoring criteria to advise winner of Speak Off who moves on to Spring Convention.

37. While waiting for voting results - Call to Spring Convention "Legends of 80's TV"

Registration forms are in the brochure, online and have been emailed to the clubs.

Accredited Delegate Forms are on the tables, emphasized due date of April 26th

38. Break – 15 min.

39. Award Winners Announced –

Joke Off and Speak Off – DG's Presented Certificates

Terry awarded the Kinette Joke Off to Carol Van Rooy, Kinette Club of Elgin - St. Thomas

Matt awarded the Kinsmen Joke Off to Russ Howe, Kinsmen Club of Greater London

Terry awarded the Kinette Speak Off to Karen Coutts, Kinette Club of Elgin - St. Thomas

Zone Conference Host Club 2017 will be the London Kinettes with the baseball theme

Deputy Governor for the Kinsmen will be Dave Crowley, Kinsmen Club of Greater London

Deputy Governor for the Kinettes will be Bea Crowley, Kinette Club of London

40. Matt asked for a Motion to destroy all ballots

Moved by Shawn Holroyd, St Thomas Kinsmen

Seconded by Russ Howe, Kinsmen club of Greater London

Carried

41. Old Business

Zone F Fun Day – Dave Martin, Tillsonburg Kinsmen offered to host in April or May.

Russ Howe, Kinsmen Club of Greater London suggested we build upon interclubs and more fun days.

Dave Crowley, Kinsmen Club of Greater London suggested participation in the Shunpikers Mystery Drive.

42. New Business

Zone Resolutions and House Rules

Resolution #1: Motion to accept by Shawn Holroyd, St Thomas Kinsmen

Seconded by Jodi McLaughlin, St Thomas Kinettes

Carried

Resolution #2: Motion to accept by Russ Howe, Kinsmen club of Greater London

Seconded by Walt Butler, Kinsmen club of Simcoe

Carried

Resolution # 3: Motion to accept made by Carol Cooper, Kinette club of London

Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St Thomas Kinsmen

Carried

43. Terry asked for any last fines? Motion to close the fine session.

Moved by Jodi McLaughlin, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas

Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen

Carried

44. National KINvention 2016 in Edmonton, Alberta – see flyer in brochure and online to register.

45. Sgt. of Arms Report – Carol Van Rooy reported a total of \$63.70 to be donated to Hal Rogers Endowment Fund.

46. Final Remarks and Thank You's

Karen Coutts, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas performed draws for the Penny Auction

Carol Cooper, Kinette Club of London, Host Club for 2017 Zone F Conference

Kinette Deputy Governor Elect - Bea Crowley, Kinette Club of London

Kinsmen Deputy Governor Elect- Dave Crowley, Kinsmen Club of Greater London

DG Terry thanked the Host Club, Kinette Club of Elgin- St. Thomas and the Conference Chair, Karen Coutts and Committee Carol Van Rooy, Yvette Lock and Brittany Sharpe for an amazing job on the conference (presented gifts).

DG Terry thanked Russell Baldwin, St. Thomas Kinsmen, for his awesome bartending services.

Thank you to the Fanshawe Students for catering and to Fanshawe College for use of the facility.

In closing, DG Matt and Terry gave a big thank you to the members and special guests for joining us today. We look forward to our upcoming club visitations and don't forget to invite us to your events. Safe travels home.

47. Announcements for the Good of Kin

- Russell Baldwin's Birthday – Terry presented a cupcake and everyone sang Happy Birthday
- DG Terry Baldwin mentioned Rheo Thompson Mint Chocolate Smoothies for sale for \$2.00 to support Cystic Fibrosis
- Debbie Ruffley shared that the Grimsby Kinsmen will be having their 50th Anniversary on April 30, 2016.
- Darrell Cooper, Kinsmen club of Greater London was in possession of Tillsonburg Kinsmen's gavel. Darrell offered 3 options:
 1. Tillsonburg Kinsmen may like to visit London' Kinsmen Sugar Bush
 2. They could auction the gavel off
 3. They could bump up the fine pot to \$100.00
- Dave Martin responded to Darrell saying he may hold onto the gavel as they accept a visit to the London Sugar Bush to encourage interclub visits.
- Russ Howe recognized the London Kinsmen Sugar Bush was voted one on London Free Press Best Kept Secret.
- Challenged to give Blood at the March 2nd Blood Donor Clinic
- Karen Coutts thanked the members and guests outside of Zone F for the presentations and thanked the judges – gifts presented.

48. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 4:10 pm

Moved by Liz Russell, Kinette Club of Simcoe

Seconded by Dave Martin, Tillsonburg Kinsmen

Carried