

Zone F Conference 2015 - Minutes

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Hosted by the Aylmer Kinsmen

1. Call to Order – Deputy Governors Darryl VanMoorsel & Karen Coutts
2. O Canada – Led by Delhi Kinsmen President Les Berta
3. Kin Song – St. Thomas Kinette Jennifer Barned-Svensson
4. Moment of Silence for departed
5. Introductions of Head Table, Guests, Life Members, Past Officers and New Kin
 - Zone team: Darryl Van Moorsel & Karen Coutts, Zone F DGs, Beatrice Crowley Secretary, Jennifer Barned-Svensson Treasurer, David Crowley, Cystic Fibrosis/Service Director
 - Special guests: Governor Marty Makins, National Director Colleen Wake, Vice-Governor Curtis Thoms, VG candidate Bill Harris
 - Life Members, past Zone and District Officers, and first-timers were all asked to stand and be recognized
6. Toast to the Association by VG Curtis Thoms, and Response to the Toast by Governor Marty Makins
7. Welcome to Zone – DGs Karen & Darryl
 - Jokes will be called for randomly throughout the agenda – make sure we record name, club & joke title for elections at end
 - Cell phones off or on vibrate
 - Please show respect for the speakers
8. Host Club Comments – Bill Warner, Aylmer Kinsmen President
9. Appoint Sgt. of Arms – Aylmer Kinsmen Brett Hueston & Andy Beck
10. Motion to open the fines session
 - Moved by Colleen Wake, London Kinettes
 - Seconded by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Carried
11. Address to the Chair – DGs Karen & Dutch, Guests & Fellow Kin – four more months!

12. Rules of Order Chair – Life Member Carol Cooper, London Kinettes

13. Roll Call by club

Club	President	Members present
Aylmer Kinsmen	Bill Warner	Pres + 5
Delhi Kinsmen	Les Berta	Pres. + 0
Delhi Kinettes	Carmen Wedemeyer	0
Dorchester Kinsmen	Bill Breklemans	1
London Kinsmen	Dave Crowley	Pres. + 2
London Kinettes	Bea Crowley	Pres. + 8
Port Dover Kinsmen	Fraser Pringle	0
Simcoe Kinsmen	Daniel Butler	0
Simcoe Kinettes	Jennifer Butler	0
St. Thomas Kinsmen	Matt Sharpe	Pres. + 4
St. Thomas Kinettes	Jodi McLaughlin-Rossiter	Pres. +8
Tillsonburg Kinsmen	Cedric Tomico	3
Tillsonburg Kinettes	Carrie Smith	VP + 1

14. Presidents Reports – verbal

15. Credentials report presented by DG Karen

- 32 members signed in at credentials
- 10 Accredited Delegates
- Straw vote “everyone”
- Show of hands vote: 50% majority is 6 votes, 2/3 majority is 7 votes
- Poll or Ballot vote: 164 votes represented, 50% majority is 83 votes, 2/3 majority is 110 votes

16. Minutes of Zone Conference 2014 – motion to accept as printed

- Moved by Jennifer Barned-Svensson, St. Thomas Kinettes
- Seconded by Cheryl Brydges, London Kinettes
- Carried

17. Business arising from the minutes- Past DG Andrew Else I.O.U of \$15.00 to be put into this year's fine pot.

18. First call for nominations

- Nominations for Kinette Deputy Governor – 1st call
 - Nomination form on file for Terry Baldwin, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas
- Nominations for Kinsmen Deputy Governor – 1st call-Matt Sharpe St. Thomas Kinsmen, nominated by Shawn Holroyd, seconded by Andrew Else
- Nominations to Host Zone Conference 2016 – 1st call – no nominations

19. Zone Executive Reports

- Treasurer: Jen Barned-Svensson reported that all outstanding dues are paid. Motion that treasurers report be accepted as printed in the brochure:
 - Moved by Drew Else, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Second by Elise Stark London Kinette
 - Carried
- Cystic Fibrosis/Service: Dave Crowley- Dave Crowley London Kinsmen making sure that all Clubs are aware of Cystic Fibrosis Patients at events and if there is more than one in attendance that the Patients are aware so that they can act accordingly. Dave also insisted that the Infectious Control Policy we have must be put up at all events so everyone is aware.

20. National & District News

- Kin Sales
 - Based out of national headquarters again
 - Only source that is officially licenced to sell plaques with Kin crest
 - Source of non-dues revenue for national
 - If there's something you want that isn't on the website, call Carmen at HQ, they can likely get it for you
- HREF
 - Kin Canada bursaries -how many clubs sent in applications, how many clubs send in donations? More donations means more bursaries given

out. \$2500 in donations in a year means your club can send in two applications, one is guaranteed to get a bursary

- Clubs can give out a Hal Rogers Fellow to anyone (Kin or not) deserving of recognition.
- Clubs raising money for large project in their community, such as a splash pad, skateboard park, hiking trail, etc. can partner with Hal Rogers Endowment Fund to give charitable receipts – opportunity to raise more funds from the community.
- Kin mag
 - Everyone should be receiving it – has your membership number on the mailing label, which allows you to login to the national website
 - What do you do with it afterwards? Put a label on with contact information for your club, and leave it in a local waiting room

21. National Report – National Director Colleen Wake

22. DG's Report

- Just eight months ago, we held our club executive seminar in Tillsonburg, and asked for your help in setting zone goals. We also asked you to think about what goals you wanted to set for your clubs. The address to the chair today is “four more months”, which means it's a good time to take stock of how things are going this year, and decide what changes you want to see this Kin year. How close are you to meeting your goals? Have things changed and the goals are no longer relevant?
- There is a common theme that we have seen in most clubs. We can't find new members, meetings are repetitive, we need new events, money is tight. What can be done?
 - ask for help at events. Start prospective members off as a volunteer. That's what 90 percent of people want. Pull them into the club at a later time, but you must keep in contact with them.
 - Change your meeting to a different location, have an executive meeting once a month, and make your general meeting fun only and talk about business in a casual way or only have max. 20 min business talk.
 - New events are the most difficult. If an idea comes to the surface. Make sure you write it down. It maybe not be complete but bring it to your

club. It can be modified at meetings. An idea should never be scrapped in one meeting alone.

- If money is tight, hold onto it. Your club should always have a large buffer. That way when something big comes along you have the money to do it. Any one person should never put up money for the club – as much as possible, payments should go from the club to the vendor. Have a budget and try to stick to it.
- Our visitations are ongoing and you can believe we will be around to visit every one of the clubs in this zone. If there is something you wish us to attend or if you need help with your club please feel free to contact us. We can't read minds and we can only leave it up to one person to tell us. You!
- The presidents of the round table (it was actually rectangular) went very well. All clubs but 3 were present. We had a great discussion and exchange of knowledge. The new voting procedure was reviewed with the 3 one's as a motto. One club, one person, one vote. This makes it easier for people like Dutch to retain.
- Voting Procedures were discussed.
- Spring Convention Accredited Delegate Form must be sent in by April 27.

23. Second Call for nominations

- 2nd Call for Kinette DG – no new nominations
- 2nd call for Kinsmen DG- Andy Beck, Aylmer Kinsmen nominated by Drew Else, St. Thomas Kinsmen, Brad Rockefeller, Tillsonburg Kinsmen
- 2nd Call for Zone Conference 2016 Bids- Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas, London Kinettes

24. Kin Grace – led by Henk van der Linde, St. Thomas Kinsmen

25. Lunch

26. Reconvene at 1 p.m. – thanked the caterers

27. District One Report - presented by Governor Marty Makins

- Governor Marty talked about Membership lost last year. We have lost 195 members for the last three years. Difference between positive and negative overall membership comes down to retention.
- Retention of club members is just as important as getting new members.

- There is a New Club Charter in Wingham.
- CF/Service Directors Dan & Tiffany are working hard with the clubs so that all clubs projects are successful. District One are offering their services to help Clubs.
- District Convention is in May in Sarnia.

28. Vice Team Report - presented by Brad Rockefeller - Thanked all members for running for positions, awards etc. Offered to help to develop all.

29. Vice Candidates for 2016 Presentation – Presented by Bill Harris- Vice Governors Team consisting of Bill Harris & Monica McKean. More information on team can be found in spring issue of Kinship One.

30. National Director candidate (Brenda Dineen)- National Director Colleen Wake spoke on Brenda Dineen's behalf.

31. Awards presentations

- Motion to create point system for zone awards, similar to district
 - Moved by Jodi McLaughlin-Rossiter, St. Thomas Kinettes
 - Seconded by Betty Caughy, London Kinettes
 - Carried
- Bulletin Awards
 - Kinsmen – no submissions
 - Kinette – Melissa Bishop, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas
- Rookie of the Year
 - Kinsmen - Clint McGuffin, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Kinette - Jennifer Barned-Svensson, St. Thomas Kinettes
- Kin of the Year
 - Kinsmen - Russ Howe, London Kinsmen
 - Kinette - Bonita Stevens-Vere & Elise Starke, London Kinettes

32. Third Call for Nominations

- 3rd and Final Call for Kinette DG- no new nominations
- 3rd and final call for Kinsmen DG- no new nominations

- 3rd and Final Call for Zone Conference bid- no new nominations
- First, second and third calls for Zone Perc Dawson Golf Tournament – Aylmer Kinsmen were nominated by Brad Rockefeller

33. Elections

- Motion to close nominations for Kinette DG
 - Moved by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Seconded by Brad Rockefeller, Tillsonburg Kinsmen
 - Carried
- Motion to close nominations for Kinsmen DG
 - Moved by Colleen Wake, London Kinettes
 - Seconded by Russ Jackman, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Carried
- Motion to close bids for Zone Conference 2016
 - Moved by Jennifer Barned-Svensson, St. Thomas Kinettsses
 - Seconded by Cindy Olynick, London Kinettes
 - Carried
- Motion to close nomination for Perc Dawson
 - Moved by Tammy Kyle, Tillsonburg Kinettes
 - Seconded by Andrew Else, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Carried
- Elections
 - Kinette Deputy Governor – Secretary Bea was asked to cast one ballot in the name of Terry Baldwin, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas
 - Kinsmen Deputy Governor – Andy Beck declined the nomination, Secretary Bea was asked to cast one ballot in the name of Matt Sharpe, Kinsmen Club of St. Thomas
 - Perc Dawson Golf Tournament – Secretary Bea was asked to cast one ballot in the name of the Aylmer Kinsmen Club.

- Zone Conference hosts for 2016 – ballot vote was held between the Kinette clubs of London and St. Thomas.
- Joke candidates:
 - Les Berta Delhi Kinsmen
 - Russ Jackman St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Karen Coutts St. Thomas Kinette
 - Shawn Holroyd St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Dave Crowley London Kinsmen
 - Henk vanderLinde St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Darryl Van Moorsel Dorchester Kinsmen
 - Juliusz Smieja London Kinsmen
 - Paul Bode Aylmer Kinsmen
 - Brad Rockefeller Tillsonburg Kinsmen

34. Call to Spring Convention “Bridging the Gap 2015” –

- watched the video off of the district website
- Give out Accredited Delegate Form and emphasized due date of April 27

35. Election Results

- Joke Off (prizes of marketing materials purchased from Kin Sales)
 - Kinettes DG Karen Coutts, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas
 - Kinsmen Juliusz Smieja, Kinsmen Club of Greater London
- Zone Conference 2016 – Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas
- Deputy Governors
 - Kinsmen Matt Sharpe, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Kinette Terry Baldwin, St. Thomas Kinettes

36. Motion to destroy all ballots

- Moved by Melissa Bishop, St. Thomas Kinettes
- Seconded by Les Berta, Delhi Kinsmen
- Carried

37. Old Business

- London Kinsmen President Dave Crowley – still looking for project report for Portraits of Honour. It will be available after Executive Director Ric McDonald's contract has ended (April).
- 49 Parallel Fund (newest undertaking of Hal Rogers Endowment Fund) changed directive from military families only to include First Responders.
- Andy Beck of the Aylmer Kinsmen spoke about a project that he is spearheading nationally, and that is to petition Canada Post to create a Gold Ribbon stamp to honour childhood cancer victims. More information will be coming out to clubs in the near future, and he is asking all clubs to show their support in gathering signatures.

38. New Business

- **Be it moved that** Zone F award the Eric Glover Memorial Fellowship Award to the member under the age of 40 who most clearly exhibits the ideal of fellowship through service. This award will be presented annually at Zone Conferences starting in 2016, and ending in 2022 – the year that Eric would have turned 40. Clubs can nominate one of their members each year, and the Deputy Governor(s) of the day will be responsible for selecting the zone winner.
 - Moved by Shawn Holroyd, St. Thomas Kinsmen
 - Seconded by Brad Rockefeller, Tillsonburg Kinsmen
 - Carried
- The first Eric Glover Memorial Award was presented to Eric, and accepted by his best friend Andrew Else, and St. Thomas Kinsmen President Matt Sharpe.
- Zone F Fun Day – St. Thomas Kinsmen offered to host it again for this year.

39. Motion to close the fine session:

- Moved by Colleen Wake, London Kinettes
- Seconded by Dale Cheney, Tillsonburg Kinsmen
- Carried

40. National Kinvention video

41. Sgt. of Arms Report- \$18.00 even

42. Final Remarks –

- Host Club - Aylmer Kinsmen- President Bill presented Aylmer Kinsmen shirts to National Director Colleen, Governor Marty, and CF/Service director Dave. Costume awards went to DG Dutch and London Kinette Cin Olynick.
- Deputy Governors – Darryl & Karen
- Kinsmen Deputy Governor-Elect Matt Sharpe

43. Announcements for the Good of Kin

- St. Thomas Kinsmen are hosting FLC 2015, and asked if clubs would consider contributing any funds towards the contents of the boodle bags. They will be in touch.
- DG Darryl announced that he is planning on running for District Governor 2017-18 with Tiffany Allan (past Kinette DG of Zone F, and current district CF/Service director).

44. Adjournment – Moved by Drew Else, St. Thomas Kinsmen

Second by Elise Starke, London Kinettes