

# Zone J House Rules



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## Zone Administration

1. (a) All resolutions that are properly placed before a Zone J Conference and are passed by a simple majority of all votes cast shall become by-laws and awards of Zone J, and will be placed in a booklet called Zone J House Rules. This booklet shall be supplementary to any provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws and/or the District One House Rules and shall in no way contradict them.  
  
(b) Any resolutions passed today or in the future will be placed in the Zone J House Rules in a suitable order.
2. (a) The Deputy Governor elect will be voted in at the Annual Zone J Conference, and their duties will begin with club installations in June and the official turnover will be July 1 of that year.  
  
(b) The outgoing Deputy Governor will present to the incoming Deputy Governor's Executive Seminar a complete and updated record of his/her conference by-laws, incorporated with the Zone J House Rules.  
  
(c) The incoming Deputy Governor is responsible for distributing three copies of the updated Zone J House Rules to each of their President's Meeting.
3. The immediate past two years of records and files will be kept for reference purposes for the current Deputy Governor, and all other past records and files will be returned to the respectful past Deputy Governor for their disposal.
4. (a) The outgoing Deputy Governor must submit a detailed written statement of all Zone finances of their executive year to the incoming Deputy Governor by July 31st of that year, including the bank statements and the Treasurer's book. This statement should show as paid the following examples: Zone J Officers' expenses (gas mileage, postage, telephone calls, etc.) Zone J Conference chevrons, Zone Officers Pins, etc.

(b) The outgoing Deputy Governor must give a brief verbal and/or written report summarizing their year's finances to the Zone J Presidents at their first Zone J Presidents Meeting.

5. (a) In the by-laws of Zone J, there will be a Zone Assessment of \$ 6.00 per Kinsmen and Kinette member as rostered that year.

(b) The Zone J Assessment for the coming year will be paid on or before June 30th of each year and the total assessment will be based on each club's membership as of the February 28th National Census Date.

6. The Zone J Treasurer will keep a ledger for the income and expenses of the Zone J Executive members, and the Zone J Treasurer will report regularly to the Zone J Executive. They will issue cheques as supported by a motion passed at a Zone J Executive Meeting. Expenses must be supported by proper receipts.

7. The Zone J Deputy Governor and their executive will host a first Zone J Presidents Meeting in August or September at a facility of their choice and said meeting shall not be held no later than September 15th of their Kin year.

## Midterm and Zone Conference

1. The Zone Conference for Zone J Kinsmen and Kinettes shall be held at a joint meeting place that will accommodate joint and separate meetings with a joint host committee consisting of one Kinsmen and one Kinette club member who shall jointly plan to host the event.
2. The Kinsmen and/or Kinette host clubs of the Midterm Presidents' Meeting and the Zone J Conference will be responsible for including in their respective budgets, the total cost of meals and registration for the current Kinsmen and Kinette Deputy Governors, the District Governor's representative and the Vice Governor's representative.
3. The host club of a Zone J Conference will include in the budget the cost of a keeper trophy (approx. size 3 1/2" x 5") to be presented to the winner of the Zone J Gord Harbinson Speaking Competition (Kinsmen) or the Alma Bruder Speak - Off Award (Kinette).
4. The host club of the Zone J Conference will include in their budget the cost of small plaque(s) (approx. 3 1/2" x 5") purchased from Kin Sales, to be presented to the winner(s) of the Zone J Junior Bulletin Award and/or the Zone J Senior Bulletin Award for the Kinsmen. (The Kinettes only have 1 Bulletin Award).
5. The host club of Zone J Conference will include in their budget the cost of one small plaque (approx. 3-1/2" x 5"), purchased from Kin Sales, to be presented to the winner of the Zone J Joke-Off Award.
6. The host club of Zone J Conference will include in their budget the cost of Judges Gifts for Speak Off and Joke Off.
7. All Zone J Conference Chairmen are responsible for presenting a detailed financial statement of his/her Zone Conference to the Deputy Governor within 60 days after the Conference.
8. (a) The host club shall be responsible for supplying a secretary from their club to record the minutes of Zone Conference.

(b) The minutes shall be supplied to the Deputy Governor within 14 days, following the Zone Conference.

9. The host club of Zone Conference can assess a levy to each club in the zone in advance of Zone Conference that year. The purpose of this levy is to cover overhead costs of hosting zone conference, such as facility rental, decorations, speaker gifts, games & prizes, etc.
  - a) This levy will be no more than \$25 per person.
  - b) The levy will be for a minimum of 2 members, and a maximum of 25% of the club's National roster as per the September 30th census of that Kin year.
  - c) Clubs will receive a detailed invoice from the host club for their levy at least 30 days before zone conference.

The host club may still charge a reasonable registration fee to attendees to cover the cost of meals, etc.

## Club Administration

1. Each Club in Zone J is responsible for covering the cost of the Deputy Governor's meals when on official visits to their clubs and the Deputy Governors shall be seated at the Head Table.
2. Each Zone J club is responsible and liable for the costs of full registration including meals for their committed "Head Count" to the host club of either Midterm or Zone Conference or any Zone J or Club sanctioned events, if cancellation is less than 48 hours prior to their respective event.

# Appendix I - Zone J Club History

## **Kinsmen:**

In 1975, Zone J was formed to basically encompass an area known as Bruce County. Zone J included the existing clubs of Port Elgin, Kincardine, Wiarton, Walkerton, Chesley and Hanover, because of its proximity to Walkerton and Chesley. The Kinsmen Club of Paisley was chartered in 1976 by the Kinsmen Club of Walkerton.

In 1987, the clubs of Teeswater and District and Tara and District were chartered by the clubs from Walkerton and Chesley respectively. In 1990 the Kinsmen Club of Shallow Lake / Hepworth and District joined in the ranks of Zone J, leaving Zone C because of proximity.

It is with great regret that the Kinsmen Club of Kincardine and the Kinsmen Club of Shallow Lake / Hepworth and District disbanded in 1997. In 2002 Tara & District Kinsmen also folded as well as the recently amalgamated Saugeen Kin Club. Wiarton & District did the same in 2003. The Kinsmen clubs of Hanover and Paisley have since folded. There are presently 3 Kinsmen Clubs left in Zone J (Chesley, Teeswater & Walkerton).

## **Kinette:**

The Kinettes have chartered the clubs of Paisley & District, Wiarton & District, Teeswater & District, Tara & District, Walkerton and Chesley. Chesley disbanded in 1985 and rechartered in 1993. Wiarton disbanded in 1993 and Kincardine in 1994. Paisley & District disbanded in 1997. Port Elgin folded in 2001. Hanover and Teeswater Kinette Clubs both disbanded in 2013. The Kinette club of Tara has since folded as well. We now have 2 active Kinette Clubs in Zone J. (Chesley and Walkerton).

## **Kin:**

The Saugeen Shores Kin Club chartered in 2014, but unfortunately wasn't able to sustain membership and folded again in 2019.

## Appendix II – Past Zone Officers

1974-2000

Kinsmen Deputy Governors			Kinette Coordinators	
1974-75	Dennis Taylor	Walkerton		
1976-77	Bev Rankin	Port Elgin		
1977-78	Chuck Shouldice	Chesley		
1978-79	Terry Cormack	Paisley		
1979-80	Herman Jensen	Walkerton		
1980-81	*Brian Cleaver	Paisley	Connie Barker	Port Elgin
1981-82	Doug Myles	Port Elgin	Sharon Thede	Port Elgin
1982-83	Bruce MacLennan	Kincardine	Pat Flett	Paisley
1983-84	Larry Brown	Port Elgin	Laurie Sinclair	Paisley
1984-85	Dave Smith	Chesley	**Gail Malcolm	Kincardine
1985-86	Bob Johnson	Chesley	Jocelyn MacLennan	Kincardine
1986-87	Len Hatt	Walkerton	Marion Hatt	Walkerton
1987-88	Jerry Johnson	Walkerton	Jane Cassidy	Paisley
1988-89	John Gimbel	Paisley	Lori Gimbel	Paisley
1989-90	Peter Kemppaninen	Hanover	Carol Scott	Port Elgin
			Sheron Trelford	Tara
1990-91	Ian Gentles	Port Elgin	Judy Clark	Hanover
1991-92	Rusty Reidt	Hanover	Elizabeth Morris	Tara
1992-93	Paul Sinclair	Paisley	Melinda Stevens	Port Elgin
1993	Peter McElwain	Chesley		
1993-94	Ian Gentles	Port Elgin	Chris Reidt	Hanover
1994-95	Mike Dupuis	Walkerton	Debbie Jefferson	Teeswater
1995-96	Ray Whitfield	Tara	Abby Bolton	Port Elgin
1996-97	Henry Paliga	Chesley	Tracey Knapp	Port Elgin
1997-98	Bob Harron	Tara	Leigh Anne Boese	Hanover
1998-99	Jim Driedger	Chesley	Joanne Paliga	Chesley
1999-2000	Gary McTeer	Paisley	Joanne Paliga	Chesley

\*Governor of District 1 1982-83

\*\*Past National President

## Past Deputy Governors 2000-

	<b>Kinsmen</b>		<b>Kinettes</b>	
2000-01	Gary McTeer	Paisley	Tracy Knapp	Walkerton
2001-02	Brian Mitchell	Chesley	Darlene Gardhouse	Chesley
2002-03	John McPhee	Hanover	Pam Weber	Walkerton
2003-04	Jim Driedger	Chesley	Susan Godin	Chesley
2004-05	Rick Cassidy	Paisley	Susan Godin	Chesley
2005-06	Jamie McCracken	Hanover	Linda Herron	Tara
<b>Joint Deputy Governors</b>				
2006-07			Jane Godin	Chesley
2007-08			Jane Godin	Chesley
2008-09	Barry McTeer	Paisley		
2009-10	Barry McTeer	Paisley		
2010-11	#Barry McTeer	Paisley	*Karen Coutts	Walkerton
	Bill Gardhouse	Chesley		
2011-12	Mark Ballagh, Teeswater & Karen Coutts, Walkerton			
2012-03	Chris Young, Hanover & Cheryl Toohey, Chesley			
2013-14	Mike Walsh, Chesley & Cheryl Toohey, Chesley			
2014-15	Mike Walsh, Chesley & Elaine Johnson, Walkerton			
2015-16	Elaine Johnson, Walkerton			
2016-17	Elaine Johnson, Walkerton			
2017-18	Lisa Wells, Walkerton			
2018-2020	#Henry Paliga, Chesley & Lisa Wells, Walkerton			
2020-21	Lisa Wells, Walkerton			
2021-23	Marty Fitzpatrick, Chesley			
2023-25	Tyler Williams, Chesley			
2025-	Dan Nicholson, Walkerton			

\*Governor of District 1 2018-19 and 2022-23

# Deceased while in office

## Appendix III – Club Listing

<b>Club</b>	<b>Club Number</b>	<b>Club email</b>
Chesley Kinsmen	#A1J0053	chesleykinsmen@gmail.com
Chesley Kinettes	#B1J0053	chesleykinettes@gmail.com
Teeswater & District Kinsmen	#A1J0768	
Walkerton Kinsmen	#A1J0038	walkertonkinsmenclub@gmail.com
Walkerton Kinettes	#B1J0038	walkertonkinettes@gmail.com