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**Ontario Canada Unit**

**Minutes of the Spring General Meeting**

**May 28, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Neil McCallum, President who then introduced the members of the Executive Board. A quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Rick Aubrey, seconded by Jim Henrikson that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Rob Douglas, seconded by John Gough that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 2, 2016, be approved. The motion carried.

**Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: David Peirson presented an interim report including the membership status at 184 voting members and the current financials. He reported our membership dues and rallies as income. Our expenses include WBCCI fees to International of \$65.00 (US = \$84.00 Canadian), directory costs, Trillium costs and future rally deposits. Foreign exchange accounts for a \$3700.00 expense. David indicated that if members pay their membership dues directly to Jackson Centre then the Unit receives more back for Unit dues (i.e. \$25 instead of the \$17 if members pay the Treasurer and he sends the WBCCI portion to Jackson Centre.) Our year end is June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Budget will be presented at the AGM in Simcoe. Don McKelvay suggested investigating an alternate banking institution, it will be brought to the executive.

Executive Committee: Neil McCallum introduced the new Registrars John Gough and John Walton, and the new Auditor Dan Hennaert.

Directory/Publisher: Kathy Blake reported the changes coming. The June 1<sup>st</sup> print version of the Trillium will no longer be a tabloid version but attached by a staple. Driven now by content and not format. There are 52 mailings, 43 current members and 9 past members. By August there will be a “sanitized” Trillium with no addresses, last names, or phone numbers online. The online version of the Blue Beret is also a “sanitized” version, ours’s will follow the same format. The member’s version will still be available online, password protected. The Directory currently includes the Constitution and Bylaws. In 2018 they will be reviewed, in 2019 they will not be in the Directory but printed separately, one copy per membership. It will also be available online.

Webmaster: Tom Cada introduced Beatrice Ten-Thye who is assisting Tom. He updated the membership on the new service provider that is easier to use and the interactive forms on the website that calculate all options chosen and offers the PayPal option, which goes directly to the registrar. Tom, Beatrice, and Kathy will be putting together an article in the Trillium on its use with “screen shots”. It will also be on the website. Brigden will offer 2 payment options, cheque or PayPal.

Quartermaster: Kerry Mattila reported that since the Mark Work Warehouse option no longer exists for t-shirts he is looking at alternatives. Since several people were interested in an order system, he’ll check into the feasibility- watch for more information. He has crests to purchase to apply to your own apparel; pins, decals and baseball caps will be available at future rallies.

Caravans: Kerry Mattila reported that the NYC Basecamp is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the season in June, it is full. The Norris/Lambert Canada 150 is in August, there is a waiting list. The caravan to International is leaving from Brigden in July. In 2018 there will be a 3 week caravan to International in Salem, Oregon. It will leave from the Spring Rally in Collingwood arriving June 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Community Service: Linus Project- Kate Dowsett arranged for all the items donated to go to the Headwaters Hospital. Baby care items are always needed. We still need someone to coordinate the Linus Project for the Unit. Tabs – Rick Aubrey explained

the collection of aluminum tabs for wheelchairs for needy families. His contact at London Children's Treatment Centre said they're close to another wheelchair, the cost of the aluminum varies from .50 to .90 a pound. The chairs can cost from \$1000.00 – \$10,000.00. Kate Dowsett filled 1/2 the basket from her workplace!! Keep bringing them in for this worth while cause.

2018 Rally Sites: Lynn Douglas reported on the selected sites and dates

Spring Rally – Collingwood -leaving on caravan to International.

Summer Rendezvous – Huntsville – July 26-29

Fall Rally – Norwood - Aug 29<sup>th</sup> -Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fall Rendezvous – Richmond or Rideau Acres, Kingston Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

It will be on the website and in the Trillium.

### **New Business:**

Announcement of Delegates to International Convention: The Executive Board appointed Neil McCallum as Delegate and Peter Meyler as Alternate Delegate to the International. It was moved by Don McKelvey and seconded by John Smith. The motion carried.

Direction to Delegates: Gordon Desbarats explained the unit has 184 voting members. Motions can come from the floor, he asked for someone to move the following: "I move that in the event that a motion or nomination arises from the floor at the upcoming International Convention, the Ontario Canada Unit Delegate/Alternate Delegate casts his vote at what he considers to be the best interests of the Unit." Beatrice Ten-Thye replied, "I so move". Wes Magill seconded it. The motion carried.

### **Presentations:**

Neil McCallum formally acknowledged the work of Immediate Past President Gordon Desbarats and Past First Lady and Recording Secretary Kathy Blake. Gordon was presented with the Past President Flag and pin, Kathy received her Past First Lady pin.

Unit Officer flags had already been presented to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lynn Douglas and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Peter Meyler.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:47 .m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McCallum