

Division 8 Fall Caucus Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2004

Don Cherry's Restaurant, Collingwood

Attendance

Present: LG Gary Levine, Dennis Ormsby, Keith Camplin, Allen Kelly, Wayne Challis, Bruce Motta, Alan Pett, Owen Baxter, Mac Hyde, Paul Rice, Stew Andrew, Lynda Hoffman, John Hamilton, Ted Roberts, John Parker, Gail Andrews, Paul Neville, Blake Prentice, Doug McDermid, Lorraine McDermid and Administrative Assistant Becky Azzano (recording secretary)

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by LG Gary Levine.

2. Invocation

Bruce Motta led the Invocation.

3. Objects of Kiwanis

John Parker led the group in reciting the Objects of Kiwanis.

4. Introductions

Everyone present introduced themselves to the group.

5. Opening Remarks

LG Gary welcomed everyone to the semi annual event

- District Office Update

An administrative position, which was held by Lise, has been eliminated because over time the salary had exceeded the value of the position. During this transition time the DST quit his position and Les Gagne is the new DST. In the interim Lise has accepted a temporary, part-time administrative assistant position in our Ottawa office.

- Privacy Policy

Each club must establish a Privacy Policy by December 31, 2004. A check list was given at the Sarnia Convention (and distributed at this caucus meeting) to assist clubs in setting their Privacy Policy. If clubs collect information for their activities it is important that the information is not used for any other purpose other than for which it was collected. Each club should have a person versed in the responsibilities and to act as contact if members have questions. It was suggested that the Club Secretary act as the Club Privacy Officer. There is an example posted on the division web site. (www.kiwanisowensounddivision8.com) Schedule B is a template of a longer version and it too is posted on the web site. Each club must communicate to LG Gary that they have a Privacy Policy in place.

Clubs need to obtain permission from their members before posting e-mail addresses.

- Hurricane Relief Update

Each club present announced their contributions to this fund. It was said that most of the relief dollars are going toward re-building schools.

To date, our Division has pledged \$7,500 towards the fund.

Hurrican Relief Fund

Barrie Club	\$2,000
Barrie Golden K	\$2,000
Kempfenfelt Club	
Orillia Club	\$1,000
Collingwood Club	\$500
Meaford Club	\$1,000
Owen Sound Club	\$1,000
Owen Sound Golden K	
Total	\$7,500

- Governor's Divisional Club Report

The Governor has given his visitation schedule. Clubs should let LG Gary know about special events which they would like the Governor to attend. Combining visits to clubs within the same area is recommended. Club reports were distributed these should be completed and submitted to LG Gary prior to the Governor's visit.

- Chuck's Club Marking Matrix

This is criteria for evaluating projects. These questions could be asked when deciding on the merit of a project. The matrix is posted on the division web page.

- Web Site

LG Gary reviewed aspects of the web site and demonstrated use of the page. The address is www.kiwanisowensounddivision8.com. Gary reminded the group that the Kiwanis International site www.kiwanis.org has lots of resources, many of them no charge and also has "The Store."

7. Convention Update

Stew Andrew attended the Sarnia Convention and provided a report on one particular session he attended, "How to Kill a Club." The speaker, Steve Siemen listed ten factors which can contribute to the death of a club: apathy, complacency, negativism, ignorance, traditions, criticism, status quo, excuses, cliques and boredom.

8. Treasurer's Report

John Hamilton distributed copies of the budget. (Copy filed with these minutes)

Motion: Doug McDermid moved the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented.

Second: Al Kelly

Carried

Some of LG Gary's expenses had not been anticipated in the budget. There is a need to look for alternate mechanisms to raise funds. Representation from all clubs is needed to form a committee and plan such events.

Doug McDermid will chair a committee to look at alternate and additional fund raising.

Motion: Doug McDermid moved that a special event be planned to raise funds for our Divisional expenses.
Second: Bruce Motta
Carried

9. Music Festivals

Paul Neville proposed that a C.D. of music festival performers could be produced at the division level. Many Kiwanis clubs financially support these festivals and the proceeds from the C.D. sales would help offset those contributions. The administration charge would be 10-15%. Often our fund raising events are supported by the Kiwanis membership where this effort would tap a different market, the families of the performers and not the Kiwanians. There is a need for money to come in from other sources, not just from the pocket books of the membership. The Festival of Stars Concerts provide for the necessary recording environment.

Motion: Bruce Motta moved that the Division approve in principle and develop a working committee to work with the music festivals on the production of recordings of Kiwanis Music Festival performers.
Second: Doug McDermid
Carried

10. Kiwanis Foundation of Canada

John Hamilton presented a computer presentation on the Foundation. It was to answer the question, "What is the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada?" and to raise awareness of its existence. The Foundation is a no-profitable charitable foundation which was established in 1971. The purposes of the Foundation and the funding were reviewed. The presentation covered what the Foundation, which is comprised of a board of directors, does.

11. Awards

LG Gary presented and award to the Collingwood Club for their exemplary work over the last quarter during which time they chartered a Builders Club.

12. Election of Lieutenant Governor

For the 2005/2006 term the Barrie Club has nominated John Hamilton. The question was called three times if there were any other nominations

Motion: Bruce Motta moved that the nominations be closed.
Second: Stew Andrew
Carried

John Hamilton was warmly welcomed as our new Lieutenant Governor Elect.

13. Round Table Discussion

- The Collingwood Club has sponsored Victims of Violence kits. The kits carry the Kiwanis logo and cost the club \$2.00/kit.
- The Barrie Golden K are organizing their committees. The members will be distributing poppies and will collect the money for the poppies donated in the Barrie area. They are also active with Meals on Wheels. Membership will be their focus this year.
- Membership will be a focus in Meaford and they will sponsor a visit from the Cambridge Boys Choir on May 28th. The club is planning a turkey dinner for kids who may not have such a meal. They will produce a calendar, which will have a photo of a project they support and this year the photo will probably be of the hospital.
- Orillia members are preparing for their live Auction on November 6th. This is their primary fundraiser and they have a larger venue this year to bring in more bidders. They anticipate making \$40,000. Since the bingo hall will be non-smoking as of January 1, 2005 it is predicted that revenue will be drastically reduced. The club donated \$1,000 to the Hurricane Relief Fund. Their goal is to increase membership to 50 this year. Two members were inducted very recently and one more is scheduled very soon. It was reported that most of the membership is under age forty.
- The Barrie club is showing that “Children are Priority One” and has sponsored child seat stickers. They have pledged \$30,000 over the next 5 years to the Royal Victoria Hospital. They partially sponsor a camp for children with pace makers and are looking forward to the building of a picnic pavilion.
- Owen Sound will sponsor their 59th Annual Santa Claus Parade on November 20th. The club will also hold a Seasonal Social that evening. Christmas Tree Sales will begin at the end of November. To help raise funds for the hospital’s MRI the club is producing a C.D. of various artists in the area. Early January brings their second Annual Robbie Burns Night and with the spring comes the clean up of the Whispering Pines Family Campground.

LG Gary thanked Marty Larken of Don Cherry’s Restaurant for letting our group use the restaurant and for providing refreshments, donuts and muffins.

14. Adjournment:

The Fall Caucus Meeting 2004 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.