



## Central Ontario District Board of Directors

<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
<b>Date:</b>	February 25, 2024	<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Garden Inn Ajax
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Michelle Stokes

Participants:		
<b>Voting Members in Attendance:</b>	Ralph Brunton, Governor Alan Fourney, Immediate PG Don Devreede, LG Z 1 Mac Rumble, LG Z 5 Jim McGrorey, LG Z 8 PG Sandra Stokes, Ancaster Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills Susan Montgomery, Caledon Laralee Reily, Keswick Cindy Crone, Newmarket Gabriella Van Hooydonk, Burlington	Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Governor Elect Michelle Stokes, District S/T Don Zynomirski, LG Z 2 Olaf Krahmer, LG Z 6 Larry Harper, LG Z 10 PG Tony Edge, Forest Park Christine Smith, Dunnville PG Jim Lynge, Etobicoke PG Ian Carter, Stoney Creek Stephen Hambley, Oshawa Dennis Kwasnicki, Erin
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Tom Kendo, Intl VP PG Alex Ansell, Aurora Stephanie Regnier-Lapierre, Cornwall Barry Stokes, Ancaster Linda Tuttle, Keswick Jane Morson, Keswick Jaslynn Dhiman-Smith, Guest Brenda Zynomirski, Dunnville PG Ted Simmonds, Orangeville Joan Carter, Stoney Creek Anna Hill, Forest Park/Seaway Tom Vermeltfoort, Burlington PG Denise Nacev, Burlington Mary Wick, Brooklin Barbara Holly, Etobicoke PG Jennifer Krizel, Oshawa	Jennifer Kendo, Kettering-Noon PG Anne Donkers, Lancaster Terry Muir, Cornwall Theresa Elvins, Keswick PG Frank Tuttle, Keswick Diane Laframboise, Halton Hills Marion Chapman, Dunnville David Shanahan, Dunnville Mike Ballard, Newmarket Melissa Wendt, Oshawa Vicki Mains, Oakville Michele Vermeltfoort, Burlington Marijke Coffa, Burlington PG Gordon Holly, Etobicoke PG Brenda McDonald, Oakville Peter Krizel, Oshawa

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Location:</b>	Barrie			

Governor Ralph called to Order the Meeting and welcomed everyone to the virtual conference and introduced the head table.

Governor – Elect Bonnie Acknowledged the Land and led a Moment of Reflection

DS/T Michelle Stokes clarified the voting members for this meeting are:

Governor Ralph, Governor-Elect Bonnie, Immediate Past Governor Alan, Past Governor Brian, District S/T – Michelle, the Lieutenant Governors for each Zone, The Club Presidents, or Club Representative if appointed in writing to the District S/T Michelle Stokes

**Approval of Amended Agenda – Governor Ralph**

**Moved by:** Christine Smith, Dunnville    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Jim Lynge, Etobicoke  
**Carried**

**Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board of Director Meeting Minutes – Governor Ralph**

**Moved by:** Bonnie Sheer-Porteous, Gov Elect    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Larry Harper, LG Z 10  
**Carried**

**Review of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statement – District S/T Michelle**

**Moved by:** Susan Montgomery, Caledon    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Lauralee Reily, Keswick  
**Carried**

**Approval of the Financials 2022 to 2023 - PG Denise**

**Moved by:** PG Alan Fourney    **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Christine Smith, Dunnville  
**Carried**

**Zone Reports**

Zone 1 – Presented by LG Don Devreede  
Zone 2 – Presented by LG Don Zynomirski  
Zone 3 – Submitted by Don McConnell for K. Williams  
Zone 5 – Presented by LG Mac Rumble  
Zone 6 – Presented by LG Olaf Krahmer  
Zone 8 – Presented by LG Jim McGrorey  
Zone 10 – Presented by LG Larry Harper

**\*\*Reports attached in PDF after March 17th \*\***

**Committee Reports**

**Candidates Qualifications:** Governor Elect Nomination for Larry Harper. 6 potential LGs for 2024-2025

**Essay:** Club deadlines should be soon as they need to be submitted to Essay Chair Susan Montgomery by February 29<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

**Oratorical:** Topic – How to Change the World with Optimism. Open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2023, and who has not yet completed Secondary School. There is no minimum age. Winners from Zone Competitions to be sent to Chair Marijke by April 29<sup>th</sup>. The winners will compete at District in Barrie on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Note there is no meal this year, so contestants should eat prior.

**CCDHH:** Currently working with the Audiologists Association of Ontario to obtain contestants.

**Jr. Golf:** The Tournament will be held on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Caledon Country Club, Inglewood, ON. Cost is \$95 per golfer which includes green fees, lunch, and prizes. First tee off is 1:00pm. Hole sponsors are \$200.00 and to be mailed to Chair Dennis Kwasnicki.

**Membership:** From October 1 to Feb 19, we have added 69 members, deleted 90, which includes the disbandment of the Awe-Sum Club. There are 69 ballots for new members and 41 for sponsors for the Toronto Raptors Table. There is a goal to have a CARE Facilitator for each Zone in the District, more information to follow.

**New Clubs:** The Seaway Optimist Club was brought in on January 16, 2024. There is the possibility of another club sponsored by the Cornwall Club in Longsault.

**Leadership Development:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference theme will be 'A Star is Born' and Stand out Stars with a wall of fame.

**Conference Report:** 63 Attended, 71 Registered, 2 guests, 11 JOI and 7 First Timers – all zones had representation.

**OI Convention:** June 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Niagara Falls, ON – Registration is now open at <https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>. We are looking for donations (Monetary and Swag), volunteers, and Exhibitors for the event – please reach out to the host Committee via Michelle.

**Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation:** For the first quarter, we have raised just under \$7,000.00 with your support. We thank you! The monies raised will once again be put to good use as our Essay and Oratorical completions are rapidly approaching and will provide scholarships to the winners. Should you require any information on Club Grants, Outsourcing, or Spread Relief, please ask. There is a competition on for Dime A Day purchases – currently in the lead are Zone 5, 2, and 1.

**JOI District Updates:** 11 Participants on February 24<sup>th</sup> from Oakville, Burlington, Lancaster and Keswick. It only takes 9 youth to start a club. JOI Governor Shelby is going to be running for the International JOI board for 2024-2025.

**Canadian Centennial:** If you are doing events, please send in pictures to show how you are celebrating 100 Years of Optimism in Canada. Also, please remember to promote the Licence plate initiative.

### **New Business**

**Awe-Sum Club** – Has disbanded due to the Dues being too high now that OI changed them to the same amount as Adult Clubs. There were ideas regarding how to

supplement the dues such as: Outsourcing Program, Local Bingo proceeds. It needs to be a sustainable model to keep the club viable.

## **CHEO**

A motion was brought to the Board of Directors that was passed at the morning's Executive meeting:

***That the CENON logo be allowed to be used in partnership with CHEO, while following the branding guidelines of Optimist International, for their Mental Health Fundraiser.***

***Moved by: PG Tony Edge, Forest Park 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mac Rumble, LG Zone 5***  
**Carried**

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be May 5, 2024, at 9:00 am in Barrie.

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 12:14 pm