



## Central Ontario District Board of Directors

<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
<b>Date:</b>	November 9, 2024	<b>Location:</b>	Grantham Optimist Hall
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 p.m	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brian Wick

Participants:		
<b>Voting Members In Attendance:</b>	Ralph Brunton, Immed. Past Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Governor Don Zynomirski, Dunnville, LG Larry Harper, Spencerville, Gov- Elect Don Devreede, Welland, LG Rob Gaby, LG, Aurora	Brian Wick, District S/T Alan Fourney, Past Governor Sue Montgomery, Caledon, P Christine Smith, Dunnville, P PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick, P
<b>In Attendance:</b>	PG Paul Thomson, Keswick Lauralee Reily, Keswick Sue Beckwith, Carlisle Johnmark Crockford, Welland Jaslynn Dhiman, Guest PG Brenda McDonald, Oakville Anna Hill, Forest Park Joan Carter, Stoney Creek Gabriella Van Hooydonk, Burlington	Diane Laframboise, Halton Hills Brenda Zynomirski, Dunnville Mark Beckwith, Carlisle Susan Crockford, Welland PG Tony Edge, Forest Park Vicki Mains, Oakville David Shanehan, Dunnville PG Ted Simmonds, Caledon

(\*) indicated designate, P = President, LG = Lieutenant Governor

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	February 9, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Location:</b>	Casino Rama Resort, Orillia			

Governor Bonnie called to Order the Meeting and welcomed everyone to Cornwall.

Governor-Elect Bonnie Acknowledged the Land & provided a Moment of Reflection.

DS/T Brian Wick clarified the voting members for this meeting are:

Governor Ralph, Past Governor Alan, S/T Brian, Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, the Lieutenant Governors for each Zone, The Club Presidents, or Club Representative if appointed in writing to the District S/T Brian Wick

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Larry Harper **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Sue Montgomery

**Carried**

**Approval of August Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by:** Christine Smith **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Jim Lyng

**Carried**

**2024 Convention Report – Ralph Brunton :**

*72 Registered, 6 First Timers, 6 Guests, 51 Dinner, 59 Breakfast, 10 Presidents, 6 Lieutenant Governors. 22 of 48 Clubs Represented.*

**Moved by:** Sue Montgomery **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Ted Simmonds

**Carried**

**Review of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Statements - Brian Wick**

**Moved by:** Christine Smith **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Larry Harper

**Carried**

**Review of 2024-2025 Budget Proposal as revised.**

**Moved by:** Anna Hill, Forest Park **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills

**Carried**

**Approval of 2023-2024 Financial Review Committee**

*The review committee will consist of the following members: PG Jim Lyng, PG Brenda McDonald, and Gus Amodeo*

**Moved by:** Christine Smith **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Larry Harper

**Carried**

**Depository and Signing Officers:**

- District Secretary/Treasurer Brian Wick
  - Past Governor & Finance Chair Gord Holly
  - Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous
  - Gov-Elect Larry Harper
- Banking to remain at CIBC, Etobicoke branch.

**Moved by:** Don Zynomirsk **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Ted Simmonds

**Carried**

**Approval of 2024-2025 Awards and Achievement Program**

**Moved by:** Anna Hill **2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Iris Krahmer

**Carried**

**Zone Reports**

Zone 1 – presented by Don Devreede  
Zone 2 – presented by Don Zynomirski  
Zone 3 – (no LG)  
Zone 5 – presented by Rob Gaby  
Zone 6 – presented for Alex Hilson  
Zone 8 – presented by Jan Wilson  
Zone 10 – presented for Terry Muir

\*\*Detailed reports will be available at <https://cenon.org/zones> after December 13th \*\*

## **Committee Reports**

### **Candidates Qualifications:**

Looking for the next leaders - Lieutenant Governor and Governor-Elect

**Essay:** Topic is “. Information and entry form is found online here:

<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm> . Club winning essays with all documentation is due to Chair Anna Hill by February 28, 2024 so that judging can be completed.

**Oratorical:** Topic is ‘How Optimism has guided me through trying times’ and is open to anyone under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024 and have not completed secondary school or equivalent. No minimum age.

Club Contest Winner is to be sent to your LG so that they may host a Zone contest if required prior to April 18<sup>th</sup>. Zone winners to be sent to by April 18<sup>th</sup> to Gabrielle Van Hooydonk

District Contest will be held at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm in Oakville

**CCDHH:** The 2024-2025 Topic is: How Optimism has guided me through trying times. Information can be found here: <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships2.cfm>

**Junior Golf:** Tournament is June 14<sup>th</sup> in Caledon, \$95/golfer, with no maximum number of golfers a club can attend. Sponsorship for holes is \$200.00. All golfers must be under 18 years of age. See website Junior Golf page for a detailed 3 page printout with the registration form. <https://cenon.org/Golf> (Balance forward ~\$1500.00)

**Membership & Engagement:** Please remember to put your member adds and deleted into Optimist Leaders as soon as possible and that all information is correct for members. Each new member will get a certificate and magnet.

**Growth:** Please let Olaf know where you want to or are interested in building a club and they will assist.

**Leadership Development:** Reminder to go onto the Optimist Institute – All Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and CCOF reps must take the training to qualify for Honour Club Status. There is a lot of information about the organization and is open to all members. Information on creating a new account or renewing an existing is online at <https://cenon.org/LMS> login password is: 2425member

A number of ideas shared from the brainstorming session with regards to future workshops and sessions.

**Conference Report:** Had 72 Registered, 8 first timers, 57 for lunch plus many COLS reps, 8 zones and 24 clubs.

**OI Convention:** 110<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention in St Louis MO from June 29 to July 3, 2025. Lots of work is going into the planning of the events. Hotel Bookings are available now - <https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>

**Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation:** There will be pins for those who donate to dime a day this year. Submit your projects and fundraising projects to the CCOF for qualifying grants. 2 page summary sheet is on the CENON website with the information. Raised \$610.00 on the weekend. - Sheril Thomson

**JOI:** Update presented by Vicki Mains. Contact her for assistance building and maintaining youth clubs.

## **New Business**

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be February 9, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Casino Rama Resort, Orillia.

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 4:00 PM