



Central Ontario District Board of Directors

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
Date:	February 9, 2025	Location:	Casino Rama Resort
Time:	10:00 a.m	Prepared by:	Brian Wick

Participants:		
Voting Members In Attendance:	Ralph Brunton, Immed. Past Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Governor Don Zynomirski, Dunnville, P Larry Harper, Spencerville, Gov- Elect Don Devreede, Welland, LG Rob Gaby, LG, Aurora Alex Hilson, LG, HH Anna Hill, Forest Park, P Terry Muir, LG, Cornwall John Large, Newmarket, P Mary Wick, Brooklin, P	Brian Wick, District S/T Alan Fourney, Past Governor Sue Montgomery, Caledon, P Christine Smith, Dunnville, P PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick, P Gabriella Van Hooydonk, LG, Burlington Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills, P Jim Mckenchnie, Lindsay P Jim Lynge, Etobicoke, P Stan White, Hamilton, P Ian Carter, Stoney Creek, P
In Attendance:	As per attendance sheet	

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

Next Meeting:	Date:	May 3, 2025	Time:	9:20 am
Location:	Sandman Hotel, Oakville			

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

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: Christine Smith **2nd by:** Alex Hilson
Carried

Approval of November Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Ralph Brunton **2nd by:** Larry Harper
Carried

Review of 1st Quarter Financial Statements

Moved by: Brian Wick **2nd by:** Christine Smith
Carried

Approval to change line 420 Budget line to \$1,000 ((Audit, QBO, banking fees).

Moved by: Jim Lynge **2nd by:** Al Fournier
Carried

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Financial Statements as Reviewed.

Moved by: Christine Smith **2nd by:** Sue Montgomery
Carried

Notification of technical change to the Central Ontario District Policies.

Optimist International made changes to their bylaws at the last international convention. To be in synchronization with the change, we updated references in our District Policy to reflect the change. Where there is reference to Section VII, with now be referenced to Section VIII of the Optimist International bylaws.

Zone Reports

- Zone 1 – presented by Don Devreede
- Zone 2 – presented by Don Zynomirski
- Zone 3 – presented by Gabriella VanHooydonk
- Zone 5 – presented by Rob Gaby
- Zone 6 – presented for Alex Hilson
- Zone 8 – presented by (reported by Bonnie)
- Zone 10 – presented by 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 18th. Zone winners to be sent to by April 18th to Gabrielle Van Hooydonk

District Contest will be held at the 3rd Quarter Conference on May 3rd 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 14th, 3:00 pm at Caledon Country Club, in Inglewood, \$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>

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.

Membership Packages: links to the PDFs are on the www.cenon.org website

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

Leadership Development: As of Feb 1st, 8 of 48 club presidents had completed, 12/48 Secretaries, 10/48 Treasurers, 9/48 CCOF Reps.

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 82 Registered, 7 first timers, 8 zones and 21 clubs, 4 guests, 4 special guests from other Districts, 1 Past Gov from SWONT, 1 Past International President.

OI Convention: 110th 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.

Raised \$6,500.00 to date. - Sheril Thomson

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

CHEO Fundraiser Gala Event: Event scheduled for May 1st has been postponed until political unrest subsides. Business donors are not making commitments at the moment.

New Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be May 9, 2025 at 9:20 am at the Sandman Hotel, Oakville.

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 12:00 PM

Next executive meeting to take place May 2, 2025 in-person and on Zoom at 7pm