



Central Ontario District Board of Directors

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Board of Director Meeting Minutes		
Date:	May 2, 2025	Location:	Sandman Hotel, Oakville
Time:	9:20 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 Alex Hilson, LG, HH Anna Hill, Forest Park, P Jim Lynge, Etobicoke, P John Large, Newmarket, P	Brian Wick, District S/T Alan Fourney, Past Governor Sue Montgomery, Caledon, P Christine Smith, Dunnville, P PG Sheril Thomson, Keswick, P Iris Krahmer, Halton Hills, P Gabriella Van Hooydonk, LG, Burlington Mac Marsh, Oakville, P Ian Carter, Stoney Creek, P
In Attendance:	As per attendance sheet Special Guests Cheryl Bolton, VP; Debbie Berry, VP-Elect;	

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

Next Meeting:	Date:	Aug 10, 2025	Time:	9:30 am
Location:	Best Western, Bells Corners			

Governor Bonnie called the Meeting to Order.

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

DS/T Brian Wick clarified the voting members for this meeting are:
 Past Governor Ralph, Past Governor Alan, S/T Brian, Governor Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, Gov Elect Larry, 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: Al Fourney **2nd by:** Christine Smith

Carried

Approval of February Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Christine Smith **2nd by:** Iris Krahmer

Carried

Review of 2nd Quarter Financial Statements

Moved by: Larry Harper **2nd by:** Sue Montgomery

Carried

Confirmation of 2025-2026 District Secretary-Treasurer

Moved by: Larry Harper **2nd by:** Christine Smith

Carried

Zone Reports

Zone 1 – presented by Don Devreede (reported by Bonnie)

Zone 2 – presented by Don Zynomirski

Zone 3 – presented by Gabriella VanHooydonk

Zone 5 – presented by Rob Gaby (reported by Bonnie)

Zone 6 – presented for Alex Hilson

Zone 8 – presented by (reported by Bonnie)

Zone 10 – presented by Terry Muir (reported by Bonnie)

**Detailed reports will be available at <https://cenon.org/zones> after May 30th **

Committee Reports

Candidates Qualifications:

Looking for the next leaders - Lieutenant Governor and Governor-Elect, missing LG candidates for Zones 3&8

Essay: Winner was from Richmond Hill, sponsored by Etobicoke OC. Essay was read by Anna Hill.

Oratorical: Contest held following the board meeting and winner to be announced and forwarded to the Regional Competition. 5 Zones entering the District Competition.

CCDHH: Ted reported a contest was held and the speaker will present in the afternoon.

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. Chair Don distributed many to those present.

Membership Packages: links to the PDFs are on the www.cenon.org website. Christine Smith and Iris Krhmer volunteered to assist.

Growth: Please let Olaf know where you want to or are interested in building a club and they will assist. Please review his analysis report showing where we have clubs and great potential for starting up more.

Leadership Development: As of Mar 31st, 27 of 48 Presidents had completed the training, the highest number since the online training was started. 23/45 Secretaries, 23/45 Treasurers, 14/15 CCOF Reps

Conference Report: Had 71 Registered, 8 first timers, 9 zones and 22 clubs, 13 presidents, 64 for lunch.

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>

41st District Annual Convention: to be held Aug 8-10, 2025 at Best Western Ottawa Conference centre in Bells Corners. Theme is Winter Carnival. Winterlude will include boat ride, wine & beer tasting event and district volunteer's recognition.

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 \$7,500+ to date. - Sheril Thomson

JOI: Update presented by Vicki Mains-Hill. Contact her for assistance building and maintaining youth clubs. Clubs from across the District meet this morning to elect a new Governor and update their bylaws and procedures.

Governor Elect Update

Larry made an open call for candidates to run in the District Convention.

District Conferences and Convention 2025-2026

Plan is to hold conferences in November and May, and a convention in August. Theme for next year will be, "Let's be the Change."

New Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Sunday Aug 10, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Best Western, Bells Corners (Ottawa).

Adjourned with the Optimist Creed at 11:15 PM

Next executive meeting to take place Thursday July 31, 2025 in-person and on Zoom at 7pm