



Central Ontario District – Optimist International
Third Quarter District Conference
Executive Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting

By ZOOM

Minutes

- **Call to Order** by Governor Assistant PDG Gord Holly
 - Gord took over meeting leadership from Larry due to Larry's concussion affecting his concentration
- **Approval of Agenda**
 - Moved with addition of discussion on splitting the District Secretary and District Treasurer position, by Alex Hilson, 2nd by Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, carried.
- **Approval of Second Quarter Executive Meeting Minutes.**
 - Moved by Rob Hewett, 2nd by Rob Gaby, carried.
- **Review of Second Quarter Financial Report**
 - Moved by Brian Wick, 2nd by Ralph Brunton, carried.
- **Report on 2024/2025 Financial Review**
 - Moved by Alex Hilson, 2nd by Terry Muir, carried.
 - Thanks went to the review committee of Brenda McDonald, Gerald Heaton and Jim Lynge.
- **Report of Past Governor's**
 - The past governors' meeting on April 21st discussed revising the strategic plan last updated in 2015-16, including a succession plan. They reviewed budget changes for 26-27, zone realignment considerations, and new club database information. Presented by PG Bonnie Scheer-Porteous
- **District Zone Restructuring Update**
 - The group discussed reorganizing Zones 10 and 11, with Bonnie explaining that Zone 10 has grown to 10 clubs across a large geographic area from Arnprior to the Quebec border.

- Motion to split Zone 10 to: Zone 10 Nepean, Cornwall, Spencerville, Forest Park, Arnprior and Arnprior IC Women's; and Zone 11 Lancaster, Seaway, Stormont, and Augusta. Motion by Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, 2nd by Larry Harper, Carried.
- **Report of Nominating Committee**
 - One candidate has started the qualification process for governor positions for the 27-28 year and governor-elect for 26-27, with letters to be provided soon. Updates on Lieutenant Governors were shared for various zones, with some re-elections and new appointments mentioned. Zone 6 and Zone 8 still need to select new Lieutenant Governors, and elections for Zones 10 and 11 will be scheduled by May 30th. Motion to approve the report by Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, 2nd by Rob Hewett, carried.
- **Approval of the 2026/2027 District S/T**
 - Christine Smith motioned to appoint Linda Mitchinson as District Secretary and Michelle Stokes as District Treasurer, contingent on policy approval. 2nd by Larry Harper, carried.
- **Adjournment** with Optimist Creed

Next Executive Meeting Announcement

July 30, 2026 7:00 pm (ZOOM)

International Convention Jacksonville, Florida

June 28-July 1, 2026

Central Ontario District Convention & AGM

August 15-16, 2026

MacIntosh Country Inn & Convention Center 12495 Hwy 2 E, Morrisburg, Ontario K0G 1X0