

National AOTS Annual Meeting 2006

Harrow United Church , Harrow Ontario -

Friday, September 29 th.

The meeting was called to order by President Garnet Thompson at 1pm, welcoming all in attendance and then calling on Rev. Don Mannell to lead our devotion and communion service.

Present were: Wally Shoults, Alberta Conf Rep; Bill Love, President Elect; George Bishop, Spiritual Life Chair; Howard Wills, Constitution Chair; Gary Ross, Eastern Vice Pres.; Wally Macdonald, Hamilton Conf Rep; Roy Jones, Western Vice Pres; Jan Maandag, BC Conf Rep; Don MacKenzie, Member at Large; Robert Lewis, Finance Chair; Jim Lawrence, C&CS Chair; Keith Arner, Nat. Life Member; Keith Elliot, Member at Large; Craig Watson, Member at Large; Jim Upright, National Secretary; Rev Don Mannell, Nat. Life Member; Jim Bondy, Pres. Harrow AOTS; and Ken Lane, Recording Secretary. **Regrets :** Past Pres Ernest Paddock, medical problem; Richard Deitriche, Membership & Fellowship, medical Problem; Jim McKibbin, Toronto Conf rep. Business commitment, Brian Bigelow, Western Canada commitment; Rodney Green, Handshake Editor, overseas trip, Ernest Orpin, Treasurer, family commitment.

Rev. Don Mannell utilized a section of 1st Corinthians for his meditation and worship and then hosted the Lord's Supper with the members participating in serving each other with the breaking of the bread and tincture of the juice.

AM06-01-01 Agenda of Meeting

MOTION: Shoults / Watson : that the agenda as circulated and amended be adopted as the agenda for this 2006 Annual Meeting. Carried.

AM06-01-02 Corresponding Members

MOTION: Shoults /MacKenzie: that all persons in attendance at this Annual Meeting be made corresponding members for the meeting sessions. Carried.

AM06-01-03 Correspondence

Jim Upright reported on an E Mail request from John Cook of Sarnia for AOTS sponsorship donations to subsidize young persons to attend the Kairos Convention to be held at the 5 Oaks Conference Centre in 2008.

MOTION: Watson / Ross : that this request from Kairos be placed on the executive call agenda for the November call meeting and that John Cook be advised by E Mail of this action. Carried.

AM06-01-04 Clubs discontinuing AOTS Affiliation

Grey Street in Winnipeg - older group with leadership problems - 7 Individual members now - disbanded in January 2006 .

AM06-01-04 Clubs Continued

Park Street , Chatham,On -club disbanded - some members now attending St Andrew's AOTS in Chatham

Zion AOTS, LaScie, Nfd. - club not affiliating -senior group finding financial problems=

Gary Ross to visit and report back on situation.

Also noted that **Picton AOTS** needs revitalization and that **St Paul's in Oakville** is not meeting regularly but active in church functions.

Once again it is noted that ministers ARE important to health of a Club. It is necessary to have them made knowledgeable and keen on the concept of AOTS in their church.

AM06=01-05 Treasurer's Report

Bob Lewis, the finance committee chair, presented this report and commented on the circulated report . He indicated that the budget was "on schedule" in most areas although Second Mile Fund donations. were somewhat below budget. He indicated that the projected general surplus now indicated would likely be used in the expenses of this annual meeting. He noted that 5 clubs had not yet paid their 2006 dues but they were expected to pay and so would supply about \$600.00 more income. (See appendix for report)

MOTION: Lewis / Mackenzie : that the treasurer's report be received. Carried.

AM 06-01-06 2007 Budget

Finance Chair Bob now presented the proposed 2007 budget and commented on the circulated copies of his report. He noted that the 2007 budget was very similar to the 2006 but realistically updated the expected incomes and expenses of our National Association for the coming year.(see appendix).

MOTION: Lewis / Bishop : that the circulated budget be the proposed budget for our organization for 2007. Carried.

AM06-01-07 Church & Community Service Reports

Jim Lawrence, chair of C&CS reported on the following National Projects.

Harry Colnett Scholarships

Jim indicated that there were not any applications to date for this scholarship and that new application forms were to be circulated to universities in near future.

Youth Musical Bursary

Jim reported that registration forms for this project had been circulated to churches in the Winnipeg area for this year's competitions. He noted that outside of this area no other interest had been generated to date.

National Hospital Project

So far there has not been any selection of area projects for the Hospital Project for 2006. Responsibility for initiation of these area projects rests with following:

Western - Bill Love and Roy Jones

Central - Keith Elliott to check with Al Anthony re this area choice

Eastern - Gary Ross

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C&CS Report - (cont'd)

Hospital Project (cont'd)

Jim reported there was not any further action on the development of a new Hospital Project brochure. Jim asked that original pictures of the area projects of past years be forwarded to him for use in this new pamphlet.

At this time the meeting adjourned at 2.35 pm and reassembled at 2.55 pm.

MOTION: Shoults / Love : that the basic criteria for the consideration of applications for the David Sherwood Scholarships be reassessed to better meet the needs of possible student applicants. Carried.

MOTION: Lawrence / Ross : that the C&CS report be received, Carried.

Youth to Camp Report

It was noted that there was not any report from Mark Browning re Youth to Camp and that the 2006 numbers of campers sponsored by clubs was not available at this time and so material to judge and properly award the Don Williams trophies was not available. It was also noted that no mailings promoting the Youth To Camp project had been distributed in the past year. President Garnet was asked to contact Mark by telephone this evening to ascertain if he was still interested in carrying on the YOUTH TO CAMP project work.

AM-06-01-08 Regeneration Committee

George Bishop commented on his circulated report noting that it may take several years to establish an effective Men's Ministry and that men are often slow to respond to such new opportunities. George noted that there is not any easy 12 steps for an effective ministry for men. He also noted that regeneration committee members had attended and made presentations at many men's events across Canada. Appreciation was expressed to George and his committee members for their work for men and the establishment of a better relationship with the United Church head office personnel.

AM-06-01-09 Spiritual Life & Leadership

George Bishop noted that the 2007 Spiritual Life Handbook was now ready for distribution in the December mailing to Clubs and Council members. George also noted two special study programs that could be utilized in Club discussion groups etc. He indicated that "NO MAN LEFT NAKED" was an established study program that had taken years to work out and would require evaluation to see how effective it was for your study group. He also noted that "MAN IN THE MIRROR" also required serious commitment for study but was most worthwhile. George suggested that all committee and council members view the materials on Web site and report back at the November Conference call. (Web site - www.aots.ca) George asked for prayers and suggestions for Spiritual Life work.

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AM06-01- 10 Membership & Fellowship

In the absence of Richard Deitriche, Ken Lane commented on Richard's circulated report and read Richard's latest suggestion to increase and stimulate club attendance. Thanks was

expressed for these step by step suggestions for increasing membership and club fellowship offered by Richard.

AM06-01-11 The Handshake

Ken Lane reminded members of the October 15th deadline for articles for THE HANDSHAKE. He noted that for every issue material arrives late and cannot be included in that issue because the editor has now filled the agreed 16 page edition (+ 4 page Ministry of Men insert) Ken also noted that this fall issue is set for a printing of 4500 copies with 3100 copies being part of the Every Congregation mail out by the United Church of Canada. These extra copies and their mailing are being paid by UCC as part of the Ministry of Men initiative.

AM06-01-12 Resignation

In his Central Vice President report, Merle Shepley presented his resignation of this responsibility effective this date. Thanks were expressed to Merle for his long standing terms of responsibility in AOTS, and his resignation was accepted with regret.

MOTION: Shoults / Lawrence: that the resignation of Merle Shepley as Central Vice President as of September 29th be accepted with regret but with thanks for his long service to the National Association of United Church AOTS Clubs. Carried.

AM-06-01-13 2007 Biennial Convention

Craig Watson, Chair of the 2007 Biennial confirmed that planning for this Biennial Had confirmed that it would be held at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario on August 17, 18 & 19th. He indicated that the following were the Conference Committee Personnel: Chair - Craig Watson; Vice Chair - Bill Gilbert; Secretary - Rodney Green; Committee Members - Garnet Thompson, Keith Elliott, Al Anthony - as established at planning meeting in Stirling. The theme for the Biennial will be " LIVING WATER" and Rev. Dr. Wilbur B. Cox will be theme speaker. Also noted that Jim Watson and Ken Little will be in charge of the music for the weekend.

The 2007 AOTS Annual meeting will be held at Trent on August 16th.

Craig thanked members for their support and understanding through the recent months of Betty's medical problems.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5.50pm and reassembled at 7.00pm in session.- with time of day set for 8 00pm.

Schedule for tomorrow September 30th

9.30 am - Meeting start
10.30 - Break

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30th September Schedule (cont'd)

10.45 4 County Fall Rally
11.45 - 12.05 - Rev Stephen Hendry
12.30- 1.30 Lunch

1.30 - 2.00pm	Sing Song
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Rev.S. Hendry
3.15 - 3.30	Break
3.30 - 4.30	Workshop
6.00 - 7.00	Supper
7.00 - 7.20	Speaker
7.30 - 8.30	Musical Entertainment

Sunday Morning Service 10.30 am
Brunch 11.45am

AM06-01-14 2009 Biennial Convention

There was no report on planning for the 2009 Biennial Convention but it is hoped to be hosted in the Maritime Conference area with Nova Scotia as a planned choice.

Past President Ernest Paddock and Eastern VP Gary Ross to report on this at later date prior to 2007 Annual meeting.

AM06-01-15 National Secretary

The position of National AOTS Secretary is advertised and a possible application is expected for this position. The deadline for the applications is December 31, 2006.

AM06-01-16 Observer On Tape

Garnet Thompson reported that the Observer On Tape produced by Eastminster AOTS in Belleville On is looking for more subscribers as their equipment is capable of greater production than the 175 subscribers now receiving these monthly tapes. Also he noted that there has been requests for CD editions instead of the audio tapes now in use. It was feared that MP3 and other disc types might also be requested. Leading to additional costs in equipment etc. Jim Upright to check on cost of tape to disc conversion equipment now available. Volunteers at Eastminster are able to provide more tapes now, so the Observer On Tape needs renewed promotion in all the United Churches across Canada.

AM06-01-17 Publicity - Web page

Concern was expressed that the web page is not being regularly updated. However the biggest problem for the committee of Jim Upright, Tony Hodge and David Morris is to get contributions of material to be placed on the web site by Web master Mark Browning.

It was noted that devotions should be changed regularly but few contributions are received for this. Also we are missing out in publicizing AOTS events on the web. Event notices should be forwarded at an early date with a contact person named for further information on the event. This event list must be kept updated and relevant to the time.

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Publicity (cont'd)

Advise of local and area events is the responsibility of local clubs and area planning committees and should be forwarded to Website Committee for placing on the web. Devotions should be changed regularly - at least once a month- for inspiration of persons regularly using the

web.

AM 05-01-18 Annual Meeting Expenses

Expense forms were distributed for members attending the annual meeting, and should be presented to finance chair for payment. Members who have wives in attendance are asked to pay \$45.00 for their meals etc to the Harrow Club...

AM06-01-19 Other Reports

Recording Secretary

Ken Lane noted that in reviewing material for the Archives he was surprised to see so many subjects discussed and referred for action but never really completed over the years. He also noted in a report to increase the efficiency of the National Association, several recommendations had been made. He noted that it had been suggested that terms of office for committee chairs be limited to three terms in the same office - suggesting that in 6 years of office it is best to move to another committee so that the person is better prepared to understand the many areas of concern of AOTS as he advances in responsibility toward National Presidency.. Discussion on this resulted in a motion that was defeated.

MOTION: Maadag / Love : that committee chairs be limited to three terms of office in one particular committee and that the Bylaws be changed accordingly to reflect this change. Defeated.

MOTION: Lane / Ross : that the Recording Secretary report be received. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm to reassemble tomorrow at 9.30 am.

Saturday Session of Annual Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 9.30 am with devotional meditation by President Garnet.

AM06-02-20 Other Reports

Circulated reports from Paul Cooper of London Conference; Charles Klein of Manitoba & NW Ontario; Roy Jones Western VP; Gary Ross Eastern VP, were reviewed and received indicating the work and concerns of men in their respective areas

AM06-03-21 Motions

MOTION; Shoults / Watson : that the Harrow Malden AOTS Club not suffer any financial loss from hosting this 2006 Annual Meeting. Carried.

MOTION: Shoults / Jones : that the Red Shirt Friday be supported by the National Council as a sign of our support of the members of thr Canadian Armed Forces. Carried.

Important to Remember

Conference Calls

1. Next Conference Call **Sunday November 26 th** at 5.00 pm EST
- 2 **Sunday, February 18,2007**

3 Sunday , May 27m 2007

Annual Meeting - Trent University - Thursday, August 16th, 2007

1.00 pm start time

2007 Biennial , Trent University , August 17, 18 & 19th

Thanks was expressed to President Garnet for his leadership and on schedule conducting of this annual meeting.

Vote of thanks for a wonderful weekend of AOTS Fellowship!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Bill Love.

As recorded by

Kenneth Lane

National Recording Secretary.