

# National AOTS Conference Call

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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*On Line: Jim Upright in Victoria; Jan Maandag in Duncan; Ernest Orpin, Jim Lawrence, Don MacKenzie and Harry Burden in Winnipeg ; Ernest Dixon, Richard Deitriche and Ken Lane in Elliot Lake; George Bishop in Newmarket; Garnet Thompson, Craig Watson, Blake Gieg and Keith Elliott in Belleville; and Ernest Paddock in Springdale.*

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest Paddock at 5.07 with greetings to all on line. Ernie then lead our devotions using Mathew 13: verses 18-23 -(The Parable of the Sower) as our scripture and the Story of Two Pencils for our meditation. Our worship closed with prayer by Ernest and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

## E04-04-01 **Agenda**

MOTION: *Thompson / Bishop* : that the agenda as circulated be adopted as the agenda for this meeting. Carried.

## E04-04-02 **Minutes of Meeting Conference Call of May 16,2004**

MOTION: *Orpin / Lawrence* : that the minutes of the Conference call meeting of May 16, 2004 be approved as circulated. Carried.

## E04-04-03 **Correspondence**

A copy of letter from Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety , in reply to letter from Richard Deitriche re establishment of a National Sex Offender registry was received for information.

## E04-04-04 **Treasurer's Report**

Ernie Orpin highlighted his review of the general status of our financial situation indicating that the organization was operating fairly close to our budget with National dues from Clubs a little behind but expected to be on line by end of year. He noted that the Hospital Fund has not been utilized for 2004, except in the Central Region ( with their purchase of equipment for Children's Hospital at Ottawa). He noted that \$8500.00 had been budgeted for the Annual Meeting. in 2004. Ernie also reported that his complete report and the 2005 Budget, as prepared by Finance Chair Robert Lewis, would be presented at the Annual Meeting

MOTION: *Orpin / MacKenzie*: that the treasurer's report be received. Carried.

Conference Presidents were asked to contact any delinquent clubs in their area to get their club dues up to date.

It was also noted that the invitation for Club presidents to attend the Annual meeting had met with some results as 4 Clubs would be represented in this manner.

## E04-04-05 **Church & Community Service**

1) **Music Bursary** - Jim Lawrence reported that 15 applications for the Music Bursary in Winnipeg had been received but he noted that although this project has been a success in that area , it is not being utilized in any other areas.

2) **Harry Colnett Scholarship** Jim reported that the scholarship applications had gone out but none received in return to date.

3) **Youth to Camp** An up to date report on the 2003 and 2004 YOUTH TO CAMP Awards is to be presented by Mark Browning at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

Keith Elliott noted that the Wellington Club had sponsored 17 Youth To Camp this year and that at the Club's last meeting 15 of these campers had been present and reported on their camping experience to the club.

**E04-04-06 2005 Biennial Convention**

Jan Maandag reported on the planning for this convention with 5 meetings of the Planning committee held to date. Members of the Oak Bay and Duncan Clubs make up the membership of this planning committee. The 2005 Biennial Convention will be held at the University of Victoria on August 5 -7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Bruce Martin will be in charge of the music and other responsibilities are not yet completely assigned. Negotiations with the University would indicate that the week-end hopefully will be operated on an under \$200.00 registration per member ( food/accommodation etc). To date a theme speaker has not been finalized and the tentative theme of "AOTS IN THE WORLD" is still under consideration. Two theme speakers are being considered and this decision may influence the theme choice as well.

**E04-04-07 Publicity - Observer Ad - Regeneration Committee**

George Bishop reported that the proposed large ad in the OBSERVER had not been developed as yet but that the second last issue had contained an article on men's work/ministry. He indicated that this had produced some publicity for men's work but that more must be done.

George indicated that the Regeneration committee would be meeting on a Conference Call at 7.00 pm of Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> and would report on their progress at the Annual meeting.

**E04-04-08 The Handshake**

Ernie Dixon reported that items for the Fall edition of THE HANBDSHAKE were coming in fairly well And were more varied . He hoped that in the future he would contact several persons or clubs for specific reports on special projects and activities. Garnet Thompson has the AOTS aprons now for sale and a Picture /add will appear in our newsletter. The deadline for HANDSHAKE Articles is September 15 and it will hopefully be printed prior to our Annual meeting.

**E04-04-09 Membership & Fellowship**

Richard Deitriche suggested that to sponsor better communication and publicity for our organization, each National officer/council member should be supplied with a pack of the AOTS Hasty Notes for this purpose. He indicated that we do not publicize ourselves as an organization enough and felt that the use of these hasty notes would be beneficial in letting others know of our organization.

MOTION: *Deitriche /Bishop*: that each National Council member be supplied free of charge, with a 10 package of AOTS Hasty Notes to be used in promotional work and communication of our organization. Carried.

( Noted that the \$10.00 selling price of these notes is not the charge to the organization -as purchased in bulk order with envelopes, it amounts to about \$35.00 per 100).

**E04-04-10 2004 Annual Meeting**

Ken Lane reported on the planned agenda and transportation arrangements for the 2004 National AOTS Annual Meeting to be held At Holy Trinity United Church in Elliot Lake on October 1-3. He indicated that to date 24 men and 7 ladies were registered and that accommodations had been arranged in congregation homes in EL and that the session would start with welcome from 3.00 to 5.00 pm on Friday October 1 , BBQ dinner at 5.30 pm for members and wives in attendance. The actual Annual Meeting sessions would start at 7:00 pm with Worship conducted by the National President. The session would run to 9.00 pm and then offer to the billet accommodation. Saturday morning will start with a hymn sing at 8,45 am and worship and Communion service by Chaplain Rev. Brian Bigelow at 9,00 am. Lunch and breaks will be supplied before the evening dinner at 5.00 pm when THE MEN OF SONG will entertain and some presentations will be made. (Agenda and map are included as appendix). After our Sunday session and participation in Worship and World Wide Communion Service, lunch will be supplied before departure of the shuttle van for the flights from Toronto airport.

**E04-04-11 Spiritual Life & Leadership**

George Bishop reported on a new book written by Anne Martin of UCH staff entitled "EXPLORING FAITH QUESTIONS". This book is written in units and suggests discussion and questions on subjects such as 1) Faith - What is Faith, 2) Who is Jesus , 3) What does the Bible do for you, 4) How does Faith challenge you

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. - to name a few of the subjects covered. This book is designed to promote discussion and is written as an alternate to the Alpha Program Discussions Groups. George suggests that we should promote this book as a very good source of information and discussion material. He felt that it would be beneficial to be used as discussion at least a couple of our club meetings and also would be an opportunity for AOTS clubs to lead in Congregational meetings of discussion of these important challenges in our faith. The books are available from UCH at \$15,00 each

**E04-04-12 Nominations**

George Bishop indicated that there were not any further nominations for vacant National Council positions at this time. A Manitou rep is being considered and President Ernest is still seeking an Eastern Vice President.

**E04-04-13 2007 Biennial**

Garnet Thompson reported that the Bay of Quinte conference will host this 2007 Biennial and that some initial planning had been done but that a fuller report of place and time will be given at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

**E04-04-14 Suggestions from 2004 Central Round Up Resolutions**

**1) Club Secretary & Treasurer Pins**

Jim Upright indicated that a communication around the proposed use of such pins had not been positive to date- some clubs indicating that they would not use such pins and others not replying. He indicated that in trying to establish the needed stock for such pins it was difficult as many clubs retained both secretaries and treasurers for lengthy terms of office; while others combined the offices. Further investigations for prices and quantity will be carried out by National Office.

**2) National Directory of AOTS Club Membership**

Jim indicated that to date only one club had supplied a complete listing of Club Membership/addresses etc. for such a directory. Discussion suggested that promotion of this project would be necessary and that March 2005 was a reasonable date for the establishment of this directory. It was suggested that all conference presidents promote this directory at Fall retreats and that clubs report their current membership names and addresses , as well as that of new members and names of deceased members of each year.

**E04-04-15 Information Items**

- 1) The annual West Haven Men's Retreat at Pasadena in Newfoundland in June
- 2) Loon Bay Weekend Retreat , Newfoundland - September 24,25 &26, 2004
- 3) Cape Breton Men's Conference September m 2004 at Mira Pines
- 4) Breaking The Ice - Manitou Conference Men's Retreat - Camp Norland- February 25-27 /04
- 5) Central Region Round Up- Jackson's Point - April22,23 &24<sup>th</sup>/04

**Motion of Adjournment at 6.19 pm.**

AS recorded by

Kenneth Lane,  
Recording Secretary