

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

National AOTS Executive/Council Meeting

Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting - Sunday, December 8th, 2013

The meeting of the 2013 - 2015 National Executive/Council was called to order at 7:01 pm EDT by President Jim Upright with prayer.

Executive Attendance (P = Present, R = Regrets)							
Jim Upright	P	David Morris	P	Gary Ross	P	Marvin Bildfell	P
Mark Browning	R	Derek White	P	John Cooke	P	Bill Love	R
David Adams	R	Jim McKibbin	R	Ernest Paddock	R		

Guests: none

E13-13-01 Agenda - An Agenda for this meeting was discussed and *Adoption Agreed to By Consensus*

E13-13-02 Approval of the Conference Call Meeting minutes of Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Motion: *Morris/Bildfell*

Carried

E13-13-03 Financial/Treasurers report: <http://bit.ly/AOTS-Files>

Marvin Bildfell read the treasures report (attached). Received \$1,000 for the Dondi Project from Grace UC AOTS (Trenton). It has been sent to the UCC with a note for the “Dondi Project”.

Motion: *Bildfell/Browning*

Carried

E13-13-04 Presidents report: Jim Upright - Has had a busy time Since October 6th with his youngest son getting married, (*congratulations*) his Church had a Bizarre and he attended the Banff Men’s Conference. He also had a supper with his local Men’s Club at St Aidans with 17 men out and all of them were educated about the AOTS and some of the things we have been doing with the Dondi Project.

Old Business:

E13-13-05 Communications Report/Constitutional Implementation: Jim Upright - Vice Presidents are working with the Members at Large to network with all AOTS Men’s Clubs to increase the communication between National and the Local Clubs. Possible future actions are listed in the attached report for review.

E13-13-06 Harry Colnett Memorial Scholarship: Jim Upright did a great job researching the surviving family history of Harry Colnett and asked National to formalize it by making a motion. *Motion to terminate the Harry Colnett Fund and transfer the remaining funds to the Second Mile Fund for eventual disposition.*

Motion: *Bildfell/Cooke*

Carried

E13-13-07 2013 Biennial: Gary Ross - Nothing new to report. There was a suggestion that the Woman’s program should be a little longer with more places to visit but everyone seemed to have a great time even with the low turnout. Marvin pointed out that he didn’t get to ‘kiss the cod’

E13-13-08 Dondi: Jim Upright - Dondi is not an official AOTS project but a Men’s Ministry project and any AOTS Men’s Club that wishes to take part in may do so. It will no longer be an item on the agenda.

E13-13-09 Handshake: John Cooke - Harold Lorenz was not working on the new Handshake. John sent an email to Bill Love and Derek White about re-thinking the format of the Handshake as a newsletter. We really need someone to serve as a new editor. A suggestion was made to check in with Rod Green who was a former editor of the Handshake who wanted to go digital long before the National Executive was ready for it. *John Cooke will follow up with him.*

E13-13-10 2013 National Church Camp Update: John Cooke - Jim Upright was informed that there was a camp in the lower mainland in BC interested in an application and a club to sponsor them. There are hopes that some new clubs may form in that area and bring some new funds to the project. John has a couple of applications already that are either held over from 2013 or new ones and there are also a couple of camps that have gathered information but not yet submitted. We put a February 28th deadline on applications and then sort them out after that.

Motion that we top up the camp fund with monies from the Second Mile Fund to \$15,000.

Motion: Ross/Morris

Carried

E13-13-11 2013 Banff Men's Conference: Jim Upright – The AOTS had some representation at the conference and made some contacts with United Church Men. We had an information display and a number of pamphlets were picked up. There was time set aside for an AOTS meeting and the Moderator (Gary Patterson) attended the AOTS meeting. Bill Love did a lot of networking at the conference and is now networking with some of the contacts in that area that were interested in the AOTS.

Roundtable:

E13-13-12 - David Morris - Mentioned that he should have been on the last conference call but was unable to attend because he was camping and ended up breaking his ankle. It is healing but is a long process. (*Get better David*)

E13-13-13 - John Cooke - Reminded us that the deadline for the Camp Improvement Project applications was at that end of February so that at our next meeting they will give a preliminary report of where we are at but would be looking for approval for projects and funding out so we can get some projects moving when the deadline hits.

Jim Upright closed the meeting in prayer

Next meeting date: February 9, 2013