

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

National AOTS Executive/Council Meeting

Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting - Sunday, September 7th, 2014

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

Executive Attendance (P = Present, R = Regrets)							
David Morris	R	Jim Upright	P	Jim McKibbin	R	David Adams	R
Mark Browning	P	Derek White	R	John Cooke	P	Bill Love	P
Terry Pond	R	Garry Ross	P				

Guests: none

E13-15-01 Agenda: An Agenda for this meeting was discussed.

Motion: *Love/Ross*

Carried

E13-15-02: Approval of the Conference Call Meeting minutes of Sunday, May 4th 2014.

Motion: *Love/Browning*

Carried

E13-15-03 Financial/Treasurers report: Terry Pond - gave his regrets in a written treasurer's report. CIF Income has been received from the following member chapters – Windsor Park, Harrow Malden, Gaetz Memorial, Bishop's Falls, Selby-Empey Hill, Grace UC (Springdale, NL). Grace UC (Trenton, ON), St James (St John, NL), Minnedosa, Rothwell, Trinity North Bay, Wetaskiwin, Botwood, St Paul's (Tillsonburg), Ontario Round-up, Ontario Four Counties. A \$10,000 GIC with Tangerine (was ING Direct) has matured and has been moved into the Tangerine savings account. Camp Improvement Project funds were distributed as directed. I have only heard back from Camp Menestung and Camp Lorrain. Camp improvement Fund 25k this year for a boost and then 15k/year from now on.

E13-15-04 Presidents report: Jim Upright - had an unusually busy June thru to August this year with family events and visits. The last couple of weeks he needed a lot of time to sort out and prepare the "Archive" items to be sent to Newmarket. Roy Jones had been a great help in storing these boxes for the last 12 years, but is now selling his house and it all had to find a home before the end of August. He still has some boxes which are primarily BC AOTS history, which are yet to be reviewed.

Jim's health has been next to perfect and is not on any medication which is great for being 80 (this November) however his wife is starting to have troubles with stairs. The Uprights are planning on moving into a one level home all sometime next year. Jim's job is to sort and recycle all of his electronics he has collected over the years in his attic hobby room. Jim decided that he had too many Church jobs (10 in total) and has decided to cut back to 5. He was quite disappointed that one of them needs to be choir which he was really enjoying.

Business from Minutes:

E13-15-05 Action Item from May 4th Minutes:

Networking: Jim is networking amongst Men's Clubs in the Greater Victoria Area. By visiting, phone or email and encourage others to do the same.

Derek White could not be at the meeting because he is a Lay-reader and they have a number of churches without ministers and he is involved in meeting to get ministers for these areas. Today he was doing a church out of town and was not able to attend this meeting.

Gary Ross is planning on heading down and spending three days at Loon Bay and presents them with some things and sees if they can come up with any ideas. He is having troubles finding people with an interest in helping out.

E13-15-06 Handshake: Jim Upright - nearly found a woman in Victoria that may be interested in newsletters. Also wants to talk with his friend at the United Church at the University and he may have an idea of someone on campus that would be interested in helping out. We don't need a big publication like the Handshake has been in the past but more of a newsletter format.

E13-15-07 National Church Camp Update: John Cooke - This month John plans to email some of the camps that were successful to see what their status was and get a report and pictures. The committee looking for volunteers for the next two years to help administer the Camp Improvement Project. We need to look at some other clubs in south western Ontario to find a club close to Sarnia where John can help get them up to speed.

E13-15-8 Google Hangout: Jim Upright - had a successful test call with David Morris on Google Hangout. Jim has some handouts to demonstrate how to set up Google Hangout with or without Skype. He is quite optimistic about using this for conference calls. There are some platforms that give us the opportunity to have 7 contacts on at one time on our audio/video conference call. This will save the AOTS over \$100 per conference call.

E13-15-9 - The Ontario Roundup: There was a Central Roundup 2014 report sent out with the agenda that gave a summary of the weekend. The program and event was about as good as they come however the attendance was extremely low.

With the numbers of participants and the low registration charges, the organizing committee from North Bay was trying to hold was not sufficient to cover the costs of the event.

None of the conferences were able to take on the job of organizing next year's Roundup so John set up an ad-hock committee to help organize the next Central Region Roundup.

The date of the next Ontario Roundup is Friday April 17th to April 19th 2015. There is a need to present the numbers 3 or 4 months in advanced and we need to get the numbers to Jacksons Point at least 60 days before the event. They have been very generous in the past but with our declining numbers we have an obligation to be more specific and meet their deadline and get the numbers to them.

A woman from this past roundup that was providing musical leadership and was part of the musical entertainment, helped to compile a songbook that could be used (without copywrite issues) across the AOTS with the standby old favorites. They are working together to finalize the digital format.

There was discussion about including the National Biennial at the Roundup and include a lady's program.

The photo albums are in Newmarket so that we will be able to look at the list and choose some albums to set out at the Roundup to document some of the historical roundups.

E13-15-10 – Other Business: John was corresponding with Paul Cooper have been in contact with the new Executive Secretary from London Conference and she is fairly new to the Conference and does not know much about the AOTS and they are planning on contacting her and informing her of the AOTS and the things we are doing.

Jim Upright closed the meeting in prayer

Next meeting date: Not Noted