

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
National AOTS Executive/Council Meeting

Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting – Sunday May 6, 2018

The meeting of the 2017 - 2018 National Executive/Council was called to order at 7:05pm EDT by President John Cooke with a prayer.

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

Guests: None

E17-18-01 Agenda: An Agenda for this meeting was reviewed and discussed and approved by consensus.

Adoption of the Agenda ***Carried***

E17-18-02 Approve minutes of last meeting (December 3)

By Consensus ***Carried***

E17-18-03 Treasurer's Report – Terry

Terry sent out the report that covered the period from February 26th to May 5th and there was a small interest of \$15.02, \$2.50 worth of bank charges and \$1,500 that went towards roundup. The most notable expense was the 9 year fee for the AOTS website to KOS. This new report gets tacked onto his previous report along with the interest income and the donations from the roundup. Ron Anderson will be sending in a letter so that we can send the cheques out to the camps that were chosen for the camp grant. See attached report.

Motion to approve the Treasures Report

Adams/Morris ***Carried***

E17-18-04 Correspondence – John/Paul – We received an email a few days after Roundup from an AOTS member from the North Bay AOTS club and he was disappointed that he did not hear anything about the Ontario Roundup and that he may have been interested in going. He was hoping that there would be more communication from National to the clubs.

John sent out a letter to London Conference talking about the AOTS and some of the things that they have done for the Conference over the years. He also talked a little about the process we are taking in order to suspend the National Executive. He will send it out to the so that we could use it, and adjust it for our own local areas.

New Business

Business Arising from Minutes:

E17-18-05 Status of 2018 National Camp Improvement Project program – John

We went through an online approval process for the camp improvement grants. We originally had \$6,000 but then National added some more money and we were able to support all five camps that applied. The camps have been notified and we are just waiting on a letter from Ron Anderson in order to send out the money.

Ron and his committee has offered to be the selection committee for 2019 if we plan to continue the project.

E17-18-06 2018 Round-up Report & Financials – Paul Cooper

The statement shows that there are some remaining funds. National helped subsidize the Roundup around \$1,500 and it did help to keep the costs down. Some members were able to come to the Roundup that may not have been able to attend. There were 24 attendees so the subsidy was about \$60/member. There was a lot of positive feedback so all in all it was a great event. We need to discuss options for what to do with the remaining funds. We did not put down a \$500 deposit for next year so that could be one option. We need to put the money down by the end of the year. Other options could be to put the money towards the camp project or return the money to National general fund of the AOTS or we could make a donation to the Living Presets Ministry.

E17-18-07 Approve payment for Web site hosting – Mark Browning

Motion to pay KOS for 9 years of website hosting

Morris/Pond

Carried

E17-18-08 Action Plan for Implementing Executive Suspension – John

- a. Discussion regarding termination of the project and not carrying it ahead in 2019. We can discuss the option of extending it for another year or terminating the project.
- b. Develop principles for eventual disbursement of AOTS financial resources. Currently National has about \$30,000 in assets and we will need to come up with some sort of plan to disburse those assets. Some of these options would be the United Church Foundation, Direct disbursement like the Camp Improvement Project, National Camping Committee. It would be best to make a decision in our September meeting.
- c. Develop static web site content. John and Mark are working on the content for the future of the website. If anyone has thoughts or suggestions of what they would like to see on the website please contact us. This will be a website to tell people what AOTS was/is about, possibly some resources that people can draw from but not to be updated. More from a historical perspective and provide information and if someone wanted to reinvigorate the National AOTS they could do so.
- d. Plans to submit materials to UCC Archives. John contacted the Archive and they only want hard copies and they have no set process for digital storage. The largest collection is the 5 boxes of roundup and convention materials that are currently being stored in Newmarket. We may want to look at those boxes to see if we can find some more pictures to put on the website. John also has a complete list of items that are in the UCC Archives if anyone wants that list. Jim Upright will check with the BCUC Archives to see if they have anything on the origins of the AOTS and get back to this committee.
- e. Celebration Event as part of General Council which is in Oshawa next year and held in July. John contacted them a couple of times but they have not gotten back to him.

E17-18-9 Video Conferencing – Jim looked into the option of doing this via skype for a more of a face to face meeting and he found that there were a lot more options than there were even two years ago. Setting up with Skype would mean that we may need to get down to 8 connections which means some of them could double up across Canada like Jim and David in Victoria and the Garry and Derek in Newfoundland. He will get back to the committee with options before our September meeting.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 7pm EDT

John Cooke ended in prayer.

E17-18-10 Motion to Adjourn: ***Adams/Pond***

Carried

John Cooke closed the meeting in prayer