

**Minutes of National AOTS Business Meeting on
Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Lake Sinclair, ON,
Salvation Army Conference Centre**

In attendance: Al Anthony, Marvin Bildfell, George Bishop, Harry Burdon, John Cooke, Harvey Douglas, Dave Morris, Ken Lane, Jim Lawrence, Harold Lorenz, Bill Love, Wally Macdonald, Don MacKenzie, Jim McKibbin, Ernie Paddock, Lloyd Paul, Gary Ross, Wally Shoults, Garnet Thompson, Jim Upright, Jim Waterfall & Howard Wills.
In addition some other members from Ontario Clubs attended, (not documented)

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by President Bill Love at 3:15 pm.

BM 09-04-01 Meeting Agenda

MOTION: *Mannell/Harvey* that the agenda circulated and amended be the agenda for this meeting. Carried.

BM-09-04-02 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Marvin Bildfell gave a written report, with the statements for the 2008 year and a statement for the Jan 1 to Mar 31 2009.

MOTION: *Bildfell/Wolfram* That the 2008 Annual Statement be approved Carried.

BM-09-04-03 National President's Report - Bill Love

Bill advised that name change motion that was made at the Annual meeting in Red Deer in 2008 has been withdrawn by the mover and seconder

BM-09-04-04 National Secretary's Report - Wally MacDonald

A letter of resignation from Wally has been received, and as a result a Search committee composed of the Staff committee and others has been formed. Bill requested those present to identify this need to there clubs and help find a candidate.

BM-09-04-05 Regeneration Committee - A written Report by George Bishop was distributed and accepted by the National Council.

BM-09-04-06 Church & Community Service - D.R. Poole Award - Youth Work, David Sherwood Award, Don Williams Award - Youth to Camp. Jim Lawrence explained these awards and listed of the Clubs who have sent in applications. He indicated the winners would be announced at the Banquet this evening.

Jim advised the **Harry Colnett Scholarship Award**, the recipient for the \$1000.00, 2009 award was Miss Audrey Yank of McGill University

Bill Love noted that it is with regret that Jim Lawrence will retire from after 14 yrs. of service in this position. The members present thanked Jim with there applause.

Observer on Tape-Bill Love thanked Garnet Thompson & Ed Staunton-Chairman of the committee in Belleville for the great job in continuing producing the Observer on Tape.

BM-09-04-07 AM-09-04-16 **Report from the Think Tank Group** - at Church House on Wednesday of this week - Jim McKibbin

This group was composed of men representing the National AOTS and others representing Men's Work interests and groups from the Greater Toronto area, and Ontario. Organized by Lloyd Paul, Bill Love, Jim McKibbin, & George Bishop

Jim explained there was afternoon discussion groups formed to look the following: First of all the three pillars of AOTS, 1. **Fellowship**, 2. **Service & Outreach**, 3. **Spirituality**, and a fourth group the **Structure of Men's Ministry**, this was the group that Jim was part of. He outlined some of the conclusions the group came to.

Jim presented a Power Point Presentation on the suggested fundamentals and Values for a revised Men's Ministry Structure that were discussed by his groups on Wednesday.

Some of the highlights from the presentation are as follows:

Values: Independence, National perspective, some conflict between these two. Honouring tradition, Embracing change, motion and development, again some conflict between these two, Communication, Men for men, Servant leadership

Some of the to do's for AOTS: To look at the National AOTS structure, be more promotional in our approach, proactively promote gender based groups i.e. Men's Clubs in Theological Colleges, finally an emphasis on Youth work.

BM-09-04-08 **A look at the Environment** - Paul Cooper - No specific steps, Congregations through their Finance or Property Committee should look at Green technologies, and renewable resources

BM-09-04-09 **2011 Biennial Convention** - Central Region has been asked to help put on the convention, likely in conjunction with a Regional event

BM-09-04-10 **2013 Biennial Convention** - Newfoundland have indicated they would like consider hosting this convention

BM-09-04-11 **Looking a Restructuring of National Council** - presented by Ken Lane
MOTION: *McKibbin/Lane* We move or recommend that the Constitution Committee, or a special appointed Committee thoroughly review all phases of the structure of the National Council of AOTS, the Constitution and Bylaws, and present their recommendations and revisions to the next Annual meeting for approval, and that the approved revisions be circulated to the AOTS membership as per our present Constitution, prior to a vote for implementation at the next Biennial Convention.

Some questions and discussion took place.

Carried unanimously

Garnet Thompson thanked all those from Belleville the have helped with the production of the Observer on Tape

AM-09-04-12 Election of National Council - for 2009 - 2011

Nominations by Garnet Thompson

President Elect	David Morris
President	Jim McKibbin
Past President	Bill Love
Western VP	Harvey Douglas
Central VP	Ed MacDonald
Eastern VP	Gary Ross
Treasurer- Finance	Marvin Bildfell
Recording Secretary	Jim Upright
C&CS Chair	Garnet Thompson
Membership & Fellowship	Al Anthony
Communication & Promotion	(part of Membership 2009-2011)
Spiritual Life& Leadership	George Bishop
Constitution	Howard Wills
Archivist	Harry Wolfrain

MOTION: *Thompson/Orpin* That the nominated slate of officers as presented be elected by acclamation Carried

Garnet noted that while not elected it is important to recognize **Harold Lorenz** as the Editor of the **Handshake**

BM-09-04-13 Resolutions Committee - John Cooke

A. Regeneration Commitee - MOTION: *Cooke/McKibbin*

Where as the Regeneration Committee was constituted to develop and lead short term activities to re-invigorate and refocus AOTS;

And whereas the work of the Committee is now complete.

Be it resolved that:

The committee be dissolved and the outstanding activities and recommendations be folded into the work of the National Council;

And further that;

The National Convention extend their heartfelt thanks to the committee members - namely Jim Upright, Jim McKibbin, Ken Lane, & Garnet Thompson, and to the committee Chair - George Bishop

Motion Carried unanimously

B. MOTION: *Lawrence/MacKenzie* That the **Harry Colnett Scholarship** yearly awards be increased by \$500 to \$1500.00 and a additional Scholarship in the same year be available if sufficient funds allow.

Carried unanimously

BM-09-04-13 Resolutions Committee - John Cooke continued

C. **Angola - Dondi Project** - The following motion was approved at the National Council meeting on April 23-24

Be it resolved:

MOTION: *Bishop/Paddock*

That the National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs through its National Council wholeheartedly support and encourage the Angola - Dondi Project as proposed by the Men's Ministry Network of the United Church of Canada,
and further:

Encourage and support Clubs to name representatives and plan local projects of financial support.

Carried unanimously

D. **Angola - Dondi Project funding-**

MOTION: *Douglas/Ross*

Carried

Where as it has been shown this afternoon:

There is a great deal of support for the United Church of Canada, Men's Ministry Network Angola - Dondi Project

And there are funds held as a general reserve larger than some members believe necessary

Be it resolved that:

The National Executive be directed to request a full report from the Angola - Dondi Project committee, to be submitted to the 2010 annual meeting, and that the National Council be instructed to match 10% of the funds raised at that time, up to a maximum of \$10,000. This money to be taken from the general funds reserve.

E. Thanks to our Hosts:

MOTION: *McKibbin/Bibiak*

Where as the Salvation Army at Jackson Point Staff

have again provided us with splendid accomodation and fine food;

Be it resolved that:

AOTS express our deep appreciation for their hospitality, and fine service. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the years ahead

Rev Don Mannell closed the meeting in Prayer