

"As one that Serves"
National Association of UC AOTS Men's Clubs

**Minutes of National AOTS Executive Conference Call Meeting
Sunday, May 16, 2004.**

On line: Ernest Paddock in Springdale N&L., Garnet Thompson & Keith Elliot in Belleville Ont., George Bishop in Newmarket Ont., Richard Deitriche in Elliot Lake, Harry Burdon, Ernie Orpin, Don MacKenzie, Jim Lawrence & Charles Klein in Winnipeg Man., Jim Upright in Victoria BC.

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest at 5:00 pm EDST
President Ernest called on Don MacKenzie to lead our devotions with a reading from 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, followed by a reflection on this reading.

E04-03-01 Approval of agenda

MOTION: *Deitriche/Elliot* the agenda be approved as amended for this meeting.
Carried

E04-03-02 Minutes of Meeting of March 28, 2004

MOTION: *Thompson/Elliot* The minutes of the Conference Call Meeting of March 28, 2004 as recorded and circulated be approved. Carried

E04-03-03 Correspondence from MOTION:

Letters of regret were sent by President Ernest to Wally Shoults, and Bruce Laite, regarding their resignations.

E03-03-04 Treasurers Report

An explanation of the statement previously distributed from Treasurer Ernie Orpin was given for the first four months of activity. A discussion regarding outstanding club dues and questions took place.

MOTION: *Orpin/MacKenzie* The statement for the first four months of 2004 be approved. Carried

Clarification will be coming regarding the funds from Ontario Central Roundup from Keith Elliot.

Finance Report

The following came from the notice of motion in the March 28, 2004 minutes
E04-02-06 items 1) & 2)

MOTION: *MacKenzie/Lawrence* On the year of the Annual meeting, which is not the year of the Biennial Convention, we should invite and pay reasonable expenses for all Club Presidents to attend the Annual meeting, who are near to the Conference in which the meeting is to take place. If the President cannot attend, he could nominate someone from his club to take his place. Carried

Travel expenses will paid for auto/car pooling at .25 per kms

The National secretary will send a letter to the Presidents involved, advising them of the above motion.

Considerable discussion took place around the notice of motion number 2

MOTION: *Lawrence/Bishop* The Finance committee consider changing the the Conference Presidents budget to \$3600.00 for the 2005 year. Carried

MOTION: *Bishop/Thompson* The Finance committee consider issuing some travel advances for all National Council members. Defeated 6 - no, 2 - yes

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E04-03-05 **Church and Community Service**

Jim Lawrence commented on the reports distributed and enclosed.

The format that is being used in Winnipeg for Youth Music Awards can be adopted by any other Conference or Council.

Youth to Camp

No report at this time.

E04-03-06 **2005 Biennial Convention**

Jim Upright indicated that a meeting with 5 members of the steering committee took place on Wed May 12, with representation from Duncan and Victoria.

The May 1 report distributed, was discussed, and it was concluded that after reviewing six alternatives, the University of Victoria was the best location to hold this conference. The present date for the event will be Aug 5-6-7, 2005. The next meeting will be on June 17, 2004.

E04-03-07 **Publicity/Observer**

George Bishop reported that an ad in the Observer is still anticipated as soon as the timing with an article is known.

Provision of AOTS place mats and aprons was proposed.

Garnet Thompson can arrange to provide AOTS "As One That Serves" aprons, for events like BBQ's etc.

Cost about \$20.00 for 20 aprons contact Garnet for more info.

George suggested that we arrange Men's retreats in selected areas funded by National Council. A presentation regarding proposed retreats is planned for the annual meeting.

The AOTS web site at www.aots.ca has been updated recently and should be reviewed by all. Suggested changes?

The United Church National site at www.united-church.ca has a link to AOTS. Click Congregation Life - Christian Development, Ministries - Ministry with Men, Links, AOTS - This takes it to our web site

E04-03-08 **The Handshake**

No report at this time. Deadline for next submissions Sept. 15/04

The last issue was delivered on time, and in good condition.

E04-03-09 An approved **National Life membership** form was received at the National office. MOTION *Deitriche/Klein* That the membership discussed be approved. Carried

E03-03-10 **Annual Meeting** in Elliot Lake. Richard Deitriche commented on behalf of Ken Lane. Attendance and proposed travel plans needed by June 1.

Send preliminary info now with updates later. Ken Lane's email was incorrect kenneth.lane@sympatico.ca is correct

E03-02-11 Spiritual Life & Leadership

George Bishop attended a meeting two weeks ago on "Exploring Faith Questions" Journeys of Spiritually and Discovery, a new book the United Church is publishing. It is proposed that a discussion on this information will be discussed at the Annual meeting.

Devotionals are still being received and updates made to the web site.

E04-02-12 Nominations & National Council Vacancies

Nominations forms and description for 2005 will be distributed in Jan-Feb 2005 Some Conferences are still missing Presidents/Reps. Follow up by VP's

E04-03-13 2007 Biennial Convention Bay of Quinte Conf. hosted by Belleville

Garnet reported there are two or three members at this time to start planning.

E04-03-14 Reports

The National Secretary referred to Club Information and Dues received reports. Letters were sent to Clubs with outstanding dues.

Keith Elliot reported that a presentation of \$2500.00 was made to the Childrens Hospital of Eastern Ont. in Ottawa. These funds will be used to provide a hypothermia blanket.

E04-03-15 Resolutions from Central Region Roundup

1. National Secretary and Treasurers recognition

MOVED: *MacKenzie/Deitriche* That recognition for Club Secretaries and Treasurers take the form of a pin available from the National office Carried

2. National Directory

MOVED: *Thompson/Bishop* That a National Directory of Club members be requested from clubs. These would be used to assist planning committee's of conventions, roundups, retreats, etc. Such a list would not be sold or given to others, and would be used exclusively for AOTS, and protected by the Privacy of Information legislation. Carried

Next Executive Conf. Call Meeting: 5 pm EDST Sunday Sept. 12/04

President Ernest thanked those in attendance for their contributions
The meeting adjourned

George Bishop closed with prayer

As recorded

Jim Upright
Scribe in Ken's absence