

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
National AOTS Executive/Council Meeting
Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting - Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

The meeting of the 2011 - 2013 National Executive/Council was called to order at 7:01 pm EDT by President David Morris with prayer.

Present on the call were: *David Morris, John Cooke, Marvin Bildfell, Harvey Douglas, Ed Macdonald, Gary Ross, Jim Upright, David Adams, and Mark Browning (Minutes)*

Regrets from: Jim McKibbin

E11-13-01 Agenda - An Agenda for this meeting was discussed and approved by consensus

Motion: *Upright/ Cooke*

E11-13-02 Approval of the Conference Call Meeting minutes of Sunday, November 20, 2011 With the following corrections; (Present on the call) typo on name: John Cooke, (11-12-06) Ad-Hock Committee not the Nominating Committee, and Duplicate paragraph.

Motion: *Macdonald /Douglas* The minutes of January 22nd be approved as corrected

Carried

E11-13-03 Financial/Treasurers report: <http://bit.ly/AOTS-Files>

Marvin Bildfell put the yearend report on the website on (Google Documents) The discrepancy under Second Mile numbers between the budget and what actually occurs was due to the people that got travel expenses and then donated it back to National.

Ended up with a surplus of approximately \$3,000. There are 29 paid up individual members and 46 registered clubs of which 44 have paid their membership. The Hospital Fund funds have been sent out and Youth To Camp awards have been paid as well.

E11-13-04 Presidents report: David Morris included correspondence from two meetings with Jordan Sullivan form United Church Head Office. The meetings were about how the AOTS fits into the United Church and the Men's Ministry. She is putting out a survey to Men's Groups in the United Church and wants to add AOTS related questions. She is looking forward to joining us at the Roundup in April as well as the National Biennial next year.

Business from Minutes:

E11-13-05 Constitutional Implementation: Working on the draft to set up the Visioning Committee and options of who (besides the Vice Presidents) should be part of the Committee.

Jim has gone over the information about the Harry Colnett Memorial Award and all of the email contacts and will send all of the information out to the Universities.

E11-13-06 Dondi Project: There is still a lot of interest in the AOTS taking on the Dondi project. Marvin has received some money for the project as well. It would be nice to see the AOTS moving forward with this as our National project again.

E11-13-07 2013 Biennial Update: Garry is working on a guest speaker but nothing will be done until Spring. Ernie and Gary will start to do a tour of Newfoundland to meet with some of the clubs to promote the event and get support.

E11-13-08 Handshake: Correspondence from Harold and John Cooke regarding the Handshake. The two main issues are; Harold not getting enough content for the 10-12 page colour newsletter, and some mailing list issues.

There are presently 1,200 copies were going primarily to AOTS Clubs and Members. Mailing are going in a bulk mailing, therefore we don't know if they are making it to the intended people. Working on a distribution strategy and process with digital copies on the website. Some concerns that a large number of members still don't have computer or email access so a printed version is mandatory as well and hardcopies going out to the conferences.

Most important action is to encourage clubs to send in information to Harold so that he can put together the next issue. Also work out a distribution list and strategy for the next mailing.

E11-13-9 Website: Mark wants to put together more information on the National Projects for the website with more details and brochures.

E11-12-10 Banf Men's Conference - October 12-14, 2012 - Make sure someone has made a contact with the organizers of the conference in May or June and tell them who will be making the AOTS presentation.

E11-13-11 2012 National Executive Meeting - June 7-10, 2012 - Booking Flights earlier than later. Send flight times to Harvey as soon as you get them so he can make arrangements on his end.

E11-13-12 2012 National Project - We need to make sure someone at the United Church can administer the Dondi project so that we can start promoting it as our National Project.

Other Business:

E11-13-13: Erne Stafford who was one of the AOTS National Presidents, passed away recently. There was a memorial held on December 22nd and three representatives from National were there and there was also an all AOTS choir.

E11-13-14: Alex Jackson is having troubles working out a budget and pricing for Jackson Point Central Roundup and National may have to take a look at covering some of the shortfall. Information should be coming soon in order to put up on the website.

David Morris closed the meeting in prayer

Next meeting date: March 18th, 2012 at 7:00 EDT