

## Conference Call # 1 Minutes

Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, called to order @ 8:02pm

Attended by: Kathy, Debbie, Tony, Gary, Erin, Andy, Shirley, Debbie, Heather, Ron, Pat, Gil, Darrin

1. Welcome and introductions
2. D.G. Updates –

### Zone A – Gil Boissoneault

Kinsmen in the zone are just beginning to meet again. Helping with the Timmins Kinettes with their Terry Fox run on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Kirkland Lake Kinettes are inquiring about chartering – DG Gil, VG Ron and SD Erin will help. DMD Tony and G Kathy are also willing to help if needed. Wendy Gilligan is the contact in Kirkland Lake. They are looking at forming a Kinette Club but the opportunity to form a Kin Club will be presented to them. Executive installations will be done in September. The Zone Service Director is PG Lucie Boissoneault.

### Zone B – Darrin Bolger

Clubs are just starting for the new year now. PG Les Mayer has agreed to be the Zone Service Director. Installations will be done over the next few weeks. Will continue to explore a potential charter in Blind River and/or Elliot Lake.

### Zone C – Heather Hughes

Installations were done already in Bobcaygeon and Lindsay. DG Heather, SD Andy, G Kathy, VDG Jim Brough and NP Dave Ronson attended the installation and helped to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kinette June Jokinen. Minden installation will be done in September, Brighton in October and the dates have not been set for Peterborough and Port Hope. DG Heather will obtain the contacts for the Guide for Traveling Kin in the next week or so. Please use Heather's work email for contact – [heather.hughes@coachcanada.com](mailto:heather.hughes@coachcanada.com). Looking at forming a campus club in Lindsay and/or Peterborough and this years challenge will continue to be increasing membership. The Zone Service Director is VDG Jim Brough from Lindsay.

### Zone Durham – Debbie Foggetti

A couple dates have been set for installations, Pickering and Uxbridge will be completed in the next week or so. Uxbridge Kinsmen will be co-hosting FLC with Stouffville Kinsmen. PG Charlotte Stephenson will be continuing as a member of Kin and will be the Zone Co-Ordinator again this year. There isn't anyone for the Zone Service Director's position, DT Gary mentioned he had spoken to someone and was just waiting to hear back from him.

### Zone Mid-ON – Shirley Heaps

Installations have already been completed in Bolton, Orangeville and Newmarket with Sutton and Barrie already set for September. The dates for the remainder of the clubs have yet to be set. There still isn't a Zone Service Director. One of the Barrie Kinsmen showed some interest but backed down. SD Andy will attend the Sept installation in Barrie with DG Shirley and hopefully try to recruit someone.

Zone Halton Peel – Pat Payne

Was not able to attend the DLS weekend so feeling way behind. DG Pat and G Kathy will be meeting this weekend to pass along some information. Acton Kinettes are down to just 2 members, they are exploring the option of folding the club and joining with the Lakeshore Kin club. A membership blitz might be needed in Acton to try to recruit new members. The Zone Service Director is Brian Macklin.

3. Executive Updates

Governor – Kathy Alexander – shirts and badges have been ordered and hopefully will arrive very soon.

Treasurer – Gary Gornik – has a list of the clubs who still need to submit outstanding dues. Gary will send that information to the clubs as a reminder and the DG's for help. The bank accounts are nearly set up, it's been a long and frustrating process.

Membership – Tony Foggetti – would like each zone and club to appoint a membership director so that he will have someone to contact to pass along information. Just makes the flow of info more smoothly. Tony will follow up with members who resign in case there is a particular reason that he could possibly help with, but be sure to let him know before these members leave. Tony is available to help with any possible charters and certainly with any clubs who are in trouble of folding. Tony has not received the new members information from National, so Kathy will forward it and he can follow up with Melina.

Service – Erin Thomson & Andy Hughes – Andy – has had no response from anyone on the committee of the POH but it's understandable based on how busy they've been. Andy commented on the awards program and the lack of response over the course of the last few years, so we will focus on the program and encourage clubs/members to participate. Erin – Zone Service Director's training has been cancelled for Sept 17 in Sudbury. There was only 1 service rep available so the weekend is cancelled and the training will happen at FLC.

4. Vice Governor's Report -- VG Ron commented that he will be attending the VG's training at National over the weekend of Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. After that weekend, he will be in touch with his team after the training to start planning for their year.
5. Past Governor's Report – PG Len was not available to attend the call.
6. Outstanding dues – Gary has already commented on this.
7. Website update – DG's were encouraged to update their area. Information about FLC is now on the website.
8. FLC information – it will be a 1 day conference over the weekend of Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the YMCA Camp Geneva in Orillia. Information will be circulated to the clubs shortly. DG's please contact your clubs about FLC and determine who is attending. The official call will be prepared shortly so that it is sent out 30 days prior to the conference. A few ideas for the workshops are: hands on website training, hands on award completion, hands on paperwork completion. Service training for the Zone directors. DMD Tony will put a membership workshop together, possibly recruiting or retention and will touch base with Karen Piovaty at KIN HQ

regarding help with marketing. DG Heather offered to help with the paperwork completion workshop, DT Gary has offered to help with the website training (bring your laptops to this session). Darrin suggested touching base with Bob Bolger regarding Awards submissions, but Kathy has agreed to get in touch with Bob Bolger instead. Erin is to have “ready made packages” for the Saturday for the Save Your Silver Campaign. Also it was suggested that the CF Chapter Presidents to be invited to FLC? Any other ideas will be welcomed.

9. Mid term – dates and location -- G Kathy has spoken to PG Mike Croghan from North Bay about the possibility of holding the mid term weekend in North Bay over the weekend of Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.
10. November 15 – dues and insurance paperwork required. Incorporation paperwork due? – Kathy to advise in newsletter due out soon.
11. Mid term Jan. 6/7/8 in North Bay
12. District Convention information – the convention should be hosted in Mid Ontario in 2012 but it’s been a struggle trying to get a club to host it. However, at National Convention, PG’s Mike Croghan and Doug Robinson spoke about putting the convention together for us. They are looking at a 1-day conference with the Service banquet being held on Saturday at lunch and having the Friday night as just a time for Kin to arrive and settle in. General discussion on this format - the team is in disagreement with this and want to continue with a format for the convention to allow for the Service banquet to be more formal on the Friday night. Contact Kathy directly with your comments and concerns and G Kathy will relay our concerns with a 1 day conference in the format that Mike and Doug are suggesting. Erin needs to know ASAP where it will be held in order to move forward with Quest for Breath.
13. Schedule of future conference calls—meaningful – the general agreement on the team is to continue with monthly conference calls, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. G Kathy expressed a concern that the calls are meaningful and that members of the team do not hang up from the call with the thought that it was a waste of time. More research will be done to ensure that the calls are meaningful. Please email Deb Corpe with any scheduling conflicts and/or inavailabilities and Kathy and Deb will address these on an individual basis.

DG Reports – Please include the following in your report and try to be as concise as possible

- Clubs in trouble – suggestions on how we can help
- Installations that have been completed and clubs that have yet to be installed, anticipated dates – any help needed with this?
- Contact information collected from clubs – any outstanding? – complete the Guide to Traveling Kin
- Any club visits scheduled – if so, what kind of report will you offer the clubs
- Zone Service rep – who it is in your zone, if no one has stepped forward, how can we resolve this?
- Any specific challenges you anticipate this year – how can we all help with it

Proposed FLC break out sessions:

- Hands on website training
- Hands on awards submissions – Bob Bolger
- Service information – Erin – save your silver fundraiser, POH update

- Membership – retention? Recruitment?
- Marketing your club – Karen at National?
- Protocol
- Mentoring
- Hands on paperwork completion -- Heather
- President's/ Club executive seminar
- New member seminar
- logo discussion
- round table discussion about the future of the district

Key note speaker – ideas

Call ended at 9:35pm