

## **District 8**

### **Conference Call Minutes**

**December 06, 2011 – 8:00pm**

#### **Attendance**

Governor Kathy  
Vice Governor Ron  
Deb Corpe  
Bill Brown  
Andy Hughes  
Darrin Bolger  
Gary Gornik  
Len Ptak  
Erin Thompson

#### **DG Updates:**

Darrin – still chasing clubs for installations, Sault and Sudbury still to be done and trying to co-ordinate Service and DG visit at the same time. Walden is in trouble as no paperwork for insurance and incorporation has been done and dues still outstanding. Darrin to send Kathy contact info for Walden and she will try and touching base

Bill – Georgetown has been installed. Milton Kinsmen and Kinettes now meet together . Acton Kinettes are down to two members, therefore no need for installation. Streetsville, Mississauga, Brampton and Erin Mills Kinsmen clubs will have their installations done in January. Tentative date for Halton Peel Spring Zone Conference is March 3, 2012 at the Streetsville Kinsmen Hall. Bill to touch base with Duane from Streetsville club to confirm date. He will also touch base with Brian Macklin (Service) to see if the date works for him. If Erin and/or Andy can be there, great, otherwise Gary Newton can step in if needed. Meeting with Pat Payne on December 8<sup>th</sup> to pass over the DG briefcase and chain of office. Kathy to forward Bill the contact info for Georgetown. Bill made comments regarding his feelings on DG experience and suitability for the position as well as the future of this Association beyond the club level. Bill is unable to attend Mid-term.

Andy (in Heather's absence) – Heather is at a fellowship dinner in Bobcaygeon. December 10<sup>th</sup> is breakfast with Santa & Toy Mountain. Zone Conference will be in Minden on April 21<sup>st</sup> but that date is currently in conflict with Mid-Ontario. Zone Durham's is on April 14<sup>th</sup>, so Kathy has asked Heater (via Andy) to check into rectifying the conflicts with dates for Zone Conferences.

Ron (in Gil's absence) – Kirkland Lake is hosting Spring Conference. Not definite on the date just yet

## **Governor Kathy's Report**

Very busy these last couple of weeks. Has been looking at the District dashboard.

She is focussing on

1) Clubs in trouble and how to help. The National Co-ordinator at HQ can help with contacting clubs that are struggling.

2) Marketing assistance from Karen Piovaty with logos & strategies. We should utilize her abilities

3) Communication to and from Kathy to other members of District Council. She is approachable & please contact her directly if you need her. If you have any submissions for her newsletter, please make sure they are to her by this weekend.

The DG accountability scorecard has been updated to reflect D8 by Kathy and all the DG's have been sent the score cards. Please make sure to go through your own.

Planning for mid-term the weekend of January 6 & 7 in North Bay and will touch base with Mike Croghan. The agenda is to be determined. Arrive on Friday, business Saturday and travel home on Sunday.

The mentoring presentation by National President Dave at FLC is to be distributed to the DG's & the council.

Comment from Gary on Kathy's good abilities so far and that we are all in support of her.

The Travelling Kin directory to be emailed this weekend and also sent to Leslie in Bolton (via Gary). The Zone service reps contact info is to be included in the directory and online as well.

## **Treasurer Gary's Report**

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Steve Lowe, Kathy and Gary (the finance committee) had a meeting at Gary's home to discuss the District investments/policies and the bylaws regarding the same. What followed on our conference call was a very lengthy and somewhat heated discussion on the handling in the past of these funds, what determines no risk, low risk etc and the vote at District Convention in June 2010 on investments being placed in NO risk funds. Does not seem to have happened and the bylaws have not been officially changed even though the motion was passed to place these funds, especially CF monies in NO risk. There was talk of Steve Lowe coming to mid-term meetings in January, but instead he can be contacted via phone if need be while we are at mid-term. No resolution to this matter at present but will be discussed further at mid-term.

## **Service Report – Andy & Erin**

All projects have gone off successfully so far. Reports on Service Projects should go to Andy & Erin. POH gala dinner in North Bay was well received. The National President was not in attendance. North Bay did a great job. CF pins at a cost of \$5.00 will be distributed at mid-term. Kayak Quest for Breath – Erin will have a letter regarding corporate donation and/or sponsorship ready ASAP. Jason Balaban, our CF contact is no longer with CFC and we are awaiting information on our new contact. N.B. \$10 from Darrin Bolger to go to CF for a picture of Erin with silver hair.

## **Vice Governor's Report**

Ron mentioned that we would like to have a meeting with his team for next year at mid-term to discuss his plan.

## **Past Governor Len**

Nothing to report.

## **New Business**

KIN Day with the Toronto Marlies will be held on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>. The opposing team is the Hamilton Bulldogs, so we should try and promote this as a sort of competition between D8 & D1. Please spread the word to your Zones and club contacts. Not just as KIN event. All are welcome. Let's try and have greater numbers from D8 and beat out D1 for bragging rights.

District Convention contracts to go to Kathy from Len.

Paul Sheppard Memorial Day on February 20th (Minden). Proceeds to local Food Bank. Event is for the 90 for 90 initiative.

## **Good of KIN**

Erin announced that she and Pete got engaged this past weekend. Gary (and all of us) extend our congratulations to them both.

Darrin invited all KIN to Canada Day celebration with KIN Valley East....date....July 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Call adjournment at 9:35pm.