

MINUTES
1st QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44
October 16, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Asheville, NC

The following members of the 2010-2011 Board were in attendance for the Saturday, October 16, 2010 meeting:

Lawrence Kelley	Governor	Lenoir, NC
Odell Witherspoon	Immediate Past Governor	Charlotte, NC
Kathy Howard	Governor-Elect	Albemarle, NC
Dianne Mallard	Assistant Governor	Charlotte, NC
Sandy Middleton	Secretary-Treasurer	Charlotte, NC
Anita Silver	Lt. Governor – Zone 1	Asheville, NC
Larry Foster	Lt. Governor – Zone 2	Boone, NC
Jerry Brown	Lt. Governor – Zone 3	Lenoir, NC
Anita Mapes	Lt. Governor – Zone 4	Hickory, NC
Roger Wuest	Lt. Governor – Zone 5	Shelby, NC
Bill Helms	Lt. Governor – Zone 6	Gastonia, NC
Alan Amery	Lt. Governor – Zone 7	Charlotte, NC
Mary Martin-Jones	Lt. Governor – Zone 8	Charlotte, NC
Gerenda Davis	Lt. Governor – Zone 9	Charlotte, NC
Gene Swift	Lt. Governor – Zone 11	Boone, NC

Club Presidents or Designates in Attendance were:

Steve Bailor, Greensboro; J.C. Boone, Albemarle; Sharon Bristol, Gamewell; Gwynn Campbell, West Jefferson; Candy Dodge, President-Elect, Charlotte; Robert Efird, New Hope Stanley; Ginny Fowler, Providence; Leon Hoover, Boone; Chris Jernigan, Morganton; Ron Jones, The Sandhills; Jack Looman, Lenoir; Billy Lovins, Hudson; Stewart Mallard, Mallard Creek; Carolyn Mullins, Matthews-Mint Hill; Bob Terry, Queen City; Harold Watson, Shelby; Betty Wilkins, Hidden Valley; (Complete listing of attendees is attached and filed with permanent copy of minutes)

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Assistant Governor, Dianne Mallard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement. Dianne also recognized the Past International Presidents, International Vice Presidents, and Governors, as well as the first timers.

Past International Vice President, Keith Middleton was appointed parliamentarian for the meeting and proceeded to present the Rules of Voting and Motions of the Board stating that only members of the District Board are permitted to vote or make motions.

Approval of District Policies:

Keith Middleton, Past International VP & Parliamentarian reported:

District Policies have been reviewed by the Executive Committee. One change has taken place during the 2009-2010 year. This change affects discontinuing collecting District dues from College Clubs which was effective October 1, 2009.

- Motion to approve the District Policies, after the necessary changes are made to the Policies regarding College Clubs dues was made by Alan Amery, Lt. Governor, seconded by Mary Martin-Jones, Lt. Governor. Approved.

Minutes of the 4th Quarter District Meeting:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 4th Quarter Meeting Board made by Gerenda Davis, Lt. Governor, seconded by Betty Wilkins, President, Hidden Valley, Charlotte. Motion carried.

4th Quarter and Year End Financials:

- Motion to accept 4th Quarter and Year End Financials, subject to CPA review, in accordance with Optimist International Policies was made by Gerenda Davis, Lt. Governor, seconded by Bill Helms, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, Past International President, asked that Odell Witherspoon, Immediate Past Governor, and Mary Martin-Jones, Past District Secretary-Treasurer, have the official review completed no later than the February, 2011 District Meeting in Winston Salem. (Note: OI may require that this be completed at an earlier date).

2010-2011 Budget:

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, Past International President, presented the 2010-2011 Budget for approval.

- Motion to approve the 2010-2011 budget made by Gerenda Davis, Lt Governor, seconded by Roger Wuest, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Bill also recommended: Due to the financial condition of the District, that NCW District get approval from Optimist International for a district dues increase. Mary Martin-Jones, Past District Secretary-Treasurer then presented report showing clubs that owe NCW District and/or Optimist International dues. Lawrence Kelley stated that the focus of Lt. Governors, Secretary-Treasurer and himself, will be the collection of OI and District dues.

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, requested that the following actions/motions of the Executive Committee meeting on October 15, 2010 be read and approved by the Board.

Request to O.I. for Special Called Convention:

- Motion made to request permission of the Optimist International board to have a special called Convention at our February District Meeting, for the purpose of petitioning for a district dues increase. Made by Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect, seconded by Mary Martin-Jones, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Proposed District Dues Increase:

- Motion made that after receiving approval from Optimist International for a called Convention at our February District meeting, the Executive Committee recommends a dues increase of \$5.00 per member, per year, effective April 1, 2011. Made by Dianne Mallard, Assistant Governor, seconded by Jerry Brown, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

District Directory:

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, recommended a method to cut costs on the printing and publishing our District Directory. This cost last year was around \$1500+. He asked that the Committee, Anizsa Jones and Mary Martin Jones complete this within the next 10 days. After completion, provide a computer file for review and printing to Secretary Treasurer, Sandy Middleton. Sandy will then have it assembled and distributed.

Expense Allocations/Reimbursements:

Gene Swift, Lt. Governor recommended that, where possible, District Chairs and Lt. Governors not claim their allocations/expense reimbursements.

Power Point Activities Report:

Dianne Mallard, Assistant Governor, presented a Power Point report of information to be shared, including Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, YES Program, When and Where District Meetings will take place, as well as other information submitted by District Chairs.

Optimist International Foundation:

Bill Teague, acting as OIF Rep, reported for H. B. Stroup, who is recovering from surgery. H.B. was commended for his outstanding work with the Foundation over the past year. H. B. was the leading OIF representative in Optimist International, as well as NCW District in donations received during 2009-2010. Asheville-Erwin club won the ‘free trip’ raffle that H. B. offered to participating clubs.

Out of Session:

Contributions were received by Tom Lamont and Ron Jones for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, as Well as Chris Jernigan for SouthMountain Children’s’ Home.

Back in Session:

CPA Winners:

Odell Witherspoon, Immediate Past Governor, reported Boone Optimist Club and Greensboro Optimist Club had won the Club Projects Awards for the District.

4th Quarter and Year End Achievements and Awards:

Sandy Middleton, Secretary-Treasurer, presented A & A 4th Quarter and Year End Awards for Howard Bridges, A & A Chair, who had a conflict. The following were presented:

<u>4th Quarter:</u>		<u>End of Year (Total of All Quarters)</u>	
<u>Small Clubs</u>	<u>Large Clubs</u>	<u>Small Clubs</u>	<u>Large Clubs</u>
1 - Providence	Queen City	Providence	Queen City
2 - Shelby	Boone	Matthews Mint Hill	Boone
3 - Matthews Mint Hill	N. Buncombe	West Mecklenburg	N. Buncombe

At this time, the business portion of the meeting was paused. Danny Rodgers, Optimist International President; and Bob Buss, Optimist International Vice President addressed the attendees with a very motivating presentation and discussion.

Membership:

Lawrence Kelley, Governor, assisted by Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, discussed membership incentives. Anyone bringing in one new member will receive the Governor's One Member award pin; anyone bringing in 5 new members will receive the Governor's Five Member Star award pin; and anyone bringing in 6 new members will receive the Governor's Six Member Logo shirt. Governor Kelley gave awards to those members who have sponsored new members since October 1st. Billy Lovins of the Hudson received all three awards for sponsoring 7 new members.

Governor Kelley also presented the Friend of Optimist District Plaque Program and explained that FOOs are Optimist International members with an annual membership fee of \$100 each. Of this fee, \$60 of this stays at OI and \$40 is returned to the club sponsoring the member. If a District FOO plaque is requested by sponsor or club, there will be a cost of \$20 to provide this special plaque. (\$10 will go to the District and \$10 will go towards the cost of the plaque).

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Optimist Creed was lead by Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer