

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**2nd QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING**  
**NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44**  
**February 12, 2011 – Hawthorne Hill, Winston Salem, NC**

The following members of the 2010-2011 Board were in attendance for the Saturday, February 12, 2011 meeting:

Lawrence Kelley	Governor	Lenoir, NC
Odell Witherspoon	Immediate Past Governor	Charlotte, NC
Clement Hahn	Past Governor	Asheville, 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
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; Michael Aranda, Appalachian; J.C. Boone, Albemarle; John Laurents, Charlotte; Ginny Fowler, (Designate) Providence; Leon Hoover, Boone; Chris Jernigan (Designate) , Morganton; Wayne Higgins (Designate) , Weaverville; James Wilkie, Landis-S. Rowan, Ron Jones, The Sandhills; Robert Safrit, Thomasville; John Clark, West Meck; Jim Annas, Winston Salem; J. David Layel (Designate) Gastonia AM; Fred Witherspoon, Waxhaw-Mineral Springs; L. Clement Hahn, (Designate) Asheville; Howard Bridges, Asheville-Erwin; Sabrina Foddrell, Lenoir; Kitty Smith (Designate) Harrisburg; Billy Lovins, Hudson; Stewart Mallard, Mallard Creek; Dan Brantmeyer, Matthews-Mint Hill; Bob Terry, Queen City; Kathy Allen (Designate), Salisbury; 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 8:30 am.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Thomas Wilkins.

Jim Annas, President of Winston Salem introduced Allen Joines, Mayor of Winston Salem, who welcomed NC West Optimists to the city. Governor Kelley presented Mayor Joines a framed Optimist Creed in appreciation.

Dianne Mallard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement. Dianne also recognized the Past International Presidents, International Vice Presidents, Past Governors, Lt. Governors, head table as well as the first timers, who were presented Optimist heart pins as gifts. Five first timers were in attendance.

Past International Vice President, Keith Middleton, Parliamentarian, presented the Rules of Voting and Motions of the Board stating that only members of the District Board are permitted to vote or make motions.

Keith also explained the Voting Criteria for the Called Convention portion of this meeting.

OI Convention rules will be used, whereby clubs are given ballots based on the number of members in their club based on December 31, 2010 membership (1 vote per 25 members or major portion thereof) and that clubs must be current in their District Dues.

### **Minutes of the 1st Quarter District Meeting:**

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 1st Quarter Meeting Board, as distributed, made by Howard Bridges, seconded by Lt. Governor Jerry Brown. Motion carried.

### **1st Quarter Financials:**

- Motion to accept 1st Quarter Financials, as distributed, subject to CPA review, in accordance with Optimist International Policies was made by Lt. Governor Mary Martin Jones, seconded by Past Governor, Clement Hahn. Motion carried.

District Accounts Receivable Report was given by Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer, stating that as of February 10, 2011, 7 clubs still owe their first half district dues which were billed in October, 2010. These are: #44214 Happy Valley - \$84.50; #44473 Whitnel - \$32.50; #44578 Gastonia-Huskie - \$45.50; #44584 N. Lincoln Knights - \$78.00; #44597 NC Youth League - \$110.50; #42111 Concord-Logan - 123.50; and #44050 Broadway - \$247.00 for a total of \$721.50.

Optimist International Accounts Receivable was also given for those clubs that are over +120 past due. These are as follows: #44390 Hickory St. Stephens - \$317.60; #44460 Hickory-Viewmont - \$79.12; #44450 Gastonia-Union Road - \$428.44; #44578 Gastonia Huskie - \$4.34; #44006 Waxhaw-Mineral Springs - \$357.72; #42111 Concord-Logan - \$876.11; #44050 Broadway - \$637.87 and #44592 United Iredell - \$104.34.

CPA Review Report for the Year End 2009-2010 (Accounting Bookkeeping Financial Services of Charlotte) was presented by Immediate Past Governor, Odell Witherspoon.

## **MINUTES - SPECIAL CALLED CONVENTION SESSION**

Past International President, Bill Teague, Finance Chair, reported that on October 21, 2010, District Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy Middleton, sent a petition to the Optimist International Board of Directors requesting permission to hold a "Called Convention" at our February District Meeting. The purpose of this called convention would be to consider and vote on a \$5 per member, per year, increase in NCW District dues effective April 1, 2011. On December 12, 2010, the Optimist International Board of Directors approved North Carolina West District's request to hold a special convention on February 12, 2011 to vote on this dues increase.

- A motion was made to adopt the Optimist International Convention Rules by Lt. Governor, Larry Foster, and seconded by Lt. Governor, Gene Swift. Motion approved.

In accordance with Convention rules, clubs were properly notified, ballots were prepared, delegates accredited and only clubs current in district dues were awarded ballots. A 3 member Credentials Teller Committee (Past Governors: Keith Middleton, Ginny Fowler and Ed Strait) was named to audit the results of the vote.

Finance Chair, Bill Teague, presented the following Finance Committee and Executive Committee recommendation: Effective April 1, 2011, NC West District will increase district dues \$5.00 per member, per year, from the current \$13.00 to \$18.00. If approved, the next billing to clubs will reflect a \$9.00 per member fee.

- A motion was made by Lt. Governor Alan Amery, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee, seconded by Howard Bridges. Motion approved.

At this time, delegates were given time to cast their ballots. **42 ballots were counted.**

Keith Middleton, Credentials Chair, announced the results of 'called convention' vote. Of the 42 votes cast, by accredited delegates, the vote passed in favor of the dues increase by 3 to 1, or over 75% (31 in favor, 10 against).

## **END OF SPECIAL CALLED CONVENTION SESSION**

### **Comments by Governor Lawrence Kelley:**

Governor Lawrence thanked everyone for their time, efforts and patience during this special called convention. Lawrence talked about the NCW goals to open up communications by using email, our NC Website and our desire to help clubs be successful.

### **District Chair Reports were given as follows:**

Essay - Gladys Highland

Oratorical – John Laurents

Jr. Golf – Anita Mapes, in Allen Wiggins absence (Sponsors are \$100, players are \$75) Looking for 125 players

A&A – Activities – Richard Highland presented 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter & A & A Awards as follows:

### **Divided into 3 groups based on number of club members:**

	<b><u>Small (2 – 24)</u></b>	<b><u>Med (25-34)</u></b>	<b><u>Large 35 +</u></b>
1 -	Waxhaw-Mineral Springs	Weaverville N Buncombe	Gamewell
2 -	West Mecklenburg	Matthews-Mint Hill	Queen City
3 -	Shelby	Providence	Boone

Alan Amery, Zone 7 was presented "Top Lt. Governor" award.

Website – Sandy Middleton

Bulletin – Ron Hare

Childhood Cancer – Dianne Mallard

Convention 2010 Baltimore – Odell Witherspoon

House of Optimism – Roger & Peggy Wuest

Optimist International Foundation – Clement Hahn

### **Out of Session:**

Ron Jones introduced our new Civic Club Rep for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Gary Greene. Reports were given and contributions received by Rep. Gary Greene, and Optimist Chair, Ron Jones for Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina, as well as Chris Jernigan for SouthMountain Children's' Home.

### **Back in Session:**

### **Membership Report:**

Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, accompanied by Dianne Mallard presented a Power Point Membership presentation. He discussed both Optimist International and NCW District membership incentives. Stewart stated that as of today, his records show that 191 new members have been added to the NC West roster. 64 of these are Friends of Optimist. Stewart presented membership pins, shirts, and 5 member pins at this time.

Governor Kelley presented the Friend of Optimist District Plaques. 23 had been ordered and were on display.

New Club Building – Bill Fowler and Ron Lackey

At this time, District Training sessions which were scheduled for one hour took place as follows:

- \*Catch A Rising Star – Kathy Howard & Ginny Fowler
- \*Public Relations for Clubs, Don't Stay a Secret – Wayne Higgins
- \*Now Meetings That Work – Gene Swift

Session reconvened:

**Old Business:               None**

**New Business:           Banner Stands**

Larry Foster, Lt. Governor, notified the District that he has arranged to have banner stands produced at a cost of \$100 each. If clubs need these, please see Larry. Larry understands that the District needs 10 of these. Stewart Mallard, President of Mallard Creek, donated \$1,000 to purchase these stands for the District banners. The District would like to express their thanks to President Stewart Mallard and the Mallard Creek Optimist for this gift.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm for 2009-2010 District Awards Luncheon

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Middleton*, District Secretary-Treasurer