

GENERAL SESSION - BOARD MINUTES
3rd QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44
May 7, 2011 – Gateway Center Hotel, Hickory, 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
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:

J.C. Boone, Albemarle; John Laurents, Charlotte; Roger Adcock, Providence; Leon Hoover, Boone; Chris Jernigan (Designate) , Morganton; James Wilkie, Landis-S. Rowan, Ron Jones, The Sandhills; Robert Safrit, Thomasville; L. Clement Hahn, (Designate) Asheville; Howard Bridges, Asheville-Erwin; Judy Furr (Designate), Harrisburg; Billy Lovins, Hudson; Stewart Mallard, Mallard Creek; Hank Hartz (Designate), Queen City; Kathy Allen (Designate), Salisbury; Betty Wilkins, Hidden Valley; Ed Turas, Gastonia AM; (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.

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 bumper stickers and Regional VP pins as gifts. Four first timers were in attendance.

Lt. Governor Anita Mapes introduced Rudy Wright, Mayor of Hickory, who welcomed NC West Optimists to the city. Governor Kelley presented Mayor Wright an Optimist Creed coaster in appreciation.

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.

Minutes of the 2nd Quarter District Meeting:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2nd Quarter Meeting Board, as distributed, made by Hank Hartz (Queen City), seconded by Lt. Governor Alan Amery. Motion carried.

2nd Quarter Financials:

- Motion to accept 2nd Quarter Financials, as distributed, was made by Lt. Governor Gene Swift, seconded by Lt. Governor, Anita Mapes. Motion carried.

- District Accounts Receivable Report was given by Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer, stating that as of May 1, 2011, 4 clubs owe district dues. These are: #44214 Happy Valley - \$84.50; #44473 Whitnel - \$117.00 (from 09-10); #44578 Gastonia-Huskie - \$45.50 (& from 09-10 = \$247.00); #44597 NC Youth League - \$110.50 & (from 09-10 \$110.50); #42111 Concord-Logan - 123.50; and #44050 - Broadway - \$247.00. Sandy also presented OI Delinquent dues over 120+ prior to April 1, billing as follows: #44578 - Gastonia-Huskie - \$4.34; #42111 Concord-Logan - \$473.55 and #44050 Broadway - \$437.87. Concord-Logan and Broadway have made arrangements with OI to try to make monthly payments to catch up.

Comments by Governor Lawrence Kelley:

Lawrence felt that our District is very strong this year. We are involved in many projects, and have brought in one new club, Sawmills. Lawrence is very proud of everything that has been done and asked for a show of hands as to how many new members have been brought in. Membership and New Club Building will be discussed later in the meeting as shown in the agenda.

District Chair Reports were given as follows:

Oratorical & YES - John Laurents – reports that 19 clubs & 400 kids participated in our Oratorical Contests this year. We will have 8 finalists compete in today’s competition. On the YES initiative, recognized Queen City who has started facilitating at Jail North High School and will begin at Jail Central shortly. So far 8 high schools are involved. Books & Facilitators Guides are available for distribution at this meeting.

Jr. World Golf – Allen Wiggins – reported that the Hugh Cranford Jr. World Qualifying Tournament would be held June 27 at Catawba Country Club. Fees for golfers are \$75.00 and hole sponsors are \$100. He is expecting 125 players to participate. Age groups range from 10 years to 18 years old. We had a winner 3 years ago from Pinehurst .

A&A – Activities – Richard Highland, assisted by Past Governor, Bob Hauss, presented 2nd Quarter & A & A Awards as follows:

	<u>Small (2 – 24)</u>	<u>Med (25-34)</u>	<u>Large 35 +</u>
1 -	West Jefferson-C. Ashe	Weaverville-N. Buncombe	Mallard Creek
2 -	Onyx	Albemarle	Boone
3 -	Shelby	Providence	Queen City

Robert “Big Bob” Hauss Award - Lt. Governor Awards

Zone 8 Lt. Gov. Mary Jones	Zone with Highest Points (15,200)
Zone 4 Lt. Gov. Anita Mapes	Zone with Highest % of Clubs reporting (100%)

NCW Hall of Fame District Award – Deadline for submitting applications to Chair, Wayne Higgins, is May 15th
Childhood Cancer – Dianne Mallard – Over \$500 was raised by Mallard Creek for Childhood Cancer. Stew Mallard and Anita Mapes are selling raffle tickets for door prizes. Proceeds will benefit Childhood Cancer and winners will be announced at lunch today.
 Convention 2010 Baltimore – Odell Witherspoon
 District Convention – Kathy Allen – August 19 & 20 at the Embassy Suites, South, Charlotte, NC
 House of Optimism – Roger & Peggy Wuest
 Optimist International Foundation – Clement Hahn

Candidate Qualifications:

Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect, as Chair of the Candidates Qualifications Committee announced the following slate for 2011-2012:

District Secretary Treasurer:	Kathy Allen	Assistant Governor:	Alan Amery
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Lt. Governor – Zone

- 1 Anita Silver, Asheville Club
- 2 Larry Foster, Boone Club
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- 5 Allen Wiggins, Gastonia Club
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- 7 Bob Terry, Queen City, Charlotte, NC
- 8 Thomas Wilkins, Hidden Valley Club, Charlotte, NC
- 9 Ruth Davis-Berry, Landis-South Rowan Club, Concord, NC
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There will be no zone realignment during the 2011-2012 year.

The proposed candidate for Governor in 2012-13 will be Stewart Mallard, Charlotte NC of the Mallard Creek Optimist Club, and additional nominations can be made in accordance with our Policies at the District Convention in August. A vote will be taken at that convention (or time). Recommendation from CQ Committee was unanimously approved.

Out of Session:

Boys & Girls Home of NC - Ron Jones & Gary Greene gave the report and received contributions.

SouthMountain Children's' Home – Chris Jernigan gave the report and received contributions.

Both talked about the Trinity Children's Foundation Charity Bike Ride which will take place on June 16-18 and proceeds will benefit both homes. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$20 and the grand prize is a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Back in Session:

Membership Report:

Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, went over the Honor Club requirements and 20% growth for the year. Right now we have 20 clubs that have met membership requirements for Honor Club. Stew accompanied by OI VP, Bob Buss presented membership pins, shirts and 5 member pins to those members who brought in new members. Stewart stated that as of today, 246 new members or 61% of our goal have been added to NC West's roster. With our goal of 406, we need an additional 160 new members. Don't forget to sign up Friends of Optimist. They also count as new members.

New Club Building – Bill Fowler and Ron Lackey

Leadership & Development – Ginny Fowler – Training Sessions were presented as follows:

*How to Make Meetings Fun – Ginny Fowler

*Fun Raising – Dianne Mallard

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Governor Lawrence Kelley introduced our International rep, VP Bob Buss who gave a meaningful and encouraging talk.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm for District All Stars Awards Luncheon

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer