

**MINUTES**  
**3rd Qtr. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44**  
**May 6, 2011 – Gateway Center Hotel, Hickory, NC**

The following members of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee were in attendance for the Friday, May 6, 2011 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
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

**Guests:**

Also present were: Bill Teague, Past International President, Finance Chair, Asheville, NC; J. C. Boone, Past International President, Albemarle, NC; Keith Middleton, Past International VP, Governor & Parliamentarian, Charlotte, NC; Howard Bridges, Past Governor & Sgt-at-Arms, Asheville, NC; Ginny Fowler, Past Governor & L & D Chair, Charlotte, NC; Bill Fowler, Past International VP, Governor & New Club Building Chair, Charlotte, NC; Clement Hahn, Past Governor and OI Foundation Rep, Asheville, NC; Ron Jones, Past Governor & Boys & Girls Home Chair, Pinehurst, NC; Stewart Mallard, Membership East Chair, Charlotte, NC; Gwynn Campbell, Membership Chair West Chair, W. Jefferson, NC; Ron Lackey, Past International VP, Governor & NCB Chair West, Lenoir, NC; Gene Swift, Past Governor & Lt. Governor, Boone, NC; Thomas Wilkins, Chaplain, Charlotte, NC; Betty Wilkins, President, Hidden Valley, Charlotte, NC; Bob Hauss, Past Governor, Lenoir, NC and Gary Greene, Boys & Girls Home Rep, Lake Waccamaw, NC;.

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Thomas Wilkins; Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statements. Kathy introduced our OI Vice President, Bob Buss and, recognized the Past International Presidents, International Vice Presidents, and Governors.

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

**Minutes of 2nd Quarter Executive Committee Meeting:**

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2nd Quarter Executive Committee, as distributed, was made by Gene Swift, Lt. Governor, seconded by Mary Jones, Lt. Governor. Approved.

**2nd Quarter Financials:**

- Motion to accept 2nd Quarter Financials, as distributed, was made by Jerry Brown, Lt. Governor, seconded by Gerenda Davis, Lt. Governor. 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.

**New Club Building:**

Ron Lackey, New Club Building West Chair, asked for updates on new club building efforts. Efforts are continuing by Larry Foster who is working on a club in Avery County; Alan Amery is still interested in pursuing building a club; as well as an effort in Hendersonville. Bill and Ron offered their assistance to make these efforts a success.

**Club Officer Elect Reports:**

Governor Lawrence Kelley expressed the importance getting Officer Elect reports in timely. He asked the Lt. Governors to assist their clubs in getting this information to the district and OI by the deadline of is May 20<sup>th</sup>. District ST, Sandy Middleton mailed a copy of this form to all clubs with the 2<sup>nd</sup> half District bills, and requested that all clubs to respond since this information is needed at OI and NCW to prepare the new District Directory. Lt. Governor Jerry Brown expressed concern of one of his clubs, citing the 'privacy act' in having incorrect information published in the District Directory.

It was the decision of the Executive Committee that it is the responsibility of a club to send in timely correct information by May 20<sup>th</sup> if the club does not want prior year's or incorrect information published. If this is a problem for the club, the club should contact the District and OI.

Governor Lawrence requested that Lt. Governors continue to follow up on past dues and assist in the collection of all dues. Clubs will not be honor or distinguished unless all dues are paid in full to both District and OI.

**Membership:**

Gwynn Campbell, Membership Chair West, Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, gave a membership report. Lt. Governor, Gene Swift encouraged everyone to have a NOW program. We are # 2 in total new members at OI. Governor Lawrence discussed his goal for NCW of 406 new members this year. He stated that at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, we gained 153 or 38% of our goal; at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we gained 218 or 54% of our goal. As of today, NCW has added 246. We need 160 additional members to reach our goal.

**Old Business:** Alan Amery, Lt. Governor expressed concern regarding new clubs not having bylaws, structures, or training new leaders. He felt that additional leadership summits/training should be available to clubs. Ginny Fowler responded that it was the Lt. Governor's responsibility to help clubs and train clubs as to club responsibilities and that training is available at the OI Convention as well as District meetings.

**New Business:**

Past Governor Ron Jones, informed the Executive Committee that the Trinity Foundation Charity Ride will take place on June 16, 17 & 18. All proceeds from this will benefit Boys and Girls Homes of NC and SouthMountain Children's. He will be selling raffle tickets as well as have applications for sponsorships at levels from \$1000 and for the ride itself.

Past Governor Gene Swift reported on the Internet Safety Program and asked Lt. Governors to try to get their clubs involved with this OI program.

At this time, Governor Lawrence introduced our OI VP, Bob Buss. Bob gave a very uplifting talk.

**Candidate Qualifications:**

Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect, as Chair of the Candidates Qualifications Committee announced the following slate for 2011-2012 to the Executive Committee. This slate will be presented and voted upon at the General Session tomorrow:

District Secretary Treasurer:	Kathy Allen
Assistant Governor:	Alan Amery

Lt. Governor – Zone

- 1 Anita Silver, Asheville, NC
- 2 Larry Foster, Boone, NC
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- 5 Allen Wiggins, Gastonia, NC
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- 7 Bob Terry, Charlotte, NC
- 8 Thomas Wilkins, Charlotte, NC
- 9 Ruth Davis-Berry, 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).

The Optimist Creed was led by Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sandy Middleton*, District Secretary-Treasurer