

MINUTES
4th Qtr. - Convention - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44
August 19, 2011 – Embassy Suites Hotel, Charlotte, NC

The following members of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee were in attendance for the Friday, August 19, 2011 Executive Committee meeting:

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| Lawrence Kelley | Governor | Lenoir, NC |
| Kathy Howard | Governor-Elect | Albemarle, NC |
| Dianne Mallard | Assistant Governor | Charlotte, NC |
| Sandy Middleton | Secretary-Treasurer | Charlotte, NC |
| Larry Foster | Lt. Governor – Zone 2 | Boone, NC |
| Jerry Brown | Lt. Governor – Zone 3 | Lenoir, 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: J. C. Boone, Past International President, Albemarle, 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 Chair East, Charlotte, NC; Gwynn Campbell, Membership Chair West, W. Jefferson, NC; Ron Lackey, Past International VP, Governor & NCB Chair West, Lenoir, NC; Thomas Wilkins, Chaplain, Charlotte, NC; Betty Wilkins, President, Hidden Valley, Charlotte, NC; Kathy Allen, Meeting Coordinator and S/T Elect, Salisbury, NC; Wayne Higgins, Public Relations Chair & Past Governor

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Thomas Wilkins; Dianne gave our Mission Statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized the Past International Presidents, International Vice Presidents, and Governors as well as the head table. Governor Lawrence Kelley introduced our OI Rep, VP Rocky Jackson.

In the absence of Past International Vice President, Keith Middleton, Parliamentarian, (due to passing of his sister), Governor Lawrence 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.

Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy Middleton gave a Health and Happiness Report:

Dr. Carl Bowen, Past Governor and OI President, had a stroke, but is improving

Gene Swift, Past Governor, is now a grandfather for the first time, granddaughter

Betty (President) & Thomas Wilkins (District Chaplain), Hidden Valley are grandparents, granddaughter

Minutes of 3rd Quarter Executive Committee Meeting:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 3rd Quarter Executive Committee, as distributed, was made by Alan Amery, Lt. Governor, seconded by Jerry Brown, Lt. Governor. Approved.

3rd Quarter Financials:

- Motion to accept 3rd Quarter Financials, as distributed, was made by Mary Jones, Lt. Governor, seconded by Gene Swift, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

- District Accounts Receivable Report was given by Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer as of June 30, 2011 are as follows:

#44214 - Happy Valley - \$154.50 (returned check)
#44473 - Whitnel - \$45.00 (and \$117.00 from 09-10 dues)
#44460 - Hickory-Viewmont - \$63.00
#44152 - Gastonia-Chapel Grove \$108.00 on extension, said mailed check
#44468 - Vale-W. Lincoln – \$99.00
#44578 - Gastonia-Huskie - \$108.50 (& \$247.00 from 09-10 = \$355.50)
#42111 - Concord-Logan – 107.50 (just completed pmt plan with OI)
#44050 - Broadway - \$544.00 (\$377.00 from 09-10 = \$921.00) (Just completed pmt plan with OI)

Governor Lawrence reminded everyone that all district expense reports must be turned in immediately. Anything sent after October 1, will not be paid.

At this time, Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy Middleton, advised the board that #44578 Gastonia Huskies (a sports club) has not paid any District dues in over 3 years. Although they only owe one quarter of OI dues, (\$96.18) OI has had to send out many revocation letters, in order to collect dues from this club. After research, Sandy found that District can ask for and initiate revocation for District dues in conjunction with OI Financial Procedure IC-35 – B: Club Revocation Procedure. The recommendation must be brought up and voted on at our Executive Committee meeting and submitted to OI no later than August 30th. As District Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy presented this recommendation to the Executive Committee to initiate revocation of Gastonia-Huskies for district dues. Recommendation was seconded by Roger Wuest, Lt. Governor. Motion carried unanimously. None opposed.

Jr. World Golf:

Governor Lawrence Kelley reported on our Jr. World Golf Tournament. He stated that we had a shortfall on funding and recommended that Governor-Elect, Kathy Howard take a hard look at fund raising efforts prior to next year's tournament.

Governor Lawrence Kelley asked Lt. Governors to report on any unusual or different activities:

Zone 7, Lt. Governor Alan Amery, reported that Queen City had initiated the YES program at Jail North and Jail Central, as well as at the Police Activities League. Matthews-Mint Hill held their 2nd annual Club Jr. Golf Tournament and provided 4-5 players to the District.

Zone 8, Lt. Governor Mary Jones, reported that Hidden Valley has worked with Levine Children's Hospital, Hope Care, and focused on Childhood Cancer. Mallard Creek is formally celebrating their 40th Anniversary. President, Stewart Mallard, talked about the formal event and fund raiser, which will take place on August 27 from 3-10 pm. Cost of Admission is \$7.00 and includes a meal.

Zone 2, Lt. Governor Larry Foster – reported that Bob Moore, President of a bank, was convinced to be a FOO.

Membership:

Gwynn Campbell, Membership Chair West, Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, gave a membership report. We have 42 days to go. We have added 329 new members to date, but need a total of 407 new members by September 30th. As of today, we are in the top 20 in # of new members, and #9 in OI. In our region, we are #2. Stew asked all Lt. Governors to call their clubs to promote bringing in a new member. We still need an additional 78 new members to achieve our goals. Stewart reviewed the status of clubs toward Honor or Distinguished.

VP, Rocky Jackson, discussed membership and encouraged Lt. Governors to review their clubs membership numbers before calling them to promote membership. Do it small numbers and show them it is attainable. Rocky offered to help in any way that he could.

New Club Building:

Ron Lackey, NCB West, and Bill Fowler, NCB East asked for updates on new club building efforts. There are still several efforts being undertaken .

Bill Fowler, offered an incentive to any BOE who builds a club of over 25+ members: one week at his 3BR condominium at the beach. Governor Lawrence will also give \$200 spending money. Governor Lawrence offered to pay the \$400 charter/new club fee for the first club over 25+ members brought in from now to year end. The new club will only have to pay the \$1 per member insurance fees to be chartered. OI Rep, VP Rocky Jackson encouraged all to get these club built. He asked if anyone needed any help to accomplish this task, but was told that we have 5 certified club builders in our district.

Club Officer Elect Reports:

Governor Lawrence Kelley reminded Lt. Governors to review which clubs had still not had elections and get their COER reports in to OI and the District.

Sgt-at-Arms: Howard Bridges collected fines from those Optimists who were not wearing their pins.

Old Business: Alan Amery, Lt. Governor made a recommendation and motion that the District support the YES program as a District Program. After much discussion, a motion was made by Gene Swift, Lt. Governor, seconded by Mary Jones, Lt. Governor that the NC West District go on record to support the YES Program with no financial assistance for the upcoming 2011-2012 year. Motion carried.

New Business:

None

Candidate Qualifications:

Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect, Chair of the Candidates Qualifications Committee announced Stewart Mallard, of the Mallard Creek Optimist Club, Charlotte NC, is nominated for the office of Governor-Elect 2012-13. Governor Lawrence Kelley asked for additional nominations from the floor. None being named, a vote was taken and Stewart Mallard was unanimously approved as Governor-Elect, 2012-2013. Congratulations to Stewart were given.

Kathy reported additional nominations of Lt. Governors which were voted on and unanimously approved.

Lt. Governor – Zone

- 3 Billy Lovins, Hudson
- 4 Gene Swift, Boone
- 11 Sharon Baldwin, Thomasville

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer