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**RTO DISTRICT 41**

**Minutes of Executive Meeting of November 2, 2005**

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Cameron, Max Charlton, Dennis Collins, Jack Couckuyt, Frank Exley, Carol Gagen, Dave Giles, Marg Hulls, Elmer Lepischak, Ric Murray, Cynthia Rutledge, John Taylor, Carole Watson, Linda White, Fran Wren.

**REGRETS:** Jo-Anne Namespetra

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** by consensus

**MINUTES:** Motion by Carole Watson/John Taylor  
THAT the minutes be accepted as circulated.  
CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion by Dennis Collins/Dave Giles  
THAT: The financial statement be accepted.  
CARRIED

The GIC has been reinvested at the BMO, four \$1000 bonds for 3 years, cashable on anniversary.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Retirement Seminar: 42 registrants. No more registrations accepted. Set-up is at 2:30 p.m. Programme attached to minutes file.
- Senate report: attached to minutes file. Card of congratulations sent to new provincial president, Arn Hull. Political Action workshop to be held February 5, 6, 2006. Scholarship fund established for families of RTO members (see website). New district 45 *Estario*, from district 32 *Prescott-Russell*.

Motion by Carole Watson/Dennis Collins  
THAT an additional executive member be sent to Senate as an Observer.  
CARRIED

Elmer Lepischak will work on changes required in the constitution.

- Christmas Dinner: Entertainment by the EESS band. Registration form attached to minutes file. Executive please arrive at 10 a.m.

Motion by Ric Murray/Fran Wren  
 THAT non-members be charged \$20.00.  
 CARRIED

Motion by Max Charlton/Carolyn Cameron  
 THAT late registrants be charged \$25.00, as advertised in the newsletter.  
 CARRIED

- Spring School Initiative deferred to March meeting.
- Web site: Cynthia Rutledge provided a virtual tour of the upgraded website, to be found at . Thanks to Cynthia and John for a great job!

Motion by Ric Murray/Dave Giles  
 THAT we change our URL to include Elgin RTO for our website and pay for it for five years.  
 CARRIED

- Team Homework Centre: Information circulated.
- Motion by Ric Murray/Carolyn Cameron  
 THAT Carol (without an e) Gagen be appointed as District 41 Second Vice-president for 2005-2006.  
 CARRIED
- Carolyn Cameron will contact Arn Hull to be the speaker at the AGM, and confirm the booking at the Keystone Complex in Shedden.
- Teen Centre is looking for volunteers to assist with their homework club, Wednesdays from 4 to 6. Request to be put in newsletter.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Archives** – Linda White reported that she received 30 responses from the person-to-person ad in the London Free Press. She purchased the book *Aldborough, A Township With a Past* which will be donated to the Elgin Archives when she is finished with it.
2. **Constitution** – Elmer Lepischak presented a draft of the changes, attached to the minutes file. Proposed changes: Article 2.07 re: District Observer, Article 3.01 (B) (v) re: the preparation of a Financial Statement to provincial office, 3.02 Add *and duties are to The Standing Committees* (second title), 3.02 (A) remove (iv) and 3.02 (E) add (viii) re: website.

Motion by Ric Murray/Elmer Lepischak

THAT a draft copy of the constitution be submitted to provincial office and District committee chairs and executive for review and comment.

**CARRIED**

If there are any changes to your duties, please inform Elmer of additions or deletions.

3. **Goodwill** – Marg Hulls: certificate to be presented to Alma Searle on her hundredth birthday. Poinsettias will be ordered for the Christmas dinner.
4. **Health Services and Insurance** – Frank Exley: Increase in premium benefits were outlined and improvements in benefits highlighted. Changes to the application process for RTIP/ARM members transferring to RTO/ERO health benefits have meant such transfers will now require a medical as of 2006. Handouts to be made available at the Christmas dinner will include *Services for Seniors*, *A Guide to Advance Care Planning*, and a bookmark listing contact information for RTO/ERO, Johnston's Inc, and government agencies.
5. **Newsletter and Website**–Jack Couckuyt: Newsletter deadline today, November 2. Photos requested. .
6. **Pension Concerns**- Dave Giles: 2.2% increase for 2006. Raptor ticket deals can be found at <promotions@otppmembers.com>. November issue of *50 Plus* magazine from CARP has excellent articles on items of financial interest.
7. **Political Action**: John Anderson commented on the Gomery inquiry and the LCBO.
8. **Recruitment**: To be addressed at Retirement Seminar.
9. **Social and Awards**: no report.
10. **Travel** – Max Charlton: Report attached to minutes file. Future proposed trips are an Alaskan Cruise + 5-day land trip (June 25 to July 7), a 10 day Baltic cruise (May 31-June 12) or a 5 day Chicago trip (dates to be set). May do both a long and short trip. Bob Towers and Jo-Anne Duffy have planned a Stratford Festival excursion on November 5, 2005 to see Hello Dolly.
11. **Telephone**: Jo-Anne Namespetra: No report
12. **Membership** –Changes will be sent to the executive.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Our president will be appearing on Rogers Cable Nov. 2, 2005.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Executive Meeting will be held in the Community Room of The Real Canadian Superstore, St. Thomas on March 1, 2006.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Max Charlton/Elmer Lepischak that we do now adjourn.