

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE MEETING

August 27, 2009
2:00 p.m. (Central Time)

The following Members of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors were in attendance for the entire meeting:

Theo Golding	Immediate Past President	Kingston, Jamaica
	& Chairman of the 2008-2009 Board	President
Donald R. Sievers	President	Jackson, Missouri
Mark O. Shriver	President Designate	Woodstock, Georgia
Carrollyn C. Cox	Director	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Durward M. Rushforth	Director	Fairfax, Virginia
Claire Labrèche	Director	Montréal, Québec
Herbert Strather	Director	Detroit, Michigan
Ken Garner	Director	Fort Worth, Texas
Marlene Phillips	Director	Windsor, Ontario
Benny Ellerbe	Executive Director	St. Louis, Missouri

Also in attendance:

Danny Rodgers	President-Elect	Fort Worth, Texas
David Bruns	Director-Elect	Topeka, Kansas
Jim Kondrasuk	Director-Elect	Monona, Wisconsin

Excused:

Julie d' Auteuil	JOOI President	Jonquiere, Quebec
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Committee Reports are to be considered an integral part of these Minutes.

All items are not officially approved and subject to correction until they are adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Friday, May 8, 2009

Chairman Theo Golding called the teleconference meeting of the 2008-2009 Optimist International Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time).

Motion adopted

To adopt the agenda.

CONTRACT FOR MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES

Motion adopted

Sievers/Labrière

That Optimist International allow the Shumsky contract to expire (observing all end of contract termination issues) upon the expiration date of December 31, 2009 and enter into an exclusive two year contract for Optimist International supplies with Coral commencing January 1, 2010.

MEETING TIME FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion adopted

Phillips/Shriver

That the International Committee meetings will be held as near as feasible to the weekend after Labor Day in September, effective September 2010.

REPORT OF THE OIJGC COMMITTEE

OIJGC Endowment Fund

Rationale: The Optimist International Golf Endowment was established with the long term goal of assisting Districts in helping kids with entry fees once it reached the projected \$700,000.00 level. It is clear at this time, the goal is unattainable.

Motion adopted

Phillips/Cox

The annual profits (losses) of the OIJGC shall no longer be applied to the Golf Endowment Fund. This is to be effective fiscal year 2008-2009 and beyond. Specifically targeted corporate/sponsorship may be deposited into the Fund.

Functional Expense

Rationale: Functional Expense is an internal accounting activity to allocate administrative and support expenses. Functional Expenses, in practice, are not charged or applied to other OI programs such as conventions or JOOI in the annual operating budget.

Motion adopted

Phillips/Cox

Functional Expense shall not be applied to the OIJGC program (budget) effective fiscal year 2008-2009.

Reserve Fund

Rationale: Recognizing the fact that the OIJGC could be negatively effected by outside influence such as bad weather and/or economic conditions.

Motion adopted

Cox/Garner

To refer to the Audit & Finance Committee

The actual profit/loss of the OIJGC will be credited or debited to a reserve fund effective fiscal year 2008-2009. The OIJGC committee may propose future allocations of this reserve fund once/if the fund increases to a significant amount.

PACIFIC CENTRAL DISTRICT (20) DUES INCREASE REQUEST

Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 5B, requires that Districts must receive the approval of the International Board of Directors for any increase in District dues. The District must complete all requirements of Board Policy D-4.

Rationale: The Pacific Central District convention voted to raise the District's dues by \$1.00 per year beginning October 1, 2009. There has been no increase since 1994. The District is requesting that the International Board of Directors approve a district dues increase of \$1 per year from \$16 to \$17 dollars beginning the first day of October 2009. All requirements for a District Dues Increase request have been met.

Motion adopted

Sievers/Shriver

That the Board of Directors hereby approves the Pacific Central District (20) request for a \$1.00 dues increase, that would be from \$16.00 to \$17.00 annually and to make this effective October 1, 2009.

SOUTHWEST ONTARIO DISTRICT (45) REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONVENTION

Optimist International Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4, requires that Districts must receive the approval of the International Board of Directors for any specially convened District Convention.

Rationale: The Southwest Ontario District is requesting a special convention for the purpose of holding an election for Governor-Elect during the first quarter of the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The District was unable to find a member to run for Governor-Elect for 2010-2011 year at its schedule District Convention on August 21-22, 2009.

Motion adopted

Phillips/Shriver

That the Board of Directors hereby approves the Southwest Ontario District's request to hold a special convention meeting at its first quarter meeting to elect a Governor-Elect for the 2010-2011 year.

2008-2009 AWARDS PROGRAM

President Don Sievers presented the following revisions to the 2008-2009 Awards Program as information only:

Effective immediately the following amendments to the Recognition and Awards manual are in effect.

All Categories: DOUBLE New Club Building credit in September

District Level:

Distinguished District + 5 Net membership for the year and 3 New Clubs *

Honor District +5 Net membership for the year and 1 New Club *

Lt. Governor Level:

Distinguished Lt. Gov. +5 Net membership & 1 New Club or Pilot Club *

Club Level:

Distinguished Club +1 Net membership & 1 New Club or Pilot Club *

Honor Club +1 Net membership for the year *

*All Finance, Service Projects, Club Reports and Attendance rules apply as published.

GROWTH CONFERENCE (CONFIRM)

The Board briefly reviewed the plans for the October Growth Conference meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion adopted

Cox/Labrière

To refer to the Audit & Finance Committee and/or Staff

That a written policy be created for the entitlements given to the Immediate Past President.

Motion adopted

To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. (Central Time).

Bennie Ellerbe

Executive Director/Secretary