



Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Nov. 24, 2016

River Philip

Hosted Jointly by Wimburn and Widow's Son

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 12 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the Widow's Son & Wimburn lodges for hosting the meeting.

NAME	LODGE	NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48	Bro. Drew Fraser	Laurie #70
VW Bro. Gary Sterling	Widow's Son #48	RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75
Bro. Grant Jackson	Laurie #70	RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie #70	RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Archie StPeter	Laurie #70	VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Rob Campbell	Wimburn #75	RW Bro. George Anderson	Wallace #76

MINUTES

Bro. Margeson moved that the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2016 meeting be approved. 2nd by RW Bro. Bill Merriam. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Motion to allow us to deviate from the published Agenda as necessary was moved by RW Bro. Phil Adams and 2nd by RW Bro. Rob Campbell. Motion carried.

SICKNESS AND REGRETS

The following brothers were reported as not well: Bro. Emerson Symes, Bro. Justin Redman and Bro. Wayne Arseneau.

Bro. Amos Margeson said that Bro. Robert Pulsifer had just died. He will send the info to the secretary so it can be put on the website shortly.

Regrets were received from VW Bro. Scott McNair, RW Bro. Norm Rushton, Bro. Terry Porteous, W Bro. Larry Ross and Bro. Alfred Fisher.

BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we have \$858.86 in the bank.

the Drama Team had done a wonderful job of it at Widow's Son.

WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that new blog posts have been added recently. We need the brothers to take pictures of any of the events that go on that are connected with their lodges so that it can be added to the website.

The website bill was also presented, \$43.95. Because this was in our budget it did not need a motion so the treasurer paid the bill immediately.

TRAVELING GAVEL

It is with Wallace and was supposed to be going to Alexandra in September. As that did not happen, the Chairman and RW Bro. George Anderson will get in touch with Wallace and see if it can be taken to Alexandra at its December 8th meeting.

DEGREE DRAMA TEAM

RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that they did a Drama for the four new brothers who were raised at Widow's Son recently. (Check the website for a picture of this) RW Bro. Bill Merriam stated that

WAYS & MEANS - SOCIAL COMMITTEES

The Ways and Means members were not present so there was no report. RW Bro. Anderson reported that the Social Committee had not met. More members are needed so if anyone wants to volunteer, please get in touch with the Chairman.

BOGP

RW Bro. Boyd said he had not been able to attend the meeting but he did give a report. Five motions were passed at the September meeting:

- regarding improvements made to the Mentorship Program,
- status quo will be maintained for the selection of DDGMs,
- PR Comm. given permission to seek out and design a Masonic NS License Plate and take it back to the BOGP,
- an Ad Hoc Comm to be formed to review the Handbook of Ceremonies re. the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and report back to the BOGP.

Other info from the BOGP Minutes included:

- Public Relations is working on a strategic plan,
- the Data Base Program is having problems and needs to be updated. They are looking at buying a program used by other Grand Lodges out west for \$5000.
- the budget was passed in September with an increase of \$1.99 per mason for the year 2017.
- the Masonic Renewal Comm first report will be in 2017,
- information for the District Educational Officers is now available. It has terms of reference, duties and responsibilities.
- the Grand Lecturer reported that there now is a CD available with music for the installations. We already have this here in Cumberland.

- they are looking at having the DDGMs removed from attending the BOGP.
- the motions for the next meeting include:
 - how to wear your apron,
 - Grand Sec will move that they purchase this new data base,
 - how a member can remove himself from a lodge,
 - the DEMIT form is to be revised,
 - info regarding the consolidation of lodges,
 - and info regarding the closing of a lodge.

Some discussion ensued regarding some of these points.

DDGM'S MESSAGE

RW Bro. Norm Rushton, our new DDGM, was not able to attend because of his work. He sent in his report and it was read by the secretary. The Annual District Meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 17. He will be finalizing the time this weekend and will send it to us shortly. There will be a District Church Service in the Spring in Springhill.

NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

Before closing Bro. Margeson told the meeting that his lodge will be doing another Haunted House in 2017 as a money raiser, mainly for they bursary program.

RW Bro. Alan Linkletter congratulated Wimburn Lodge on its successful Christmas Money Raffle. They have sold all their tickets!

RW Bro. George Anderson asked the brothers to please mention it to their WMs that they should consider having a person from their Mentorship Program as one of their officers for the coming year.

RW Bro. Alan Linkletter asked if anyone thought it would be a good idea to have a guest speaker at our next meeting and if so do we have any topic in mind.

The next meeting will be:

February 23, 2017 at Alexandra Lodge #87 in Amherst at 7:30pm.

Motion to close the meeting was made by RW Bro. Archie St Peter and seconded by Bro. Amos Margeson.

Meeting closed around 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by VW Bro. Michael Gaul (CDMA Secretary)