



Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017

River Hebert

Hosted by King Edward Lodge #86

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 14 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone.

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
VW Bro. Gary Sterling	Widow's Son #48
RW Bro. Norman Rushton	Laurie #70
RW Bro. Archie StPeter	Laurie #70
W Bro. Ron Haylock	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Rob Campbell	Wimburn #75
VW Bro. Ned Douglas	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
Bro. Fred Jackson	King Edward #86
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Alf Fisher	Alexandra #87

MINUTES

RW Bro. Bill Merriam moved that the minutes of the Feb. 23, 2017 meeting be approved. 2nd by RW Bro. Archie St Peter. Motion carried.

AGENDA

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

SICKNESS AND REGRETS

RW Bro. Bill Merriam asked the brothers to rise and hold a moment of silence and prayer for VW Bro. Fred Spencer who passed away on May 13, 2017. He had been a master of Widow's Son Lodge #48 four times.

Regrets were received from VW Bro. Graham Bales and Bro. Amos Margeson who were unable to attend tonight.

BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we have \$975.71 in the bank. He also answered the Chairman's question as to the assessments. He stated that all the lodges have paid their dues to the CDMA. He made a motion to accept his report. This was seconded by W Bro. Ron Haylock. Motion carried.

WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that the new blog is being followed by a large number of brothers. At the present time we have had 8,832 hits in total to the blog! So far in 2017 this amounted to 455 visitors making 4891 views of the different posts.

AUDIT COMM.

RW Bro. Bill Merriam reported that he and VW Bro. G Bales audited the books and found them in order.

TRAVELING GAVEL

VW Bro. Gaul reported that on May 15th Alexandra Lodge took the Traveling Gavel to Minas Lodge. They hope to pass it on in June.

WAYS & MEANS

W Bro. Ross reported that he has been looking in to holding a Dart Night for the district. He spoke to the brothers of the Amherst Masonic Society and they see no reason why we can not have a

night to hold such a night for the district brothers, wives and friends. This would be a great way to raise money and have a social time together. He is hoping that more planning will be done in September with the first night some time in October.

There was no one from the Social Comm present so there was no report from them.

BUDGET 2017/2018

The chairman asked the treasurer if he had a proposed budget for 2017/2018. RW Bro. Adams said he would move that we keep the same budget as last year with the same dues from each district lodge. This was seconded by RW Bro. Rushton. Motion carried.

MASONIC FOUNDATION SHARED FUNDS

RW Bro. Linkletter reported that he had made the application to the Foundation with the following result - from the money that was not used by the other lodges in the district we have received the following amounts: a \$2000 cheque for the 2 x \$1000 bursaries we give to the NSCC and a cheque for \$6710 for our donation to the Scouts Canada (our charity for this year).

BOGP

RW Bro. Boyd was not present so there was no BOGP report.

BI-ANNUAL ELECTION OF TREASURER & SECRETARY

RW Bro. Linkletter conducted the election for our Treasurer and Secretary for the next two years. RW Bro. Adams was re-elected as Treasure and VW Bro. Gaul was put back in as Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The chairman encouraged us all to attend the Annual Communication this June 2, 3 & 4 in Truro.

The chairman said that the incoming officers will be:

DDGM - VW Bro. Graham Bales

DGC - Bro. Kevin Wood

DGDC - Bro. Tom Reid

DDGM'S MESSAGE

RW Bro. Norm Rushton, our DDGM, thanked everyone for helping to make his year as DDGM a success.

He thanked the CDMA for all their work this year. He was very thankful for the \$19,000 he had received for the local scouts for the new roofs and other things that the scout camps were in need of this year. He is proud to be a mason in Cumberland County. He will set up a time when a formal presentation of the cheques can be made to the scouts. He would like us to come with our aprons. He would also like to set a time this fall when he could invite all the masons to come to one of the camps (probably Parrsboro, as it is easier to get to) to see what our money has provided.

NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

The next meeting will be:

Sept. 28, 2017 at River Philip at 7:30pm.

The lodges of Widow's Son, Wimburn and Laurie will jointly host the meeting.

The chairman thanked King Edward Lodge for hosting this evening's meeting.

RW Bro. St Peter moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by RW Bro. Merriam.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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