

**CUMBERLAND DSTRIC MASONIC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 24,2018
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Bro Alan Linkletter at 7:30 pm. With twelve brothers in attendance from five of the eight lodges in the district.

Bro Jack Boyd substituted for Bro Mike Gaul as secretary for the meeting

Minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were previously circulated. Moved by Bro Larry Ross seconded by Bro Archie StPeter that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Moved by Bro Barry Imber, seconded by Bro Scott McNairn permission to deviate from the published agenda. Motion Carried.

There were no reports on sickness or distress.

The financial report was presented by Bro Philip Adams. There is a balance of \$1078.13 in our current account. Moved by Bro Philip Adams, seconded by Bro Graham Bales that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Audit Report was read by Bro Jack Boyd as presented by Bro Bill Merriam as Chair of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee approved the Treasurer's books and have signed them. Moved by Bro Barry Imber, seconded by Bro Norm Rushton that the Audit Committee Report be adopted. Motion Carried.

The election of the Chair of the CDMA was chaired by Bro Philip Adams. Bro Graham Bales was nominated, he declined. Bro Alan Linkletter was nominated. There being no further nominations, Bro Alan Linkletter was declared elected by acclamation.

Bro Philip Adams reported that the District Drama Team assisted at Wimburn Lodge recently. Bro Archie StPeter mentioned that Laurie Lodge has recently initiated two brothers and two more are to be initiated soon. It is expected that Laurie Lodge will require assistance form the Drama Team in the fall.

The Chair noted that the he has not received an answer to the request sent to Grand Lodge regarding the revision of the list of accredited secondary institutions for shared funding.

The Chair read a letter from Apollonia Laurejis of the Cumberland Campus, Nova Scotia Community College, in reply to questions the CDMA expressed to her. The Brothers were content with her reply.

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At 8 pm the meeting received April Findlay, representing the Cumberland 4 H Council. Rt Wor Bro Graham Bales presented her with a cheque in the amount of \$5 140.00. This represents a part of the Shared Funding grant from the Cumberland District Masonic Association.

Rt Wor Bro Bill Merriam then presented a cheque in the amount of \$1 000.00. This represents the Shared Funding grant from Widow's Son Lodge.

Rt Wor Bro Philip Adams then presented a cheque in the amount of \$1 000.00. This represents the Shared Funding grant from Wimburn Lodge.

It was agreed that a formal presentation will be done during 4 H Days at the Cumberland County Exhibition.

April was very appreciative and assured the brothers that the money will be put to good use.

The Executive brought a recommendation to the meeting that the charity for next year be decided at the September meeting. It will be put on the agenda for that meeting.

There was no report from the PR Committee. This committee will be reorganized in the fall.

The Social Committee reported on the Variety Show. It was an unqualified success. Laurie Lodge was selected as the most impressive presentation. They will be given a certificate. They also have the right to choose the venue and the date of the next Variety Show. It was even suggested that we have more than one show in the coming year.

The Ways and Means Committee suggested that we have a family BBQ in July. This will be organized by the committee to be on a weekend at Northport Picnic Park in July.

It was noted by the Chair that Cumberland "maxed out" in the Shared Funding from the Masonic Foundation. As a result, Cumberland 4 H Council received \$5 140 and Cumberland Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College will receive \$2 000.00 for two \$1 000.00 scholarships.

The Traveling Gavel is presently at Acacia to be delivered to Laurie.

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Bro Jack Boyd gave a short report regarding the Board of General Purposes. He noted that there will be an election for Chair of the Board at the Annual Communication. The candidates are Bro John Cameron and Bro Frank Gammell. He also referred to the minutes of the February meeting which contain the report of the Long Range Planning Committee as well as several motions referring to its recommendations. He recommended that the brothers familiarize themselves with these motions.

Next meeting of the CDMA will be hosted by Widow's Son, Wimburn, and Laurie Lodges on September 20, 2018.

DDGM Graham Bales thanked all the brothers for assisting him throughout the year.

The incoming DDGM, Scott McNairn said he was looking forward to his duties for the coming year.

Bro Archie StPeter moved we adjourn.

Following the meeting the brothers enjoyed fellowship and fine spread of refreshment.

Respectfully Submitted

Rt Wor Bro Jack Boyd
Secretary Pro Tem