



Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Sept. 27, 2018

River Philip

Hosted by Wimburn & Laurie Lodges

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 13 **brother masons** from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone. The brothers introduced themselves. The Chairman mentioned that our new DDGM has been installed and already working hard.

NAME	LODGE
Bro. Darrah Reid (Jr)	Acacia #8
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
VW Bro. Gary Sterling	Widow's Son #48
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie Lodge #70
RW Bro. Archie St Peter	Laurie Lodge #70
RW Bro. Graeme Bales	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Willard Hudson	Alexandra #87

MINUTES

RW Bro. Graeme Bales moved that the minutes of the May 24, 2018 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. Bill Merriam and 2nd by Bro. Amos Margeson. Motion carried.

SICKNESS AND REGRETS

RW Bro. Bales said that VW Bro. Larry Murray is waiting medical procedures. Also we have heard that RW Bro. George Anderson's daughter has recently died. Our sympathies are extended to him and his family.

BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we have \$1,267.13 in the bank. He said that a cheque for \$200 had been written to RW Bro. Rushton for the Masonic Picnic held at Northport this summer. RW Bro. Rushton told RW Bro. Adams that he had collected enough at the picnic to pay all expenses; therefore, that cheque will not be cashed. Also Wallace Lodge sent a cheque for the picnic of \$50. When told it was not needed they said to keep it and put towards next year's picnic. RW Bro. Adams then moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Bro. Jr. Reid. Motion carried.

BILLS

VW Bro. Gaul presented his bill (\$27.62) for the Award that was given to Laurie Lodge #70 for their presentations at the Variety Show. Bro. Margeson moved the bill be paid and it was seconded by RW Bro. St Peter. The bill was paid by the treasurer.

WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that the website and Blog have seen a lot of visitors. Please keep checking the website for updates on happenings at our lodges. Use the website to see upcoming events and visit the Blog to see pictures and reports on the events after they happen.

Please take pictures of events if VW Bro. Gaul is not there and email the picture to him.

INTERPROVINCIAL LODGE DAY

VW Bro. Gaul also reported on the IPL Day last Saturday in Truro. To see the info on the meeting, please visit the IPL Day Website.

<http://masons3.wixsite.com/ipday/2018>

TRAVELING GAVEL

The T. Gavel is still at Acacia Lodge.

SOCIAL COMMITTEES

The Social Committee consists of RW Bro. Rushton, RW Bro. Anderson and W Bro. Fisher. They have been discussing some possible events. The picnic went off very well this summer. RW Bro. Graeme Bales moved that the \$250 be earmarked for the picnic again next year. This was seconded W Bro. Ross.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - no report.

DEGREE TEAM

RW Bro. Adams reported that the team is currently unemployed. He would like the secretaries to encourage the younger members of the lodges to come out and help with the positions, as so many of the men playing the roles are not getting any younger.

CDMA CHARITY

What will be our charity for this year? The chairman said that the executive had decided that it should be brought up at the September meeting so that we would have time to think about it and make the decision in November.

This was discussed and a few names were put forth:

- the Girl Guides
- the Kidney Foundation
- Bikes for Kids
- the Cumberland County Hospice
- CEIP

These were a few suggestions. It was also suggested that we should think of getting the best

bang-for-our-buck so to speak in what group we decide to choose.

As well, it was suggested we should go back to some of the groups we have given to before, and see if they would like to help us with some of our money raising projects for our new charity, whatever it is (perhaps the scouts would like to put a skit or performance in our Variety Show) etc.

RW Bro.s Adams and Linkletter will speak with the lady from the Girl Guides, April Findlay, to see what they could use some money for this year - this may help us in deciding where the money should go.

WAYS & MEANS

The members on this committee are: W Bro. Ross, RW Bro. Adams and RW Bro. Merriam. Hopefully, this year we will have another Variety Show. W Bro. Ross said that he thought they could put together another Darts day as we did last February.

BOGP

RW Bro. Boyd lead a discussion on the 3 Notices of Motion that will be brought up at the next BOGP meeting. The third one was the most controversial. (Change the age of admission to the fraternity, to 18, for men whose grandfathers were masons not just fathers.) The meeting agreed to tell RW Bro. Boyd to vote "NO" for us. The other two motions (which were forwarded to you when

you secretaries received them) were more straight forward and needed no discussion.

RW Bro. Boyd also informed the meeting that he is moving to Halifax to live and he wanted to know what the CDMA wanted him to do as far as being our representative at the BOGP. The DDGM said that at his District meeting on Nov. 17th we will be electing a new representative. He will then shadow our present representative until the term is over in May.

BURSARY PROGRAM

The bursaries this past June were handed out by our new DDGM, RW Bro. Scott McNairn. He said that they welcomed him and were very appreciative of our gifts. He said it was a fantastic reception and a great evening. The two ladies who got the bursaries were very pleased.

150TH ANNIVERSARY

RW Bro. Merriam informed the meeting that this year Widow's Son Lodge #48 is celebrating its 150th year. As one of their events to mark the year, they are having a Roast Beef Supper on Oct. 13 at 5pm. The meal will be at the Collingwood Community Hall. Dress is casual. Cost is only **\$15 per person**. He asked the secretary to send out an announcement to all district members. (*This has been done.*) Members and spouses are welcome. They have 100 tickets to sell.

Tickets can be bought from Bro. Amos Margeson, RW Bro. Bill Merriam and VW Bro. Gary Sterling

DDGM'S MESSAGE

The DDGM, RW Bro. Scott McNairn, said he is getting started now and has made 3 official lodge visits so far. He has been very pleased to have brothers accompanying him on these visit. There have been 6 or 7 brothers who came out with him.

The District Meeting will beheld on Nov. 17 in River Hebert. There will be a noon meal with opening of the meeting at 1pm. More info will follow as the plans are finalized.

If anyone needs his help, please let him know as he will do everything he can to help out.

CLOSING REMARKS

The chairman thanked Wimburn and Laurie Lodges for hosting this meeting.

NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

The next meeting will be:

Nov. 22, 2018, at 7:30pm in Parrsboro, hosted by Minas Lodge #67.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

A 50/50 draw was held, organized by W Bro. Larry Ross. The winner turned the money back in. The draw brought in around \$50 to put toward this year's charity.

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

