



**SWIS District 2nd Quarter Conference
Executive Board Meeting
Whitewater, WI
February 5, 2010**



Governor Jerry Schewe called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Schumacher's dining room in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

The following Board members were present: Governor Jerry Schewe; Governor-elect CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls; Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Spindler; Immediate Past Governor Barb Nelson; Past Governor, Michael Shields; Zone 1 Zone 2 Lt. Gov. Kevin Austin; Zone 5 Lt. Gov. Grace Policastro.

Guests included: Past WISUM Governor Vern Andren, Past Governor and current OI Board Member Jim Kondrasuk; District Foundation Rep Andy LaVoi; Racine Tuesday President Dwight Mosby; Past Governor Sue Kranz; CPA Chair Rick Sill, OI Certified Trainer Paula Reyling; OI Regional VP Joanne Ganske; and Past Menomonee Falls President JJ Selland.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Moved by Kevin Austin, seconded by Barb Nelson, to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2009 meeting. Passed.
Moved by Kevin Austin, seconded by Grace Policastro, to approve the treasurer's report. Passed.

District Reports:

Zone 1: JJ Selland read the report from Larry Barbera, Zone 1 Lt. Governor. The Hartford club has disbanded. Other clubs are holding their own in membership. The Milwaukee Club had some support from Cory Ann St. Marie-Carls. More will be coming from Larry Barbera and CoryAnn St Marie-Carls in the future.

Zone 2: Kevin Austin indicated that clubs are have difficulty with membership and also problems having Optimists step up to new positions. Four clubs did not respond with information, the other nine had activities/events in the 2nd Quarter. Membership is down in some of the clubs, mainly because of 'clean-up' of rosters.

Zone 3: Vern Andren is helping as an unofficial Lt. Governor. He mentioned that he plans on doing some local media for membership growth in the Madison area.

Zone 4: Lt. Governor Tom Wohlleber was unable to attend, but he sent a report. Poynette is disbanding. He is planning to meet with Sauk Prairie and Baraboo Optimists about resurrecting the Reedsburg Club. A Zone 4 Oratorical Contest is scheduled for April 17.

Zone 5: Grace Policastro indicated that Brodhead membership was up. Planning is underway for an Oratorical Contest, with clubs in the process of having club contests.

OI Foundation: District OIF Chair Andy LaVoi indicated that \$3,077 was donated as of the end of December, \$1.44/Optimist. Seven members participated in the 'Dime a Day' program. He indicated that there would be no more raffles but the focus on working directly with club officers/Lt. Governor's. There are possibilities of having an automatic withdrawal from clubs to foundation, to be looked into. The money is used for CCDHH, Oratorical, Essay, OI Magazines, and other costs.

CPA Report: CPA Chair Rick Sill indicated that there would be a new format for CPA's that will be shared soon.

Old Business:

October 2010 Regional Conference: Governor -elect CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls shared information received from International Regional Vice President-elect Gloria Kloster that a 'Parallel District Conference' will be held Nov. 5-7 in Minnesota (near the Mall of America). There will be time allotted for separate district meetings for each of the six districts attending. Governor Jerry will work with Governor-elect CoryAnn will determine incentives on dollars available for those planning on going.

ACPC Reports: 21 reports in, 1/3 of the clubs. More are being turned in continually.

New Business

District 990: Jerry Schewe indicated that the District's 990 report had been turned.

Governor Elect Nominations: Governor -elect CoryAnn St Marie-Carls requested that the Past Governor's be responsible for determining the succession of the Governor-Elects/Governor.

Lt. Governor, Chairs Nominations: Governor -elect CoryAnn St Marie-Carls indicated that these would be available in May.

OIF Scholarship Naming: Governor Jerry Schewe shared that Oratorical/Essay/CCDHH contests could be named after someone if Optimists were willing to give \$5,000 each year for the next five years. This will be investigated by an ad-hoc committee of CoryAnn, Barb, Vern, and Jerry

Morton Curling Donation Request: Moved by Immediate Past Governor Barb Nelson, seconded by Past Governor Michael Shields, to contribute \$500 to the Curling Team for their tournament needs if they put the OI logo on materials. Passed.

Haiti Relief Donation: After a lengthy discussion it was agreed by consensus to not coordinate a donation through the district. Instead, each person or club will be encouraged to contribute, if so desired, on an individual basis.

International Representative's Remarks:

OI Certified Trainer Paula Reyling said that the Lt. Governor's were the key resource to clubs and what happens. Clubs add members, not OI. ACPC's are the road map for them. She shared that the PGI modules were very successful and could be used with clubs. She talked about SOAR for four, NOW programs, many brochures available on the OI website, motivating, encouraging, exciting, needing guidance, for Lt. Governor's to share with club officers. She will be sharing more personality traits and training ideas for moving to new levels, at the conference.

OI Regional Vice President Joanne Ganske had received information from OI President Mark Shriver about listening and not using the context of 'BUT' whenever you feel there are limitations to personal growth. She talked about: couldn't, won't, shouldn't and the concept of 'Being deaf when others say they can't do it'.

Governor's Remarks by Jerry Schewe were brief with the time being late.

Next meeting will be May 7, 2010 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Immediate Past Governor Barb Nelson led everyone in the Optimist Creed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Spindler

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