

**OGTC Annual General Meeting
Saturday, July 22, 2006
Uxbridge, Ontario**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Turvey at 3:25PM.

23 members were in attendance.

Past President Sims was appointed as acting secretary for minutes.

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated was presented.
(Sims, Lapointe) (Carried)

President Doug expressed the thanks of the OGTC to Past President Bill McKee for the hosting this year's championship. Applause.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held in Bracebridge .
(Dave McKee, Bedell) (Carried)

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (\$2 420.83as recorded in the minutes.)
(Bill McKee, Mark Molnar) (Carried)

Committee Reports

Ethics and Discipline: Several members were in noted to be arrears of current dues.

Discussion: It was suggested that Dave McKee contact those members to ascertain situations and status of individual members.

Discussion Membership queried the duties, obligations, privileges and financial responsibilities of Life members. Associate Members, Honourary Members, and Fraternal membership in the OGTC.

Motion That the Constitution and By-Law Committee bring back a report clarifying the requirements, duties, obligations, privileges and financial responsibilities of the aforementioned members. This report ultimately to be acted upon by the Board of Directors.
(John Webster, Bruce Kruger) (Carried)

Competition and Rules :

Discussion "What constitutes Audience Participation?" Doug Turvey
"What constitutes a prop?" Bruce Bedell
It seems this subject has been discussed "ad nauseam" Bill McKee
Elder statesman Jim Green offered his sentiments referring to the purpose of Town Crying was to give announcements and proclamations, and would encourage to do things the way 'they used to do them'.
Bill McKee, Derek Tidd, Scott Fraser, Bruce Kruger offered similar and echoed statements.

Motion: The Competition and Rules Committee come up with a consensus or rules to the definition and use of props during a proclamation or cry.

(Bruce Kruger, Bill McKee) (Carried)

Public Relations and Web Site

Discussion Steve Travers reported that our Web master is no longer able to attend our Web Site. After much discussion as to present status and future and getting the "best bang for our buck".

Motion Any member who has suggestions or alternatives or options for our web site, please contact PR Steve Travers.

(John Webster, Bill McKee) (Carried)

Constitution and By-Laws

Motions to be acted upon and reports submitted.

Old Business

Brent McLaren from Perth, Ontario was officially recognized as a member of the OCTC and welcomed into the fold.

DISCUSSION: It was brought to the floor that years ago Proclamations suitable for framing on calligraphy paper were presented to both the community and to the newly inducted 'crier'. It was suggested that this tradition be looked into reinstatement and that Brent seek a suitable time to have the presentation made to his council with as many members as possible being present.

It was also discussed that newly inducted crier choose or be given a mentor of the OGTC to help him/her with so many things experienced criers take for granted. Perhaps a policy could be developed for future.

Suggestions to the OGTC Executive.

Motion Membership Committee report on issuing of 'Welcoming Proclamation' to Community and Crier and mentoring policy be established.

(Bill McKee, Derek Tidd) (Carried)

New Business

Remarks were given by John Karsten (Holland, Michigan) re the status of the American Guild of Town Criers as to membership and future efforts to expand and keep active. The OGTC supports their efforts.

Questions were raised as to the welfare of Ron Amey from the Maritimes and Tom Jones. Verbal reports were received.

Ian Burkholder
Derek Miller
Mark Molnar
Jennifer Templeman
Les Whiting

Order of election business was closed on motion of B Bedell and Chris Whyman. (Carried)

PP Kruger returned the gavel to outgoing President Doug Turvey.

These elected will join appointed second year directors 2006 > 2008 directors

Doug Turvey
Steve Travers
Ken Templeman
Bruce Kruger
Scott Fraser

Doug Turvey expressed his personal thanks to those who assisted in the running of the OGTC for the past year and wished all the officers success in the future.

The meeting was then adjourned on motion of Gary Smith.