

OGTC Annual General Meeting
Sunday, June 17, 2007
Pertrolia, Ontario

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Templeman.

20 members were in attendance,

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated.
(Boszo, Bill McKee) (Carried)

President Ken expressed the thanks of the Guild to Crier Les Whiting for hosting the championship this year. Applause.

Motion to accept the minutes of last regular meeting held in Uxbridge.
(Kruger, Turvey) (Carried)

Motion to accept minutes of executive meeting minutes.
(Turvey, Bill McKee) (Carried)

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (\$2749.37 as recorded in the minutes)
(Bill McKee, Bossi) (Carried)

Committee Reports

Ethics and Discipline No person to head committee.

Discussion: President Ken asked for someone to step forward. Bill McKee volunteered for the position with Marcell Bossi and Derek Miller.

Discussion: President Ken read aloud the ceremony for the death of a crier. Copy of ceremony was made available to the membership.

Motion: To accept the 'Funeral Ceremony' as presented.
(Turvey, Bossi) (Carried)

Competition and Rules Nothing new to report.

Public Relations and Website:

Discussion: Steve Travers read letter saying thank you for the money as a part payment regarding the books being printed. Books are free to Guild members; \$10 each for the public. Production and copyright laws were discussed.

Motion: Guild Letter to Barrie Newspaper regarding the use of towncrier image
(Sims, Miller) (Opposed by Smith) (Carried)

Website has nothing to report.

Discussion: It was brought to attention that the website should have an alumni page.

Motion: The OGTC Website should have an alumni/in memoriam page.
(Fraser,) (carried)

Constitution and By-laws

Brenda and Brent have re-written the constitution and are updating it the corporate standards.

– revised constitution accepted with amendment that it is to be revisited in 3-4 years time.

Discussion: Brought forward that Treasurer has to consistently track down those criers with dues that are late.

Motion: Dues must be paid by March 31 every year. IF late, the crier will be charged an administrative fee of ½ of the current dues. If payment (full dues plus fee) is not received by June 30, crier must reapply for membership.

-Admendment: registered mail be used to ensure membership receives notice of dues.

(Boszo, Bossi) (Carried)

Reminder to those that have not received a certificate to please contact George Sims.

Old Business

Discussion: Drew Ferguson, City of Owen Sound; David Boyd, Township of Rideau Lakes and Joan Kench, Gananoque (re-instatement) have paid dues and are awaiting membership.

Motion: The new above mentioned criers are accepted into the OGTC for 2007 membership.

(Kruger, Turvey) (Carried)

New Business

Discussion: It was brought to the floor that the OGTC Champ could be the Official Town Crier for Ontario.

'There is a provincial election coming up and the government has broken for summer' – Mark Molnar

'Criers would wear the Guild and Ontario badge rather than their own badge' – Steve Travers

Motion: To investigate the possibility the OGTC Champ becomes the Ontario Ministry of Tourism's Town Crier.

(Sims, B.McKee) (defeated)

President Ken read thank-you letter for Tim Hortons regarding monetary and certificate donations to Afghanistan.

Upcoming Events

Oakville Waterfront festival June 23, 2007 at noon (includes selection of new town crier)

– Bracebridge July 15 Bracebridge B. Krueger

– Owen Sound Homecoming Aug. 4 Owen Sound B. Krueger

- Canal Days	Aug. 5	Port Colborne	D. Miller
- Octoberfest Parade	Oct. 8	Kitchener/Waterloo	S. Fraser
- OGTC Championship	2008	Collingwood	K. Templeman
- OGTC Championship	2009	Woodstock (tentative)	S. Fraser
- OGTC Championship	2010	Oshawa	B. McKee
- OGTC Championship	2016	Perth	B. McLaren

Election of Officers

President Ken Templeman vacated the chair and turned the meeting over to Past President Doug Turvey.

PP Turvey opened the nominations for a period of service of 2008-2009. PP Turvey was eliminated from the nominations.

The following were elected:

Scott Fraser

Bruse Krueger

Ken Templeman

Steve Travers

Order of election business was closed on motion of Turvey and B. McKee (carried).

PP Turvey returned the meeting to President Templeman.

Closing Comments

Ken still has a lot of pins for sale; please contact him if you need more.

The meeting was then adjourned on the motion of Bill McKee.