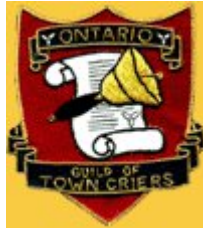


**OGTC Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 29, 2008**  
**Collingwood, Ontario**



The meeting was called to order by President Ken Templeman.

17 members were in attendance,

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated.  
(K. Templeman, D. Turvey) (Carried)

President Ken expressed the thanks of Collingwood to those present; competition was well received by the public..

Motion to accept the minutes of teleconference held Dec. 16/07.  
(Templeman, Boszo) (Carried)

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (\$5427.99 as recorded in the minutes). Noted that the administration fee in place is working well in regards to dues being paid on time. 53 out of 54 members paid.  
(Kruger, Molnar) (Carried)



### **Committee Reports**

Ethics and Discipline Nothing to report

Competition and Rules Nothing new to report.

Public Relations and Website:

Discussion: Steve Travers announced that we have “arrived”; Cogeco TV interview in Bracebridge with Bruce Kruger and Rogers CH 10 interview well done. Steve brought up good point regarding how names and words are associated on the internet by search engines and the like. The word “escort” was linked to an adult website; we must be careful.

Constitution and By-laws

◆Pembroke Council Bylaw restricting the appearances made by their town crier brought to the guilds attention by email from Brent McLaren.

◆ New By-law: Any Person over the age of 18, interested and able can apply to the guild. Tony Vandermaas added that new criers must not be the same territory of established crier.

Motion that the OGTC Bylaws remain firm, new bylaw be rejected with forward to Bill McKee of negative response.

(Kruger, Miller) (Carried)

Motion to change status of Crier Ian Burkholder from Associate Independent to Regular Member (Turvey, Smith) (Carried)

Motion to change status for Crier Betty Kading from Retired to Regular Member. Noted that since Betty was granted life membership, change of status doesn't affect her dues of \$5 annually.

(Vandermaas, Molnar) (carried)

Discussion: Bruce Kruger asked what constitutes retirement within the guild. To be referred to Membership Committee.



### **New Business**

Crier D. McKee passed along his council and communities thanks to those Criers that participated in the Harmony Square ceremonies. The city was very impressed. City of Brantford donated \$200 to the Guild. Recommended letter of thanks to Brantford Parks and Rec. Forwarded to S. Travers

Crier Doug Turvey presented a document written by George Simms(absent) outlining his idea for a Provincial Town Crier and the means to choose one.

Discussion: Many guild members felt an elect Provincial Town Crier is unwanted and would distract attention from local criers.

Motion to grant life membership status to Criers G. Simms and J. Webster and to be forwarded to executive committee for consideration. B. Bsozo noted that life membership is \$5 annually.

(G. Smith, B. Kruger) (carried)

Motion to award the 2009 Ontario Guild of Town Criers Provincial Championships to G. Simms or to be appointed by the executive committee if he declines.

(B. Kruger, G. Smith)

Crier Betty Kading noted that a person in Richmon Hill, Wilf Wilkinson, is the new Town Crier there. He is not recognized by the Guild.

Criers R. Wilson, T. Vandermaas and M. Molnar are all asking for the 2012 OGTC Provincial Championship. Tony and Mark are awaiting their councils confirmation. Roy noted that the Nancy Island will be hosting 600 reenactors for the 2012 celebrations. It was noted that the *Nancy* sunk in 1813 and that the War of 1812 actually ended in 1814. President Ken intervened and announced that the situation is not in critical mode and by the next directors meeting Roy, Tony and Mark will have reached an agreement and present it to the directors.

Crier Kading announced that handbells are available.

President Ken noted that if any criers are wanting a certificate of their appointment to contact him.



### Up Coming Events

Where	Contact
Bracebridge Competition	B. Kruger
Canal Days	D. Mills
Grape and Wine Parade	M. Molnar
40 <sup>th</sup> Octoberfest Parade	S. Fraser

### Officers for 2009-2010

Ken Templeman  
Bruce Kruger  
Steve Travers  
Scott Fraser

### Executive for 2009

Steve Travers nominated for President by K. Templeman and B. Kruger. Kruger declared nominations closed  
Steve Travers will stand.

Les Whiting nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice by S. Travers and D. Mills. B. Kruger declared nominations closed.  
Les will stand.

Mark Molnar nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice by D. Mills and T. Vandermaas. B. Kruger declared nominations closed. Mark will stand.

Ken Templeman stands as Past President; Brenda Bsozo stands as Guild Treasurer.

### **2009 Directors**

Brent McLaren, nominated by B. Kruger and S. Travers. Brent will stand.  
Tony Vandermaas, nominated by M. Molnar and D, Mills. Tony will stand.  
Derek Miller, nominated by A. LaPointe and S. Travers. Derek will stand.  
Jenn Olivero, nominated by K. Templeman and B. Bzoso.  
Bruce Kruger declared nominations closed, seconded by Mark Molnar.

Jenn Olivero appointed secretary of OGTC. Jenn accepted.

Doug Turvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Carried.