



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
The Ontario Guild of Town Criers
October 7, 2012
Kitchener, Ontario

Attendance:

J. Olivero, S. Travers, D. Vollick, M. Molnar, B. McKee, R. Misener, D. Turvey, A. Welch, S. Fraser, D. McKee, C. Whyman, J. Webster, T. Pekar, B. Kruger, S. Kruger, L. Whiting, G. Sims

Pres. Whiting called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Pres. Whiting thanked the assembled criers for coming and to Crier Fraser for hosting.

Secretary Report

Crier Olivero had nothing to add.

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2011 AGM and the AGM 2012 agenda as printed and circulated.

Moved by B. McKee Seconded by S. Travers

Carried

Treasurers Report

Pres. Whiting presented the Treasurers report as prepared by Crier Brenda Bozso (in absentia)

Please attached file named 2012AGMTreasurerReport.pdf

Crier Pekar notes that Derek Miller is still the Town Crier for Wainfleet, but not Port Colbourne; dues are not paid for 2012.

Pres. Whiting announces that Brenda is wanting to train a new Guild Treasurer; the position would be effective in one years time. Crier Doug Turvey volunteers.

Motion to accept Doug Turvey as new Guild Treasurer in new year.

Moved by M. Molnar, Seconded D. Vollick

Carried

Motion to give \$100 honorarium to Crier Brenda Bozso in thanks for her efforts.

Moved by S. Travers, Seconded B. McKee

Carried

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed and circulated.

Moved by B. McKee, Seconded by C. Whyman

Carried

Pres. Whiting thanked Crier Olivero for her work as secretary.

Committee Reports

Website: Crier Brent McLaren (in absentia)

Crier Brent McLaren reported the website is running well. He presented a report through President Les regarding Bill C-4, The Canada Not for Profit Act. Please see attached file OGTCBy-law.pdf

Motion to establish a committee under the leadership of Crier Brent McLaren to review our constitution and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors and/or the The Annual General Meeting for 2013. The name of said committee to be "The OGTC Constitution and By Law Review Committee". The purpose of the committee to being to review our current constitution and By-Laws and to recommend changes to our constitution as may be necessary to bring us in compliance with Bill C-4. The composition of the committee to be at the discretion of the Chairperson, who hereby will be given power to co-opt members as necessary , as long as the persons so co-opted be active members in good standing of the Ontario Guild of Town Criers at the time of their appointment to the committee.
Moved by Andrew Welch Seconded by Bill McKee *Carried*

Constitution and By-Laws: Crier Bill McKee

Crier Bill McKee presented a draft proposal regarding the use of props. Please see attached file BmKeePropsDraftProposal.pdf.

Motion: Once distributed, discussion regarding proposal to take place at next reasonable meeting of the Board after January 1, 2013.

Moved by B. McKee, Seconded by Br. Kruger

Carried

Note: Please forward constructive comments to Bill McKee before January 1, 2013.

Ethics : nothing to report

Awards and Honours: Crier Ken Templeman (in absentia)

As of September 25, 2012 we have an inventory of 5 swing mounted and 3 court mounted medals, and 20 with no ribbon at all. The swing mounted ones are \$20.00 and the court mounted ones are \$25.00 each, payable the The Guild through the Guild Treasurer.

Crier Ken recommends that he be authorized to get the 20 open ones ribboned for future use.

Below is the criteria for the Exemplary Award Medal:

- 1) Must be a "member in good standing" of the OGTC for a minimum of 5 years. The earliest an award could be given to a member would be in the member's 6th year. Only regular members eligible.
- 2) Must have represented your community at the OGTC Provincial Championship on a regular basis, following the competition rules and regulations.
- 3) Must have demonstrated in the course their duties and obligations to have followed the OGTC "Code of Ethics" upholding the honour, integrity and the best interests of the Guild.
- 4) Must have served at least one term (2years) on the Board of Directors of the OGTC, performing their duties as required of them to the best of their ability.
- 5) Must be an active Town Crier in one's home community, attending duties as required, upholding the "Objects" of our Guild, preserving the ancient and honourable appointment of town crying, creating a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of Town Crying, and promoting Town Crying competitions by holding or attending annual competitions.
- 6) Town Criers are invited to apply to a committee for the award if eligible within 6 months of the AGM to give the Ethics and Awards Committee time to review the criers application.
- 7) This award shall not be given retroactively to any criers who are not currently in the guild

- 8) Only current service bars are to be worn on the ribbon, as opposed to a compilation of them.
- 9) Eligibility date for the presentation is subject to the Town Criers appointment by Council/Organization as long as dues have been paid for that calendar year. The medals however shall be presented only at the AGM, or at a location deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

To apply for an Exemplary Award Medal, contact Crier Ken at kenandma@hotmail.com

Crier John Webster adds that perhaps Crier Ken should also order some 30 year bars as well, as some members are approaching that number.

Old Business

Crier Travers reported on his efforts regarding insurance for the Guild. He reports that the sum of \$900/yr will cover all active Town Criers when acting as Town Crier at all civic and private events. This is still a lot of money as some criers already have coverage.

Comments:

Crier Molnar asked what kind of increase in dues would this entail?

Crier Webster noted that spread across the whole membership, this seems like a good investment.

Motion to form a Committee to investigate insurance for the Guild, with Crier Travers as the head.

Moved by M. Molnar, Seconded by B. McKee

Carried

New Business

Crier B. Kruger comments that he is disappointed with the procedure of the Guild regarding meetings over the phone versus in person. He would like to see at least one physical meeting of the Board per year.

Motion that the Executive investigate meeting physically at least once a year.

Moved by B. McKee, Seconded by R. Misener

Carried

Crier B. McKee presented a proposal regarding a guideline for the judging of the uniform of a criers companion. Please see attached file GuidelinesUniformJudging.pdf

Motion to circulate the proposal and send comments to Crier. B. McKee before January 1 2013.

Moved by Crier Vollick, Seconded by Crier Turvey.

Carried

Other Business

Past Pres. Travers presented Pres. Whiting with a plaque of appreciation and recognition of his hard work during his term as Guild President.

Election of Officers

Pres. Whiting turned the floor over to Past. Pres. Travers to conduct the election of the officers.

Current Officers to serve a one year term from Jan. 1/13 to Dec. 31 /13

Crier Br. Kruger will stand

Crier R. Misener will stand

Crier Tony Vandermaas will stand

Crier Jenn Olivero will stand

Current Officers to serve a 2 year term from Jan. 1/13 to Dec. 31/13

Crier B. McKee will stand
Crier B. McLaren will stand
Crier Tony Vandermaas will stand
Crier Les Whiting, Past Pres. during new term, will stand
Crier M. Molnar, President during new term, will stand
Crier Shaun Kruger, First Vice during new term, will stand.

Motion to open nominations for Second Vice President.

Moved Crier B. McKee, Seconded by Crier Molnar *Carried*

Crier Vandermaas nominated to the position of Seconded Vice President by Crier Molnar, Seconded by Crier Br. Kruger. No other nominations came forth. Crier Vandermaas will stand.

Motion to close nominations for Second Vice.

Moved by Crier Br. Kruger, Seconded by Crier B. McKee *Carried*

Motion to open nominations for the Board of Directors.

Moved by Crier B. McKee, Seconded by Crier Molnar *Carried*

Crier B. McKee nominates Crier Andrew Welch for a two year term, commencing on Jan 1, 2013. Seconded by Crier Whyman. No other nominations came forth. Crier Welch will stand.

Motion to close nominations for the Board of Directors.

Moved by Crier Whyman, Seconded by Crier B. McKee *Carried*

Past Pres. Travers hands the floor back to Pres. Whiting for the duration of the meeting.

Motion to close the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Guild of Town Criers

Moved by Crier. B. McKee *Carried*

Up Coming Events

OGTC Provincial Championships , Thorold, June 22-23, 2013	Crier Tony Vandermaas
Muskoka Escapades, Bracebridge, July 14 2013	Crier Bruce Kruger
World Invitational, Kingston, August 1-5, 2013	Crier Chris Whyman
Ingersoll Harvest Festival, Ingersoll, August 24 2013	Crier Doug Turvey
Welland Rose Festival and Parade	Crier Rob Misener
Niagara Grape and Wine Parade, September 28, 2013,	Crier Mark Molnar
Oktoberfest Parade, Kitchener, October 14, 2013	Crier Scott Fraser