



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
The Ontario Guild of Town Criers  
August 9, 2014  
Port Perry, Ontario

**Attendance:**

Shaun Kruger, Bill McKee, David McKee, Tom Pekar, Mark Molnar, Doug Turvey, John Webster, David Boyd, Chris Whyman, Ian Burkholder, Bruce Kruger, Ken Templeman, David Vollick, Andrew Welch, Tony Vandermaas, Fred Martin, Rob Misener, Dave Phillips, Jenn Olivero

Pres. Molnar called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Pres. Molnar comments that it has been a reasonably interesting year, a good year with no crisis. Good to see some of our more senior members participating and welcome to Criers Martin and Boyd to the Provincials and AGM.

**Secretary Report**

Last years minutes were circulated as soon as they were prepared. Copies of last years minutes and the this year's agenda were brought to the AGM.

*Motion to accept the minutes of the 2013 AGM as printed and circulated.*

*Moved by Ken Templeman Seconded by B. McKee*

*Carried*

**Treasurers Report**

Crier Doug Turvey presented the Treasurer's Report; if there are problems regarding membership please speak to the President. A few criers have been suspended for reason of non-payment of dues. Letters are being sent to these criers or the applicable person.

President Molnar commented that we raised the dues for a reason; info regarding this went out to every member and they were invited to give feedback prior to the vote. Except for 1 crier, no one responded.

George Williams, former Guild member, would like to rejoin. Doug will be in touch with him.

Please see attached file named 2014AGMTreasurerReport.pdf

*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented and circulated.*

*Moved by David Vollick, Seconded by Bill McKee*

## **Committee Reports**

Ethics Committee: Nothing to report at this time

Constitution and Bylaws: Nothing to report at this time.

Website: Crier Brent McLaren (in absentia) *as reported by Jenn Olivero*

*Many years ago it used to cost the Guild between \$600 and \$700 to maintain their URL registration and their website. Since that time we have transferred the registration to DomainsAtCost.ca with a saving of over \$100 per year, and I have been hosting the Guild's website and the Bedellus on my personal web space in return for the equivalent of the Guild Membership fee annually. So, we are essentially hosting our website for about \$80 per year right now.*

*I can only post what people send me to post, and I would gladly create an Administrator/Editor for "The Bedellus" if anyone would be interested in coming on board or even taking it over. I try to get what comes in up as quickly as possible. Last year Mark Molnar asked me to take the Bedellus site over to what WordPress calls a "Responsive" site in preparation for it growing. I did this, but the site essentially sits static. Other than changes to the member's list, I have kept the main website exactly as it was, as instructed.*

*I cannot turn over the keys to the main site easily, since to grant access to a third party ultimately opens up access to my personal web sites. Something I am reluctant to do. For someone to take it all over, they would have to arrange for their own web space and I would send them the files.*

*We used to receive one to two emails per week looking for Criers ... this number has reduced greatly owing to the current map of Guild Criers. It is now possible for a user to locate the nearest Crier to them in seconds and without sending us an email. We receive several emails each year about becoming a Town Crier and also several from children doing research for school. They are always enjoyable to answer. We receive between 10-20 junk emails a day.*

*Anyway ... that's my story and I'm sticking to it.*

*BTW ... my health continues to improve each day although I am unable to cry without the use of a microphone. The medication means I constantly have this feeling like I am about to cough and my voice gets very hoarse quite quickly. Still, spirits are high, humour is good and I will definitely miss everyone in Port Parry this weekend.*

*Cheers ... Brent*

Rules: Nothing to report at this time.

## **Old Business**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **New Business**

Crier Ken Templeman

The 30 year anniversary of the Guild is approaching. Does the membership want a commemorative medallion made ? I have a preliminary design that involves the Guild shield and maple leaves

*Motion that Ken Templeman designs a 30 year medallion for the Guild.  
Moved by Bruce Kruger, Seconded By Bill McKee*

*Carried*

Honourarium for Secretary and Treasurer

*Motion to award Secretary and Treasurer \$100 each honourarium in thanks for their work.  
Moved by Bill McKee, Seconded by David Vollick*

*Carried*

*John Webster moves to double the honourarium .Amendment deferred for one year.*

Crier Andrew Welch as prepared three motions. These were presented to the President and Secretary on August 8, 2014. Please see attachment OGTC Motions 2014.pdf

The following motion was read aloud by President Molnar to the assembled membership:

*A motion regarding the definition of OGTC-sanctioned competitions and the application of OGTC Rules and Regulations.*

***Whereas*** participants in town crier competitions expect and deserve clarity about the rules governing each event;

***and whereas*** the OGTC has Rules and Regulations that are required to be followed for all Guild Sanctioned events;

***THEREFORE*** be it resolved that the Preface to the OGTC Competition Rules and Regulations shall be amended as follows:

*Preface The Rules Committee was formed to establish a list of Rules and Regulations concerning Town Crier Competitions to the Membership of the Ontario Guild of Town Criers, and give guidelines and suggestions to the Organizers of Town Crier competitions. To maintain the standard of the Guild, all rules are to be followed at the Provincial Championship and all Guild Sanctioned competitions. If an event is advertised, it is deemed to be a sanctioned Guild event.*

*AND the following will be added to the OGTC Competition Rules and Regulations:*

*A-2 All requests to host a Guild Sanctioned event must be approved by the OGTC Board of Directors.*

*A-3 Any competition receiving funding of any kind from the Guild shall be deemed to be a Guild Sanctioned event.*

*A-4 Any general communication to OGTC members promoting or announcing a town crier competition held in Ontario must clearly state whether or not it is a Guild Sanctioned event and (by inference) whether or not these Rules and Regulations will apply.*

*AND the Guild should actively undertake to officially sanction events taking place in Ontario in order to promote consistent standards for all criers.*

*Moved: Andrew Welch      Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_*

Discussion:

Bruce Kruger disagrees to some extent; there should a section that allows for some lee-way for the host crier.

Turvey- Section A-2: a host is in charge of the rules for each competition. Every competition doesn't need have to be approved by the board.

John Webster-The Provincials Championships are a competition for a reason; other contests were originally called 'cry-offs'.

Crier Welch withdraws other two motions for the presentation to the membership.

*Amendment that the motions prepared by Crier Welch be differed to the Rules Committee for review and report before the end of the calendar year.*

*Seconded by Bruce Kruger*

*Carried.*

### **Other Business**

President Molnar was presented with a plaque in recognition of his term as President of the Guild. We thank Mark for his hard work and service.

Crier Rob Misener was presented with his 5 year Exemplary Service medal. Rob has served as a Director on the Board and is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year as a Guild Member.

Crier Steve Travers has volunteered to head up a newsletter for Guild members. President Molnar has since appointed Crier Travers as Chairperson for the newsletter. Please send photos, stories, events, anecdotes etc to Steve.

Criers Tony Vandermaas and Bruce Bedell have announced their retirement from town crying owing to health. We wish them both the best luck in their new endeavours and we will greatly miss their style, companionship and mentorship in the Guild.

Crier Dave Phillips came across some pictures and videos of the first cries for some of our members. He will be sending these to the Secretary or Crier Travers.

### **Election of Officers**

Pres. Molnar turned the floor over to attending Past. Pres. Bruce Kruger to conduct the election of the officers.

Current Officers to serve a one year term from Jan. 1/15 to Dec. 31 /15

Crier Rob Misener

Crier Bruce Kruger

Crier Tom Pekar

Crier Andrew Welch ( is stepping down from the board)

Current Officers to serve a 2 year term from Jan. 1/15 to Dec. 31/16

Crier Shaun Kruger, President

Crier Mark Molnar, Past President.

Crier Bruce Kruger asks for volunteers for a two year term as Director of the Board

The following Criers will stand

Crier Bill McKee

Crier David Vollick

Crier Ken Templeman

The following Crier will stand upon their acceptance of their position

Crier Les Whiting

Crier Steve Travers

Crier Bruce Kruger asks for volunteers for a one year term as Director of the Board

The following Criers will stand

Crier David Boyd.

*Motion to accept these Criers as Directors of the Board, subject to their approval*

*Moved By John Webster, Seconded by Rob Misener*

*Carried*

*Elections are closed*

Crier Bruce Kruger hands the floor back to President Molnar

President Molnar thanks Bruce; says he's had a good term and congratulations to Shaun Kruger on being the new Guild President.

Shaun thanks Mark for his hard work. Comments that he would like the membership to send him their thoughts and concerns about the idea of actively recruiting new criers as this is something that the Guild may benefit from.

Discussion:

David Boyd- Most of us know communities where their crier doesn't belong to the Guild. We as a Guild could be contacting these communities and tell them all the benefits of belong to the Guild and the publicity involved for their communities.

Ken Templeman- recently spoke with the Mayor of Wasaga Beach; they are still intending to have a new crier.

*Motion to adjourn meeting*

*Moved by Doug Turvey, Seconded by Bill McKee*

*Carried*

Thanks to the Old Flame Brewery in Port Perry for the space to have our AGM. The snacks were much appreciated ( and the beer was good too)

### **Up Coming Events**

Muskoka Escapades/Provincials, Bracebridge, July 2015

Ingersoll Harvest Festival, Ingersoll, August 22 2015

Welland Rose Festival and Parade June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Niagara Grape and Wine Parade, September 2015

Provincials 2016, Perth

Criers Bruce/Shawn Kruger

Crier Doug Turvey

Crier Rob Misener

Crier Mark Molnar

Crier Brent McLaren

Provincials in 2017 ... a host is needed.

Dave Phillips reports that the City of St. Thomas says it under consideration during the Ironhorse Festival.

Crier Rob Misener says Welland may host 2018.

Good Luck to all those Criers heading off to Chester England!

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Accrual Basis

**Ontario Guild of Town Criers**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of July 31, 2014

	Jul 31, 14	Jul 31, 13
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Ontario Guild of Town Criers	888.09	2,457.90
Total Chequing/Savings	888.09	2,457.90
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	250.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	250.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	1,138.09	2,457.90
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,138.09</b>	<b>2,457.90</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	3,399.92	3,399.92
Unrestricted Net Assets	-3,043.74	-50.16
Net Income	781.91	-891.86
Total Equity	1,138.09	2,457.90
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,138.09</b>	<b>2,457.90</b>

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Accrual Basis

Ontario Guild of Town Criers  
Profit & Loss  
January through July 2014

	Jan - Jul 14	Jan - Jul 13
<b>Income</b>		
Award and Badge Sales	0.00	25.00
Membership	2,460.80	2,055.01
Miscellaneous donations	0.00	22.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,460.80</b>	<b>2,102.01</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Fees	50.00	84.75
Badges and Pins	0.00	376.57
Bank Charges and Fees	34.65	39.65
Insurance	0.00	972.00
Miscellaneous	226.00	312.41
Office Supplies	262.07	72.74
Phone Conferencing	36.17	63.75
Provincials donation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Website	70.00	72.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,678.89</b>	<b>2,993.87</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>781.91</b>	<b>-891.86</b>

Ontario Guild of Town Criers Dues Paid Chart

LAST NAME	1ST NAME	TOWN	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dues Amount			50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Initiation Fee			25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Associates / Newsletter			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Newsletter Only									
Administrative Late Charge			25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	35.00
Bedell	Bruce	City of Belleville	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Bossi	Marcel	Whitchurch-Touffainville	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	suspended
Boyd	David	Township of Rideau Lakes	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Brenda	Brenda	Tilsonburg	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Burdholder	Ian	Oakville Historical Society	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Coffin	Shayne	Village of Elora	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	suspended
Contin	Judy	Midland	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Davis	Larry	County of Brant	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Ferguson	Drew	City of Owen Sound	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Fraser	Scott	Stratford	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Freeman	Allan	Blackrock (Historic Boundary) Hamilton	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Gauthier	Bonnie	Fort William Historical Park	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Gorham	Frank	Amherstburg	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	resigned
Green (Life)	Jim	West Lincoln	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Groshaw	Ronald	Elkorex (Historic Boundary)	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	suspended
Heil (Life)	Bob	Wentworth Headwaters	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Kadling (Life)	Betty	Town of Orangeville	55.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Kerr	Thomas	Municipality of Trent-Hills	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Kruger	Bruce	Town of Brantford, Historic Sites Village	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Kruger	Shaun	Town of Brantford, Historic Sites Village	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Lapointe (Life)	Art	Town of The Blue Mountains	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Marlin	Fred	Town of Whibley	50.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	suspended
McKee	David	City of Brantford	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	135.00
McKee	Bill	Township of Uzbridge	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
McLaren	Don	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	105.00
Misener	Robert Soc	Town of Perth	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Misener	Mark	City of Wexford	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Murphy	Peter	City of Brampton	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Pekkar	Tom	City of Port Colborne	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Phillips (Life)	Dave	County of Elgin / Municipality of Dalton Dumwich	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Richer de laFleche	Daniel	City of Ottawa	50.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	75.00	5.00	suspended
Smith	George	Municipality of Chatham-Kent	40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	5.00
Templeman-Olivero	S Hugh	Town of Powassan	80.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Templeman	Jennifer	Bygone Days Heritage Village	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Tidd	Ken	Collingwood	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Travers	Derek	City of Niagara Falls	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Turvey	Sieve	City of Barrie	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Vandermaas	Doug	Township of Zorra / Town of Ingersoll	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Wallace	Tony	City of Thorold	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Webster (Life)	Jack	City of Burlington	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Whiting	John	Town of Pymatton-Wyoming	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
Whymen	Andrew	Markham	50.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	Les	Town of Caledon, Town of Erin	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
	Chris	Town of Petrolia	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
		Kingston							
Associate Members									
Denis Pauly		Town of Okla, Alberta & Olds Fashioned Christmas				5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
US Members Paid									
Joseph	William	Secretary, American Guild of Town Criers	5.00	10.00			AGTC Sec		
Karsten	John	City of Holland, Michigan / Tulip Time Festival	5.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Lieber	Michael	Town of Sylvania, Ohio / Lucas County, Ohio	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	suspended
Tolama	Art	City of Saugatuck, Michigan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
LaLena	Richard	Historic Town of Smithville, New Jersey							
	51		45	45	44	44	46	48	
			2080.00	1876.00	1860.00	1900.00	2060.00	2075.00	