

## RTO/ERO District 18 – Annual General Meeting – 2009

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Eganridge Golf and Spa, Bobcaygeon, Ontario

1. Call To Order - Mary Dickson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda  
Moved by Lenore Davidson and seconded by Jim Brown that the agenda be adopted – Passed
3. Approval of the Minutes of September 25, 2008  
**Due to an error by the Secretary, the minutes of the 2008 AGM were not available.**
4. Business Arising Out of Minutes  
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5. Treasurer's Report  
Moved by Louise Cooper and seconded by Lorna Synnott that the Financial Statement for 2009 be accepted.
6. Reports
  - President's Report: No official report.
  - Haliburton Unit Report: It was moved by Louise Cooper and seconded by Marg Valentine that the Haliburton Unit Report be accepted.
  - Kawartha Lakes Unit Report: It was moved by Karen Brentnell and seconded by Doreen Roadhouse that the Kawartha Lakes Unit Report be accepted.
  - Communications Report: It was moved by Mike Catling and seconded by Karen Brentnell that the Communications Report be accepted.
  - Health Services Report: No report.
  - Members' Services Report: It was moved by Pauline Johnson and seconded by Jack Nevins that the Members' Services Report be accepted including items related to Retirement Planning Workshop and member concerns relating to Custodian's, Secretaries and EA's. Membership is now at: Haliburton – 191; Kawartha Lakes – 515.
  - Pension Concerns Report: It was moved by Karen Brentnell and seconded by Mike Catling that the Pensions Concerns Report be accepted.
  - Political Action Report:

- A meeting with MPP Rick Johnson occurred on August 31 with respect to bringing forth concerns related to the introduction of a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The position of RTO with respect to the HST can be found by contacting the provincial office or on line at <http://www.rto-ero.org>. It was moved by Mary Dickson and seconded by Heather Sisson that the Political Action Report be accepted.
- Spring Senate Report: It was moved by Karen Brentnell and seconded by Mary Dickson that the Senate Report be accepted. Fall Senate is occurring in October – info will be found in the newsletter.
- Nominating Committee Report: A slate of persons willing to stand was presented with vacancies for Health Services and Treasurer. No nominations from the floor. These vacancies are to be filled as per the constitution.
- Signing Officers: It was moved by Karen Brentnell and seconded by Lenore Davidson that the Signing Officers for District 18 be the District President, the Unit President of the President’s unit, the Past President and the Treasurer, and that all financial transactions require the signatures of two of these four officers.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on a motion from Lenore Davidson

➤ **Guest Speaker(s) – “Building Brigade to Honduras”**

The brigade of retired teachers will be delivering school supplies and lesson materials April 1 – 10. Karen Robinson has made application to RTO for funding support for the project.

Four members of the "Honduran Building Brigade" attended the meeting as our guests and delivered a most interesting, informative powerpoint presentation. The four presenters took turns presenting the various aspects of their experience in travelling to Honduras and taking part in the construction of a new building to act as living accommodations for the children and their caregivers. Pam Burt, Dave Auger, Brenda Rhodes and Derek Warren answered questions about their experiences at the end of their wonderful presentation.

Doug Morris thanked the four for their attendance and sharing their story with us.

Karin Robinson followed the presentation with information about a "Teachers' Brigade" which is being organized for next year. Karin had applied for a STO grant to assist with the cost of this venture. Karin asked any teacher with an interest in this venture to contact her. At the present time she had 8 teachers who had expressed an interest in joining her in this next venture. Karin also let everyone know that Sally Armstrong was going to at Cambridge Street United Church on October 18th and that there would be information also available about the next Brigade.

Bruce Peck offered an "In Memorium" to all members we have lost during this past year, followed by "Grace" prior to a delicious buffet lunch being served.

➤ LUNCH

**Awards of Merit**

Two awards of merit were presented to Kawartha Lakes members. These awards consisted of a framed award and a donation of \$200 made to the charity of the recipient's choice.

Mary Dickson made this presentation to Lorna Synnott for her many years of service to RTO and Lenore Davidson presented this award to Edna Madill for her many years of hard work to the local organization of RTO. Each lady responded graciously upon receiving their awards.

**Raffle**

There were 2 draws for prizes. Each prize was a framed \$50 bill. Donna Nickol and Eileen Weldon were the lucky winners.

**50/50 Draw**

The winning ticket was held by Louise Cooper. The other half of the 50/50 was topped up to \$200 to be donated to the Kawartha Lakes Food Source on a motion by Karen Brentnell.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1503 hours.