

**MINUTES OF THE 74th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
ELEVENTH DISTRICT OF QUOTA INTERNATIONAL INC.
Travelodge Hotel - Weyburn, Saskatchewan**

Friday, April 23, 2010

Set up of Club Sales and Registration ran from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

Lorraine Wilkinson offered a blessing to all registrants, and a lovely turkey dinner followed.

Opening Ceremonies

A march was played on the piano by Heather Sidloski, while flag bearers Val Wing and Lorraine Wilkinson and head table guests Reverend Catherine Harper, Weyburn mayor Debra Button, Governor Bev Jaeger, Lt. Governor Theresa Girardin and Secretary Treasurer Audrey Szemethy marched in.

Everyone in attendance then sang the Star Spangled Banner and O' Canada. Reverend Catherine Harper followed with the Invocation, the Mayor gave us her greeting and welcomed all to Weyburn.

Weyburn President Karla Kennedy then gave all a gracious welcome to all in attendance, Jan Abernathy, of Quota International Wainwright gave the response.

Following the Anne Geddes Gong and Off Shore Presentations Weyburn entertained us with their version of the Quolympics. There were six events to compete in, medals were handed out at the end and all members passed the drug doping test. Medals were won by Shelley Babiarz QI Weyburn, June Fletcher QI Weyburn, Bev Jaeger, Gillian Heisler QI Weyburn and Theresa Girardin QI Weyburn.

Saturday, April 24, 2010

At 7:30 am Leadership Training and a Continental Breakfast was hosted by Quota International Canada Area Representative Judy Goulet and Governor Bev Jaeger – the training was on being a good leader; most delegates were in attendance.

Conference reconvened at 9:00 am with introductions of the head table: Lt Governor Theresa Girardin, Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters, Governor Bev Jaeger, Quota International and Canada Area Representative Judy Goulet and Secretary Treasurer Audrey Szemethy.

Yvonne Larner read the Quota Collect and Conference Rules were presented by Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters of QI Weyburn.

Audrey Szemethy Secretary Treasurer of QI Medicine Hat did roll call, in attendance were –

Estevan	- 5
Medicine Hat	- 5
Penticton	- 3
Wainwright	- 4
Weyburn	- 23
Winnipeg	- <u>3</u>
Total	43

Minutes from the 2009 Conference were presented by Governor Bev Jaeger – the necessary corrections were made. Joanne Hall, Medicine Hat made a motion to then accept the minutes and this was seconded by Maureen Taylor, Penticton. CARRIED

The Registration Committee Report was given Isabelle Butters; she reported a total of 43 in attendance. Karla Kennedy approved the reading of this report it was seconded by Marcine Roach. The Credentials Report was given by Marcine Roach and seconded by Sue Blackwell.

Credentials reported -

- 1 - International Representative
- 1 – District Governor
- 1 – Lt. Governor
- 1 – Secretary Treasurer
- 12 – Delegates
- 16 Voting Strength Total

Reports were then read by district officers and these have been attached to this report.

District Governor	Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat
Lt. Governor	Theresa Girardin, QI Weyburn
District Sec/Treas	Audrey Szemethy, QI Medicine Hat

Governor Bev moved that all of these reports be adopted as read; seconded by Jan Abernethy. CARRIED

Resolutions Committee Report was given by Valerie Hall QI Estevan.

Resolutions submitted and received by all clubs.

1) Resolution submitted by Wainwright. The Resolution is to amend District 11 Standing Rules Section D. Bursary Committee - Section 1. We make the motion to remove Wainwright from the rotation of clubs. So that Section D 1 would read:

“The Governor shall appoint a Bursary Committee of three (3) from one Club. The Committee will rotate each year to a different Club, excluding Quota Club of Wainwright, alphabetically starting with Weyburn in 1996/1997. The complete package

of information has been sent to the Institutes of Learning in District 11 area to be registered in an ongoing instruction format.” This was moved by Valerie Hall; seconded by Jan Abernethy.

Karla Kennedy moved an amendment to Resolution #1 that the following Section of the Standing Rules for District 11 be deleted in its entirety: Rule III; Committees of the District. E – Bursary Committee. Jan Abernethy seconded the motion. It was CARRIED. Motion as amended was CARRIED.

- 2) The Resolution is to amend District 11 Standing Rules Section A. Annual Conference. In Section A we make the motion to amend the first sentence to read:

“The Annual Conference shall be held on a weekend in either April or May.”

The reasoning for the requesting this change:

- 1) International Rules of Procedures, Rule #42 states that District Conferences are to be held in April, May or June. This resolution shall ensure District rules to conform to International rules.
- 2) This will also eliminate future conflict of dates should Easter fall on the last weekend in April. This will also conform to International rules that state the District Conference shall not be held on a statutory holiday.
- 3) This resolution will allow the hostess club flexibility in scheduling to take into consideration local fund raising and other activities.

Your consideration for this request would be appreciated. If this amendment is not amended, Wainwright will need to switch years with another club as we would be unable to host the conference we are scheduled for in 2011. April 22, 23 & 24, 2011 is Easter weekend. The alternate date allowed, the first weekend in May is our annual Ladies Night fundraiser. This is one of our major annual events and we cannot change the date. Moved by Jan Abernathy, seconded Marcine Roach

Amendment moved by Sue Blackwell QI Penticton to have conference the last two weekends in April or all of May; seconded by Yvonne Larner QI Winnipeg. DEFEATED.

The original motion was voted on and CARRIED.

The Bursary Report was to be given by QI Wainwright, but since all the information had been forwarded to Governor Bev Jaeger, she wrote and presented the report.

Sue Blackwell QI Penticton followed with the Historians Report. Sue reported that we have a lot of archived material and we should be trying to find some place to store or display it, as moving it around from year to year is very hard on it.

Governor Bev Jaeger reported that Notes and Quotes had gone out in November 2009 and February 2010. The November issue also had a sheet with where all of our registrations were to go; the February issue had club news and also the Call to Conference reminder. An issue going out in last May 2010 was also mentioned.

Karla Kennedy moved these reports be adopted as read; seconded by Val Hall.
CARRIED

The Nominations Committee Report was given by Marlene Decker QI of Weyburn. Marlene reported that we had one nomination for Theresa Girardin for Governor; none had been received for Lt. Governor. Marlene moved her report be adopted as read; Yvonne Larner seconded the motion. CARRIED

Coffee Break ended at 10:45

International Representative Judy Goulet presented Governor Bev with a certificate from Quota International for her years of service and then went into her promotions of various Quota International Promotional jewelry was modeled by fellow Quotarians attending our conference. Judy informed us of the costs and where the donations could be directed.

Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters instructed us on the election procedures. Governor Bev Jaeger appointed Tricia Nicol QI of Wainwright as election chairperson. Tricia called for nominations from the floor for Governor and then Lt. Governor. There was no further nomination for Governor. Lorna Lachambre nominated Valerie Hall QI of Estevan for Lt. Governor. The election committee made up of Tricia Nicol QI Wainwright, Muriel Grey QI Medicine Hat and Joy Pinney QI Penticton handed out and collected the ballots.

At this point International Representative Judy Goulet presented the International report "Creating the Quota of Tomorrow".

The Memorial Service was presented by Audrey Szemethy QI Medicine Hat. Vi Keenan a member of QI Medicine Hat was the only death reported in the district for the 2009 – 10 year. Audrey touched on Vi's life and her years of service to Quota.

12:00 – 1:30 pm Saturday Luncheon

Lt. Governor Theresa Girardin presided by honouring Past District Governors. Those present were Isabelle Butters, Joy Pinney, Judy Buzowetsky, Maureen Taylor, Yvonne Larner, Sandi Schweitzer, Judy Goulet, Sue Blackwell and Bev Jaeger.

Theresa also introduced the guest, Leah Peterson, a Speech and Language Pathologist. Leah is employed by Sun Country Health Region and is currently the Autism Coordinator. She spoke of the current statistics, and the challenges for children diagnosed with autism. She made mention of the Out & About program which offers autistic children summer programming in Weyburn and area.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 with the first report was on the election. Tricia Nicol reported that Theresa Girardin QI Weyburn would be Governor and Valerie Hall QI Estevan would be Lt. Governor, at this point Theresa reported that Sandy Schweitzer QI Weyburn would be her Secretary/Treasurer.

Maureen Taylor reported that she was no longer on the website committee; that Liz Revell QI Ottawa was the person in charge. Maureen reported that Wainwright has a very good site, that all should have a look and please do some work on our sites.

Next years budget was then presented by Secretary/Treasurer Audrey; the only changes to the budget will be that there will be no more bursary. This was adopted and moved by Audrey and seconded Val Hall. CARRIED

Items discussed in unfinished business –

- 1) Joy Pinney wanted to know what to do about the Bursary information. After a brief discussion Governor Bev and Secretary/Treasurer Audrey said they would advise the colleges and universities that District 11 no longer has a bursary.
- 2) Judy Buzowetsky would look into someplace or store our District 11 history.

New Business –

A new Nominating Committee was appointed Judy Goulet QI Wainwright will chair, Bev Jaeger QI Medicine Hat and Maureen Taylor QI Penticton will assist.

The 2011 District Historian will be Judy Buzowetsky

Invitation to 2011 Conference – Jan Abernethy QI Wainwright announced conference will be April 15 – 17, 2011 – not sure of which venue they are going to use. Medicine Hat announced they would be pleased to host the 2012 conference and Winnipeg extended their invitation for 2013.

Maureen Taylor updated us on the up and coming International Convention in Vancouver along with her election platform for International Treasurer.

We adjourned at 3:30 – some members went to the Soo Line Museum to check out the large silver displayed at the museum; others went to the curling rink for the quilt displays. Rumor has it that Evelyn Johnson won a basket full of quilting supplies.

6:00 pm Saturday Evening Banquet

Gerry Goski was our pre dinner entertainment. Gerry plays accordion and has lived in Weyburn all his life; I was told that he is known to everyone in Weyburn.

Head table guests were Sandi Schweitzer incoming Secretary/Treasurer, Theresa Girardin incoming Governor, Judy Goulet International Representative, Governor Bev Jaeger, Cathy Mills our evening guest speaker, conference chairperson Mayvis Goranson, Valerie Hall incoming Lt. Governor and Audrey Szemethy Secretary/Treasurer.

Marlene Decker did the evening invocation. Governor Bev Jaeger gave toasts to the Queen and to Quota followed by the introduction of the head table. After a roast beef dinner Cathy Mills (the guest speaker) told us of her amazing journey as a volunteer at the 2010 Summer Olympics in Vancouver BC. What an awesome experience. Sandi Schweitzer QI Weyburn gave the response.

Presentations:

The Grace Atkinson Bowl was awarded to Wainwright for their gain in membership
The Anne Geddes Gong went Estevan for their Excellence in Service and Fundraising
The Offshore Clock went to Weyburn.

Mayvis Goranson our conference chairperson then introduced the 'Royal Remarks' Queen Elizabeth the Twelfth (Donna Sanders) gave a lengthy report on things happening in the Royal Family. She also touched on some of the things that she knew about Quotarians including Helen Davidson (age 101) Weyburn oldest charter member. Her presentation ended with the knighting of Isabelle Butters and Governor Bev Jaeger – now known as 'Lady Isabelle' and 'Lady Bev'. Marlene Yurkowski thanked her and gave a eulogy on Donna.

Each club was then responsible for making their draws – the district 50/50 was won by Isabelle Butters. Rumor has it that she is going to use the money for convention.

International Representative Judy Goulet then did the installation of officers. Once all were installed Nick Coroluick was called upon to do the group picture. At this point the conference was declared over; it was now time for fun and frolic at the governor's reception. Joe Weisgerber and Vic Messer provided a variety of music for all ages to sing or dance too.

Sunday April 25, 2010

A Farewell Breakfast was hosted at the home of Heather Sidloski