



Meeting Minutes

Masonic Association of Algoma District

Date:	Saturday, September 12, 2015	Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room		
Chair:	John Stewart	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	John Stewart (P), Rick Maloney (T), Bob Willett (S)		
Attendees:	J Stewart, Roy Teniuk, Bob Willett, Rick Maloney, Tim King, Michael Abbott		

ITEMS

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing, with 6 members present.

2. Introductions

None

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Notes

Read and adopted

4. No Additions to agenda

5. Committee Report(s):

1) **Treasurers Report** – W. Bro. Rick Maloney- Present balance \$924.94. Note: \$450.00 placed in reserve for DDGM's meet and greet on September 15, 2015 in Thunder Bay. The money would be used to offset any costs not covered by ticket sales. A formal DDGM supper will take place at a later date in Hornepayne.

2) **Inventory "Lodge give away gifts"** all lodges have received a package of give away gifts. There is a small inventory left.

3) **Resource Center:** There is no money in the fund. A list of products can be seen on the Algoma District website. Exchange is creating a real challenge for the purchase of inventory. I.e. At this time it is cheaper to buy our Masonic Bibles form Dominion Regalia. Note; Products on Ebay grossly overpriced.

6. Old Business

- a. Create a distribution list to send reminders to all Secretaries/Masters/ Senior and Junior wardens. Bob Willett is working on e-mail listing. **Action:** Secretaries list completed. **Action:** Bring forward.
- b. Skype can handle up to 25 calls incoming at no cost. Will offer service to our outlying district lodges so they can participate in the regular district meetings. **Action:** Skype is now available for meeting in October.
- c. Fancy Dress Ball – **Action:** John Stewart and Rick Maloney will look at costing and proposal which should include a head table, formal dress, and allowing friends to attend. **Action:** Bring forward
- d. It was suggested that a Santa Claus party be arranged to coincide with the Santa Claus Parade. Rick Maloney volunteered to send a letter to each of the lodges. A committee will need to be organized. **Action:** Need to verify a date and availability of the Dease St. Mural room before any further action is taken. **Action:** Money for gifts may have to come from resource center. Suggested that each participating member bring a \$25.00 gift for their child. Action: Bring forward to October meeting.

7. New Business:

1) Nominations:

As New DDGM Dan Moore is in Hornepayne, John Stewart suggested that there be two new directors at large added to executive.

Richard Maloney is stepping down as treasurer but will monitor books until replacement found.

Tim King is stepping down as Vice President due to up and coming pressures in his ``Masonic life``.

John Stewart has let his name stand as President.

Bob Willett let his name stand as Secretary.

Mike has let his name stand as Past President.

Nominations were closed. A notice of an Open meeting on October 3rd will be sent to the district secretaries and a request will also be added to notice for members to fill vacancies.

- 2) **Communications:** A suggestion was made that a flyer or notice be placed on each lodges` bulletin board. It was suggested that a face book page also be set up. (note: Circus was publicized on facebook and seems to have had a good response).

It was suggested that we need to improve our media relations efforts. Send more pictures of lodge activities to Ken Chase. Maybe provide each lodge with an inexpensive camera to record events or use the infamous ``I`` phone to record events and forward.

Call for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Mike Abbott Seconded by Jon Stewart at 9:49am

Next Regular Meeting

Date:	October 3, 2015	Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room
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