



# Meeting Minutes

Masonic Association of Algoma District

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday – February 6, 2016	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Location:</b>	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room		
<b>Chair:</b>	John Stewart	<b>Secretary:</b>	Bob Willett
<b>Officers:</b>	John Stewart (P), Rick Maloney (T), Bob Willett (S)		
<b>Attendees:</b>	J Stewart, Richard Bauch, Bob Willett, Tim King, Michael Abbott, Eric Johnson, Robbie Manz, Bill Deadman, Les Swan, Bob Swan, Al Smith, Aron Winterstein		

## ITEMS

### 1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing, with 12 members present.

### 2. Introductions

Introductions took place.

### 3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Notes

Read and adopted minutes. **Note:** No revisions as minor misread of January 2, 2016 minutes was made during February's meeting. January minutes stand. Mike Abbott moved minutes be adopted as amended and Eric Johnson seconded.

### 4. Committee Report(s):

**1) Treasurers Report -** Reported by John Stewart- As of Feb 6, 2016 the bank balance is \$746.74.

**2) Inventory -** "Lodge give away gifts" A small inventory of flying discs remains. We should consider increasing inventory slightly.

**5. Old Business -** Create a distribution list to send reminders to all Secretaries, Past Masters, sitting Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens. Bob Willett is working on e-mail listing.  
**Action:** Bring forward. List almost complete.

**6. New Business:**

- 1) Bursary discussions:** There was a lengthy discussion on bursaries (individual voluntary donations), hand outs, a \$1:00 levy to support the Algoma District Masonic Association and the summer picnic. Some lodges are running a very tight budget. Any further monetary pressures place on the lodges at this time likely won't fly. The \$1.00 levy was to be part of and is considered part of the DDGM's levy. Support to all our Algoma District lodges has been made by John Stewart in the form the kid's gifts which adds up to approximately \$50.00 per lodge. It was noted that Shuniah has a fishing derby on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June and Connaught has a family day on June 25<sup>th</sup>. If an Association picnic was to go ahead it would have to be on June 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. Consideration should be given to holding the picnic at Dease Street. **Action:** bring forward to next meeting.
- 2) Comments from Grand Lodge:** Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz stated that we need to organize a Grand Master's reception. The DDGM is working on a date in September 2016 but that it might conflict with the Lodge of Instruction "northern tour" which usually takes place the last week in September or first week in October. Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz asked if the Grand Master's Reception could be organized under the umbrella of the Masonic Association with the assistance of the Past DDGM's who have organized the event in the past and anyone else who would like to be on the committee. **Action:** Bring forward to next meeting.

**Call for Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Mike Abbott, Seconded by Eric Johnson at 10:04 am.

**Next Regular Meeting**

<b>Date: March 5, 2016</b>	<b>Time: Breakfast at 8:00am Meeting at 9:00am</b>	<b>Location: Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room</b>
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