



Algoma District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Date:	Saturday – March 5, 2016	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:	John Stewart, Bob Willett, Jerry Tsubouchi, Bob Swan, Les Swan, Tim King, Bill Davis		

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing, with 7 members present.

2. Introductions

None

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Notes

Read minutes, Motion to accept by Jerry Tsubouchi, minutes adopted.

4. Committee Report(s):

a) Treasurers Report - Reported by John Stewart - As of March 5, 2016 the bank balance is \$746.74.

b) Inventory - “Lodge give away gifts” A small inventory of flying discs remains. A request was made by John Stewart to provide 6 of the disc’s to the Thunder Bay Refugee fund. **Approved.**

5. Sick & Visiting: Worshipful Brother Mike Abbott is under the weather & Worshipful Brother Al Smith has a broken rib. Brethren present where not aware of any other brethren in sick or distressed circumstances.

6. Old Business:

a) 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.

7. New Business:

a) **General discussions:** It was reiterated that the \$1.00 levy from the lodges is already contained in the \$5.00 DDGM levy. If the Masonic Association requires more money than it presently has, a request should be made to the DDGM. There is a resource section in the District Association web Site which describes a number of Masonic products that are in stock and available for purchase. It is recommended that the Lodges check this site to see if there is anything they would like to purchase. Purchases can be made by contacting John Stewart.

b) Comments from Grand Lodge:

a) 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.

b) i) A Mini Grand Lodge is being suggested for May 26, 27, & 28 - 2017 (Last weekend in May). Location is Kenora. ii) An ad hoc committee is looking for suggestions on ways to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Free Masonry in 2017. iii) The Grand Lodge website will be going through a major upgrade in the near future to make it a lot more user friendly with a wider range of uses and applications.

Call for Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bob Swan, Seconded by Les Swan at 9:43 am.

Next Regular Meeting: See Date Change below

Date: April 9, 2016 1st Sat. (Home Show) 2 nd Saturday (District Preceptory- Kenora)	Time: Breakfast at 8:00am Meeting at 9:00am	Location: Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room
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