



Algoma District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Date:	Saturday May 4, 2016	Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room		
Chair:	John Stewart	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	John Stewart (P), Bob Willett (S)		
Attendees:	R Willett, L Swan, D Moore, Marvin Salmi, M Abbott, J Stewart, R Manz, J Horbow, B Deadman, N Lundberg, Roy Teniuk		

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing.

2. Introductions

None

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes read, no errors or omissions - minutes adopted as read.

4. Committee Report(s):

a) Treasurers Report - Reported by John Stewart – In Bank as of May 4, 2016 a balance of \$708.31- \$107.27 Secretary expenses (paper and ink for printer) leaving final balance of **\$601.04**. Moved by Bill Deadman that accounts be approved. Seconded by Robbie Manz. Carried.

5. Sick & Visiting: Terry Brown is out of hospital. Bill Bailey out of hospital and using walker to get around. Bill Davis might have to go back to hospital for a follow on a former issue. Ted Baumann has a stomach infection but is on the mend. Marvin Solmi is going to have some tests done.

6. Old Business:

a) There has been a lot of discussion over the years on how the Masonic Association was to be funded. It had been decided at one time that the lodges would pay annually \$1.00 per each of their members to the association. At the May 2016 meeting it was decided that a letter should be sent to each of the lodges in Algoma District requesting approval of this levy process.

7. New Business:

- a) **Nominations:** Nominations for the Algoma District Masonic Association officers for the 2017 year will be accepted up to and including the 2016 September meeting. Election of new officers will take place in October 2016. At the May meeting the following members let their names stand:

President: Les Swan

Vice President: Bob Swan

Treasurer: Bill Deadman

Secretary: Bob Willett

Directors: Mike Abbott

Robbie Manz

Richard Bauch

Grand Lodge Representative: Right Worshipful Robbie Manz

a) **Comments from Grand Lodge:**

- a) Right Worshipful Brother Dan Moore stated that we need to organize a Grand Master's Banquet. The date of the Grand Master's Banquet is set for November 19, 2016. Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz will Chair the committee to organize the event. Right Worshipful Manz is looking for volunteers. **Please Note; A copy of the letter from the Grand Secretary Terrance Shand is attached and includes special instructions. Action: Bring forward.** Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz stated that the organization of the Grand Master's reception is moving along. He suggested that there be a ``meet and greet`` at Connaught Lodge Friday evening. Robbie is looking for suggestions for workshops that could be held at Shuniah Lodge on November 19, 2016. **Action: Bring Forward.**
- b) i) A Mini Grand Lodge is being suggested for May 26, 27, & 28 - 2017 (Last weekend in May). Location is Kenora. li) An ad hoc committee is looking for suggestions on ways to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Free Masonry in 2017. lii)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. **Action: Bring forward**

General Discussion: A question was asked regarding the availability of any district resources regarding management of solely owned Masonic Lodge buildings. Mike Abbott suggested that an advisory committee be set up to act as a resource through out the District **Action: Bring Forward.**

Call for Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Mike Abbott Seconded by John Stewart at 9:42 am.

Next Regular Meeting:

Date: Sept 10, 2016	Time: Meeting at 9:00am Breakfast at 8:00am for those so desiring.	Location: Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room, Thunder Bay.
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