

**MINUTES OF THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**of the**  
**ELEVENTH DISTRICT OF QUOTA INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Gathering Centre- Wainwright, Alberta**

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

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

Albertine Claerhout, QI Wainwright, offered a blessing to all registrants and a dinner followed.

***Opening Ceremonies***

A march was played on the piano by Connie Coleman, leading in the flag bearers consisting of one representative each from the Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. Head table guests Governor Theresa Girardin, Lt. Governor Valerie Hall, Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters, International Representative Marie Dobson-Dunlop and Wainwright Mayor Norman Coleman followed the flags.

Governor Theresa welcomed those in attendance and extended her sincere greetings as well as relaying greetings from Secretary Treasurer Sandi Schweitzer who was unable to attend the meeting due to her husband's illness. Governor Theresa advised that Iris Borgen, QI Weyburn offered to record the minutes of the Conference. The Governor read messages from President Gwen Jackson, Linda Morton and Karen Murphy, QI Directors.

Marie Dobson-Dunlop, Canada Area Director extended greetings from Quota International.

Everyone in attendance sang the Star Spangled Banner and O Canada. Jan Abernethy, QI Wainwright, provided the Invocation and Mayor Coleman gave greetings and welcomed all to Wainwright.

A welcome to all in attendance was given by Jan Abernethy, QI Wainwright, Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat responded.

Following the Anne Geddes Gong and Off Shore Presentations three sisters from the Calgary Seniors Performing Arts entertained with a dance performance. Two members from each club then participated in a race that had been established by the Wainwright Club. The onlookers cheered on their fellow members and enjoyed watching each Quotarian take on the time clock.

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

Twelve members attended the Leadership training hosted by Governor Theresa Girardin at 7:30 a.m.. The topic was "*Understanding and Recruiting Generation X & Y and How to Keep Them Active in your Club*".

Conference reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with Governor Theresa introducing the head table; Lt Governor Valerie Hall, Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters and Quota International Representative and Canada Area Director, Marie Dobson-Dunlop.

Yvonne Larnier, QI Winnipeg, led the Quota Collect and the Conference Rules were presented by Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn.

Acting Secretary- Treasurer Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn, called the roll.

Attendance:

Estevan	- 3
Medicine Hat	- 3
Penticton	- 3
Wainwright	- 13
Weyburn	- 4
Winnipeg	- 2
International Rep	<u>- 1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

Minutes from the 2010 Conference were presented by Governor Theresa Girardin and the necessary corrections were made. Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat, made a motion to then accept the minutes as amended and this was seconded by Stacey Drebnicki, QI Estevan. CARRIED

The Registration Committee Report was given by Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright, and she reported a total of 33 registrants. The Credentials Report was given by Carol O'Brien, QI Medicine Hat.

Credentials reported -

1	- International Representative
1	- District Governor
1	- Lt. Governor
0	- Secretary Treasurer
<u>12</u>	- Delegates
15	Voting Strength Total

Motion by Carol O'Brien, QI Medicine Hat, and seconded by April Carr, QI Estevan, that the credential report be approved as read. CARRIED

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

District Governor	Theresa Girardin, QI Weyburn
Lt. Governor	Valerie Hall, QI Estevan
District Sec/Treasurer	Isabelle Butters in Sandi Schweitzer's absence, QI Weyburn.

Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn, moved that all of these reports including the Financial Statement be adopted as read; seconded by Greta Henning, QI Penticton. CARRIED

Resolutions Committee Report was given by Albertine Claerhout, QI Wainwright. Resolutions submitted by Weyburn were circulated to all clubs in advance.

### *Rule III*

*F. Development and Growth Committee – Delete b) A Development and Growth Fund shall be established from any donations the Governor shall receive, either from club visits, or otherwise; as well as from any Annual District fundraiser at District Conference.*

**Rationale:** There was a balance of \$3000.46 in this Fund as of March 15, 2010.

*G. Finance Committee – Add c) The Financial Statement as prepared by the Financial Secretary to the close of the current term shall be placed in the Conference Report as well as the March 15 statement mentioned in G b) above.*

Resolutions committee recommended and Albertine Claerhout, QI Wainwright moved the adoption of the amendments to Rule III F. and G. submitted by QI of Weyburn. Seconded by Jan Abernethy, QI Wainwright. CARRIED

### *Rule IV Reports*

*C. President's Annual Report*

*Amend 2<sup>nd</sup> line by deleting "that" and adding "shall" after copy.*

*Amend 3<sup>rd</sup> line by deleting "prior to April 15"; replacing with "one week prior to the commencement of the Conference".*

*Delete the last sentence. "The President's Annual Report to Quota International shall be sent to Quota International no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>."*

**Rationale:** re removing last sentence: not pertinent to the District.

The section will then read:

*C. President's Annual Report*

*Each Club President shall prepare the District 11 Club President's Report on the form provided by the Governor for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> for the current year. One copy of the report shall be sent to the District Governor, one copy to the District Secretary-Treasurer and one copy to the Conference Chair at least one week prior to the commencement of Conference for inclusion in the Conference Handbook.*

Resolutions committee recommended and Albertine Claerhout, QI Wainwright moved the adoption of the amendment to Rule IV C. submitted by QI of Weyburn. Seconded by Stacey Drebnicki, QI Estevan. CARRIED

The Bursary Report was presented by Governor Theresa Girardin. The recipient of the Districts 11 final Bursary is Mary Bowden of Lloydminster, Alberta. Mary is enrolled at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, in her third year of Honours Bachelor of Arts - specializing in Psycholinguistics. A career as a Developmental Speech Language Pathologist is her goal. Currently she volunteers at the Child Development Center of Oakville as an assistant to the Speech Pathologists there.

Governor Theresa Girardin followed with the Historians Report in the absence of Judy Buzowetsky, QI Weyburn.

Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn, moved that the archives of District 11 shall include the annual conference report and District 11 history booklet and that these records be maintained by and in possession of the presiding Governor, seconded by Diane Treffry, QI Wainwright. CARRIED

Motion by Sue Blackwell, QI Penticton, that the Governor investigate having the district conference reports and history booklet archived in a library, seconded by Stacy Drebnicki, QI Estevan. CARRIED

The Notes & Quotes Report was presented by Governor Theresa Girardin. Three Notes & Quotes editions were sent this year- May, November and February. The February issue also included the Call to Conference.

Governor Theresa moved the Bursary and Notes & Quotes reports be adopted as read; seconded by Iris Borgen, QI Weyburn. CARRIED

The Nominations Committee Report was given by Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright. Judy reported that there had been one nomination, Theresa Girardin, QI Weyburn for Governor; and one nomination, Valerie Hall, QI Estevan, for Lt Governor. Judy moved her report be received as read; Jan Abernethy, QI of Wainwright, seconded the motion. CARRIED

Marie Dobson-Dunlop, CAD promoted Quota International items that were modeled by Quotarian members. She further explained which QI funds the donations could be directed to.

### **Coffee Break**

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Carol moved that the report be approved as presented, seconded by April Carr, QI Estevan. CARRIED.

Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters instructed members on the election procedures. Governor Theresa appointed Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright, as election chairperson and Audrey Szemethy, QI Medicine Hat and Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat. Judy called for nominations from the floor for Governor and then Lt. Governor with no further nominations being received. Audrey Szemethy, QI Medicine Hat and Bev Jaeger, QI of Medicine Hat distributed and collected the ballots.

International Representative Marie Dobson-Dunlop presented the International report and Governor Theresa Girardin received a certificate for 'delivering possibilities' to our district. Marie introduced the "High 5" program that challenges clubs to increase their membership by 5

members by December 31, 2011. She also advised that International Dues have increased by \$1.00 effective 2012 (\$76.00).

A memorial service was presented by Isabelle Butters; President Karla Kennedy and Secretary Iris Borgen, QI Weyburn assisted in the ceremony. Helen Davidson, a Charter member of QI Weyburn and Harold Pinney, Honourary Member, QI Penticton were District 11 losses this past year. Isabelle touched on Harold's support to QI of Penticton and Helen's life and years of service to Quota International of Weyburn.

### **Saturday Luncheon Honouring New Members**

Lt Governor, Valerie Hall presided at the Luncheon and Jan Abernethy, QI Wainwright gave the blessing.

Guest speaker, Jennifer Girard, was introduced by Cheryl Huxley, QI Wainwright. Jennifer spoke about a condition her son has called PKU and the financial support that the Wainwright Quota Club has provided her family in regards to purchasing some of the special, very costly, food that her son can eat. Phenylketonuria or PKU is a rare, inherited metabolic disease that, if left untreated, can cause problems with brain development leading to progressive mental retardation, brain damage, and seizures.

Lt. Governor Valerie Hall advised those present of the new members each club has recruited from May 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The one new member present at the conference was April Carr of QI Estevan and she was presented with Lt Governor Valerie's newly developed Free Spirit pin. Each club president received Free Spirit pins from Valerie, and one for each new member their club had recruited. Lt. Governor Valerie Hall also presented International Representative Marie Dobson-Dunlop and Governor Theresa Girardin with a pin.

### **The conference reconvened**

Election Chairperson, Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright declared Theresa Girardin, QI Weyburn unanimously elected as Governor and Valerie Hall, QI of Estevan, unanimously elected Lt. Governor. Governor Theresa reported that Sandi Schweitzer, QI Weyburn, was reappointed Secretary/Treasurer.

Judy moved that the ballots be destroyed. This was seconded by Stacey Drebnicki, QI Estevan.  
CARRIED

Governor Theresa provided a website report on behalf of Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton who is overseeing the District 11 website. Maureen encouraged all Clubs to sign up on Facebook.

The 2011/12 budget was then presented by Budget Chair, Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn.

Isabelle proposed item number 17. International On-Line Auction (auction now defunct) of \$100.00 be deleted and item number 18. Website be increased to \$200.00.

Isabelle moved the adoption of the proposed budget as amended. This was seconded by Diane Treffry, QI Wainwright. CARRIED

## New Business

Proposed Amendments to Quota International Inc Bylaws.

*Article XV Districts,*

*Section 1 District Officers*

*D. Duties*

- 1. f. Amend by adding after district, "either in person or by utilizing multimedia technology (i.e. Skype or video conferencing)".*

The section would then read:

- 1. f. Attend at least one business meeting with each club in the district, either in person or by utilizing multimedia technology (i.e. Skype or video conferencing), or request that the lieutenant governor perform this duty;*

Rationale: This is a step toward "Creating the Quota of Tomorrow" as proposed at the 2010 convention in Vancouver and would be a financial benefit to the Districts.

Motion by Isabelle Butters, QI of Weyburn, that District 11 submit the proposed amendment of Article XV to Quota International. This motion was seconded by Jan Abernethy, QI of Wainwright. One opposed and one abstained. CARRIED

*Article XV Districts*

*Section 1 District Officers*

*C. 2. Nominations and Elections*

Amend this section by adding:

*When there is only one nominee for District office, the candidate shall be declared elected.*

The section shall then read:

*Election of district officers shall be by ballot at conference and a plurality vote shall elect. When there is only one nominee for district officers, the candidate shall be declared elected.*

Motion by Judy Tattersall, QI Wainwright, that District 11 submit the proposed amendment of Article XV to Quota International. This motion was seconded by Sue Blackwell, QI of Penticton. CARRIED

Governor Theresa advised that there will be an election for Canada Area Director in 2012. Governor Theresa asked Marie Dobson- Dunlop to come forward and explain eligibility. Marie explained that the person must have served as President and Governor. Governor Theresa asked that she be advised by June 30<sup>th</sup> should anyone be interested in running for the Canada Area Director. Pending no candidates, Governor Theresa will advise District 18 so that they can begin their recruitment process.

A Nominating Committee of Bev Jaeger, Chairperson, QI Medicine Hat, appointed by Governor Theresa; Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn and April Carr, QI Estevan were nominated, elected, and declared as there were no further nominations.

Invitations to Conference – Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat, announced they will host the 2012 conference on April 27 – 29, 2012 at which time they will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Winnipeg confirmed they will host the 2013 conference and Estevan extended their invitation to host the 2014 conference.

Governor Theresa thanked the Wainwright Club for hosting the District Conference and extended her appreciation to Marie Dobson- Dunlop.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

### **Saturday Evening Banquet**

Governor Theresa Girardin introduced the head table guests; Lt Governor Valerie Hall; International Representative, Marie Dobson-Dunlop; District 11 Conference Chairperson Judy Tattersall.

Invocation was given by Eileen Rodgers, QI Wainwright. Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters toasted the Queen and Quota International Inc.

Governor Theresa introduced the head table.

Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright, introduced the guest speakers. Betty Callaghan, QI Wainwright and Albertine Claerhout, QI Wainwright who provided information on and honoured two of their charter members, Jordy Ganderton and Marg Pawsey. The Wainwright club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they were very pleased to have their two charter members present at the banquet.

Presentations:

The Grace Atkinson Bowl was awarded to Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn, for their gain in memberships.

QI of Wainwright was chosen as the Anne Geddes Gong recipient for their Excellence in a Service project.

The Offshore Clock Award was presented to QI of Winnipeg.

Marie Dobson- Dunlop, Canada Area Director installed the officers of District 11. Governor Theresa Girardin, Lt Governor Valerie Hall, Secretary- Treasurer, Sandi Schweitzer (represented by Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn)..

Presidents of District 11 who participated in the Installation Ceremony were;

Stacey Drebnicki, QI Estevan, Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat, Sue Blackwell, QI Penticton, Jan Abernethy, QI Wainwright, Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn, Yvonne Larner, QI Winnipeg.

Special certificates of appreciation and 50 year pins were presented to Jordy Ganderton and Marg Pawsey, QI Wainwright for their years of service to Quota by Marie Dobson- Dunlop, Canada Area Director.

Each club then made their draws; the winner of the District 50/50 was Valerie Hall, QI Estevan.

A group photo was taken.

Governor Theresa declared the conference adjourned. The time for fun and frolic took the form of a humorous skit called *Murder in the Park* by local performers.

### **Sunday April 17, 2011**

A Farewell Breakfast was hosted by Betty Callaghan and Wainwright members at the Callaghan Bed and Breakfast.