

CENTRAL ONTARIO ADJUSTERS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
JUNE 15, 1977 - 5:30  
CANADIANA ROOM, CONTINENTAL INN, BARRIE, ONTARIO

PRESIDENT - Michael O'Reilly  
VICE-PRESIDENT - Terry Halden  
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Beverlee McLean  
DIRECTORS - Jan Dean, Ron Thompson and Al Jensen

GUEST SPEAKER - Mr. Bruce Job, President of OIAA

There were 34 members in attendance.

Michael O'Reilly brought the meeting to order.

The topics for discussion were outlined by Mr. Al Jensen;

1. Inaugural Meeting - September 1977 - Golf game and B-B-Q proposed. It was thought that we might ask the body shops for donations of prizes.
2. Dues - Suggested \$15.00.
3. Number per year and locations of meetings.
4. The OIAA are in the process of re-writing their constitution to enable separate chapters. Until then we must operate on our own. This is expected to be only one year - September 1977 to September 1978.

The meeting was thrown open for some feedback on the above topics.

Discussions were opened up by Dave Andrews who wondered, why not have monthly meetings. The expense of this was challenged and it was left up to the executives to discuss this further as they would know better whether it was feasible or not.

Dave Schultz moved the meeting along by suggesting we plan for the September meeting as set forth ie: golf tournament and B-B-Q.

Terry Halden, the vice-president, took over the discussion by suggesting a meeting plan. It was his idea we follow Toronto's lead by only having one meeting per year out of town and the remainder held in Barrie where the bulk of the membership is. He felt we should set up a definite schedule, ex: the third week of every second month.

Ed Mechan then brought up a valid point by suggesting that anyone wishing to speak should stand up and introduce him/herself.

Terry Halden asked whether we wished to vote on the above - re time and locations.

Harold Collie suggested we hear from Mr. Bruce Job before making any decisions.

Mr. Job began his speech by explaining the importance of having a single voice for the Ontario Adjusters. One large group has more of a voice than a lot of little ones.

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He advised that he was a member of the steering committee comprised of five members from five different areas in Ontario. Their task was to gather ideas and suggestions from their respective areas and then to weigh the suggestions in the hopes of coming up with a new and workable constitution for the OIAA. The constitution does not at this time, allow for separate chapters.

Mr. Job then touched on expenses. He advised that OIAA pays for the magazines, stationary, mailing, cards, pins, and some other expenses. If a chapter goes into the red over a meeting, the OIAA will make up the difference. However, this assistance does not include our entertainment. He suggested that we organize a quick telephone check to obtain a rough figure of the number attending a particular meeting.

It was his idea that for such meetings as our planned golf tournament, we approach the body shops for contributions rather than prizes.

Ernie Bell asked Mr. Job about the fee structure.

Mr. Job suggested we have a single fee which included dues for both the OIAA and our own chapter. He continued by saying the treasurer would then write the OIAA with a list of the members and their dues and the OIAA would then write up the cards in the names submitted.

Mr. Job mentioned that larger localities such as Toronto had once a month meetings.

Terry Halden made a motion that we have meetings every second month starting in September on the third Thursday of the month. This was seconded by Dave Schultz. At this point it was suggested we check with the Insurance Institute of Canada as it was obvious on this night we were missing some members because of an exam being held. Mr. Ron Thompson advised he would check with them. However their classes and exams are usually held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He did not feel that Thursday meeting would interfere at all. A show of hands on Terry Halden's motion was then done and the motion was carried. It was then decided that the golf tournament would be held September 16, 1977.

Mr. Job then suggested that we advise the membership when and where the meetings were to be held just prior to the meeting.

Mr. Mike O'Reilly confirmed that flyers advising of the meetings particulars do go out.

Dues was suggested at \$15.00 per year. Breakdown being \$10.00 goes to the OIAA and the remainder would stay with our own chapter. Dave Schultz moved that \$15.00 a year would be the dues and the motion was seconded by Ed Mechan. The motion was carried with a show of hands with only one descending. It was also decided that for the first year, at least, there would be no rotating meetings.

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Ron Blanchet of Penetang suggested that 5:30 was too early for the out of town adjusters. He suggested possibly 6:00 or 6:30 would be more convenient. It was agreed that 6:00 would be a more appropriate time.

Michael O'Reilly questioned Mr. Job re associate members. It was suggested by Mr. Job that the associate membership be quite restricted that only once active members be allowed. He advised that this was the way it was set forth in the constitution but that we could make our own bylaws, however, he suggested we be very selective.

It was suggested by Dave Schultz that we leave this with the executive to discuss and then report back to the membership.

Mr. Bruce Job agreed to forward a few copies of the constitution for our reading.

Terry Atkinson brought up a valid point by questioning the canvassing of body shops etc. for prizes for our special meetings such as the golf tournament in September. Mr. Bruce Job suggested that the body shops are continuously canvassing us for business and therefore it did not seem wrong. It was left with the executive to discuss.

The meeting was then moved adjourned by Mike O'Reilly and seconded by Beverlee McLean.

Proposed Discussions for the Executive

1. Obtain copy of constitution and study.
2. Associate membership.
3. Open account at Sterling Trust, requiring both the signatures of the president and secretary.
4. Canvassing body shops for donations.

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