

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2008

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer followed by the twelve traditions.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 36 **Non-voting Members:** 7

Meeting clean up: Allan F. and Frank K.

Set up and coffee for November Meeting: Frank K. and Fred G.

Agenda:

Motion: Frank K., Seconded: Fred G.

That the agenda be accepted.

Carried. Unanimous

Sept. 10, 2008 Minutes:

Motion: Boots., Seconded: Phil S.

That the minutes be adopted as written.

Carried. Unanimous

Burning Issue: None

McNab Meeting: The Heritage group has signed up to chair the December meetings.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: Heather H

Nothing to report

Vice-Chair: Brian L.

The By-law Committee will be meeting during the week of Oct. 20 and will report back to Intergroup next month.

Secretary: Ron K.

Thanked the Acting Secretary for her work and requested that updated information on Intergroup Reps be given directly to the Secretary at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer: Pat B.

- The September statement was presented. The finances are in good shape, expenses are being covered. There is **a surplus of approximately \$9 K or hundred - ????**

Newsletter: Danny M.

- This month's Primary Purpose newsletter is available and was distributed at the meeting. Special
- Thanks was given to John L. A current problem with the PDF online version was noted and will be fixed ASAP.
- If members are having problems with the Primary Purpose email, they can contact Danny using ex600@ncf.ca

TAS: Peter G.

- Progress is being made on filling in open slots. There are now 16 open slots at present.
- The TAS ad-hoc committee report was presented to members. Feedback on what is best arising from the examples of the research conducted will be solicited by Intergroup members during the next month.
- TAS is no longer accepting collect calls due to misuse of the method.
- A few new volunteers are being trained next week.
- If anyone has any suggestions please send them to TAS08@ottawaaa.org

Webmaster: Jeff L. (absent)

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Fall Conference: Doug L.

- A financial highlights report of the Fall Conference was presented. A profit of \$2,300 was made. Even though previous practise had been to return all money to Intergroup it was requested that money be retained to cover costs maintaining an account, for credit card fees and bank fees.
- MOTION: To leave a sufficient balance in the Fall Conference account to cover bank charges and assorted fees for use for next year's Fall Conference. Gord H. Seconded by Frank K. Passed.

Literature: John G.

There are many overseas meeting lists available which have not yet been picked by groups. Please do so.

Old Business:

By-Law Reform:

Ad Hoc committee is meeting the week of October 20 and will report back to Intergroup next month.

Archives Move:

Construction has slowed but is expected before the end of next month.

2009 Intergroup Executive Elections

- Jean F. should be contacted by those willing to run. Her email is maritimerjean@sympatico.ca
- The positions are: Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Literature Coordinator, Telephone Answering Service Coordinator, Secretary, Web Master, Vice-Chair of Fall Conference, Vice-Chair of Springathon, and Editor of Primary Purpose

New Business:

1. Springathon

The initial chairperson of Springathon has resigned and submitted a letter to the Primary Purpose outlining her reasoning, and raising the issue of the viability of having two major conferences (the Fall Conference being the other) each year in Ottawa.

The Intergroup Executive has approved a questionnaire to be submitted to each group in order to achieve a group conscience concerning the issue raised by the resigning Springathon chairperson. Discussion ensued concerning submission of the questionnaire, and its implications.

Money is available for Springathon. It was also pointed out that the Bylaws require Springathon to be held and that any change would have to be approved by 2/3 of the Intergroup membership. It was agreed that group consciences and input on the issues raised by the questionnaire about the advisability of having two major conferences, and concerning the structure and purpose of the conferences, especially for Springathon would be sought. If there are any questions please contact the Intergroup Chair. Please submit responses to the Intergroup Secretary (email: ronkell@tapp.org) who will compile the responses.

A particular point of discussion concerned the appointing of a new chair. Original opinion was to appoint the new chair (assuming it was decided to carry on with Springathon) in December. After more discussion it was decided to proceed with the election of a new chairperson at the November meeting, if necessary, as a result of the group conscience input.

If the group conscience exercise produces a clear response that Springathon not proceed, the December will have to approve the change in order to change the Intergroup Bylaw which now requires two conferences to be held (Springathon and the Fall Conference).

2. The Longtimers Luncheon

The Longtimers Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Three speakers are arranged, each with over 30 years sobriety, and a light luncheon will be served. Tickets are only \$10, half the cost of previous Longtimers Luncheons.

3. Alkathon

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre

Heather Hay, Intergroup Chair

Ron Kellestine, Intergroup Secretary