

## Minutes

Present: Adam Kronick, President  
Jonathan Nyquist, Vice President  
Craig Perlmutter, Vice President  
Leon Muszynski, Secretary/Treasurer  
Rob Carmichael, Director  
Eric Shendelman, Director  
Mike Stewart, Director (by phone)

Regrets: Jeff Brown, Director, Mark Diamond, Director, Julie Gallie, Director, Karen Hartnett, Director and Stu Saunders, Director

Staff: Heather Heagle, Executive Director

### 1. **Welcome & Introduction**

Adam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

The Agenda was confirmed by the Board.

### 3. **Approval of April 26, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion #1:** Recommend, That the April 26, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by: Rob Carmichael

Seconded by: Eric Shendelman

**CARRIED**

### 4. **President's Report**

Adam combined his report with Leon's financial information.

### 5. **Treasurer's Report**

Leon Muszynski

. April - Month-end Report

Leon reported that the OCA's revenues are 3% above the budgeted amount due to the increased number of members attending workshops.

. Draft 2016-17 Budget

A second draft of 2016-17 budget was presented to the Board for their review. Leon informed the Board that the Finance Committee had met again to discuss the proposed 2016-17 draft budget. In addition, the committee discussed the need for extra revenues to cover the expenses for camps that required a second Standards Visit in any given year. The amount suggested was \$150.00.

Further to that meeting, the committee proposed an increase of 2.5% for membership fees, a \$150.00 charge for camps requiring a second Standards Visit and that a third full-time staff be included in the proposed budget.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed with the Finance Committee's proposals.

**Motion #2:** Recommend, That the OCA Board of Directors approve in principle the 2016-17 OCA Budget that would include a 2.5% increase for membership fees, a \$150.00 fee to be charged to camps requiring a second Standards Visit and that a third full-time office staff be hired.

Moved by: Leon Muszynski

Seconded by: Rob Carmichael

**CARRIED**

Leon thanked the Finance Committee for their time and support.

. Voluntary Donation for Government Lobbying Expenses

At the April Board Meeting Leon was asked to draft a letter asking camps affected by the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) to draft a letter asking them to voluntarily provide financial support for current and future lobbying efforts. Leon presented the letter to the Board for a discussion. The Board thought that the TFWP issue would continue into 2017. Also the Early Years Regulations has a second phase for children 6 to 12 years of age which again may affect camps in 2017. Funding will be required, outside of the amount budgeted by both the Canadian Camping Association (CCA), \$20,000.00, and the OCA, \$22,000.00, to continue the lobbying.

**Action Item:** The letter will be revised by Leon and Craig and sent to the Board by email for review and confirmation. Once confirmed, it will be sent to all camps in the near future.

**Motion #2:** Recommend, That the OCA Board of Directors approve that a letter be sent to all OCA Camp Members asking for a voluntary donation from the camps to assist with the unbudgeted expenses incurred this year and to build a fund for future lobbying efforts.

Moved by: Leon Muszynski

Seconded by: Jonathan Nyquist

**CARRIED**

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Heather Heagle

Heather distributed her report outlining all of the activities that had taken place in April including placement of new Canadians in OCA Day and Overnight Camps, a report on the Health Care and Counsellor Conferences, Standards Visits and a meeting with Bishop Mark MacDonald, from the Anglican Diocese, regarding aboriginal youth. Heather also informed the Board that a contract Communications and Events OCA office staff may be hired in the near future. Depending on the budget that person would become a full-time OCA staff in October 2016.

**7. Business Arising**

There were no items.

**8. Committee/Event Reports:**

**Government Relations**

Jonathan Nyquist, Craig Perlmutter

. Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP)

Jonathan reported that the committee was working on a new brief outlining OCA's position to be sent to the Minister of Immigration's office and that they had also been working with contacts in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to resolve the new restrictive issues and to come to a positive resolution.

Adam thanked Jonathan and the other members of the Government Relations Committee for the 100's of hours they have spent on the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

. New Canadians Initiative

Heather Heagle

All of the day camp spaces provided by OCA Accredited Camps are now full. Many of the overnight spaces have also been confirmed, however, there is still space in these camps.

Adam thanked all of the camps who provided free spaces for the new Canadians.

**Standards**

Eric Shendelman

Eric stated that on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> there was an in-person Provisional One and Two Standards Meeting for this year's visits. A new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) side has been added to the training for the camps and visitors. In addition, new Transgender/LGBTQ standards/information will be added to the 2017 Standards.

Eric recognized and thanked Jen Gilbert, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator, and Rob Crew, Chair of the Standards Review Committee for all of their support for Standards and for the drafting of the new year-round Standards.

**Canadian Camping Association (CCA)**

Rob Carmichael

Rob reported that CCA had their meeting in early May. At that time, they approved their budget which included \$20,000.00 for Government Lobbying.

**9. New Business**

There was no items.

**10. Next Meeting Dates:**

- Wednesday, September 28th
- Tuesday, October 25th
- Tuesday, November 22nd
- Thursday, December 15th
- Tuesday, January 17th AGM and Awards Dinner

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Shendelman at 12:10 p.m.

**Date the Draft Minutes are approved:**

*Sept. 28, 2016*

**Signatures:**

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**OCA President**

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**Executive Director**

