

Minutes of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Auxiliary
47th Annual Meeting – Toronto, Ontario
May 3, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Auxiliary is called to order by President Wendy Parsons at 9:15 a.m. on May 3, 2016.

2. WELCOME

The President welcomed all present and explained the voting procedures.

3. LORD'S PRAYER

4. MEMORIAL SERVICE

A moment of silence was observed for Emily Macgregor, a former Auxiliary member who passed away this last year.

5. ROLL CALL

The Secretary asked those in attendance to call out consecutive numbers to ascertain the numbers in the room. The President welcomed all returning members, past presidents and new members. The breakdown of attendees is as follows:

Total members in attendance	13
Charter Members	0
Life Members	5
Guests	0
Past Presidents	0
New Members	0

6. INTRODUCTION OF PRESENT EXECUTIVE

The President introduced the current members of the Executive, serving since the last annual general meeting held May 4, 2015.

President	Wendy Parsons, Leamington
Vice President	Debbie Donovan, Brockville
Secretary	Sandra Bradt, Leamington
Treasurer	Donna King, Elizabethtown-Kitley
Director	Darlene Loos, Minto
Past President	Jane Wilhelm, Walkerton

7. MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS

Secretary Sandra Bradt summarized the minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting, copies of which have been circulated to members at the meeting. Sympathy cards this past year were sent to Marilyn Haw, expressing sympathy for her loss of her husband and also to Donna Jopling, offering condolences for the passing of her mother.

Motion to Accept: Della Springer, Perth East
Seconded by: Sheila Newbigging, Perth East
All in favour. The President declares the minutes accepted as presented.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna King, Treasurer has resigned the position, as her husband has retired from the Fire Service and they do not expect to be attending the OAFCA Convention in the future. The President notes that the books are being reviewed, and the records indicate a balance of \$3601.77 and cash on hand of \$2379.57. Need to clarify this year's contribution for the Memorial helmets amount to \$30 for 22 helmets.

D. Springer notes that the bank charges appear to be quite high at \$70. Perhaps a less expensive banking alternative should be investigated. Also, moving forward the commitment to Muscular Dystrophy should be taken from the fundraising dollars prior to donation to Camp Bucko. Donation to Camp Bucko to be confirmed.

Motion to Accept: Lorraine Frey, Woolwich
Seconded by: Della Springer, Perth East
All in favour.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

As noted last year, the Auxiliary prefers to have lunch together. Thanks to the OAFCA for lunch.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wendy Parsons notes the need to change the organization to reflect the times. She notes the welcome opportunity to socialize outside of the meeting and speaks to a change in meeting structure to focus more on the fundraising aspect of the Auxiliary, educational session and camaraderie.

12. SPEAKER AND FUNDRAISING

Guest speaker Jerry Austin speaks to the group on his role as part of Kitchener's Critical Incident Response Team and things to watch for should our own family members be involved in a critical incident.

Mary Vicherveld (sp?) and Patrick Howlett bring greetings from Camp BUCKO and outline their new camp opportunities and plans for the future. They are extremely grateful for the support of the Auxiliary and their fire departments.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President notes the retirement of the Treasurer and the desire of the Secretary to also relinquish the position. After a fulsome discussion, a new Executive is proposed as follows:

President	Wendy Parsons, Leamington
Vice President	Debbie Donovan, Elizabethtown-Kitley
Secretary	Caroline Guilboard, Elizabethtown-Kitley
Treasurer	Della Springer, Perth East
Director	Darlene Loos, Minto
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The new Executive is unanimously supported.

15. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

President Wendy Parsons presents gifts of appreciation to Secretary Sandra Bradt and Treasurer Donna King. D. Donovan will ensure Donna receives hers. They are thanked for their efforts over the preceding year.

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

New President Wendy Parsons reminds everyone to keep the Executive and each other informed of news and happenings throughout the year. She thanked all members for attending and wished them well.

The meeting closes with the singing of O Canada.

Wendy Parsons, President

Sandra Bradt, Secretary