

Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (C.A.S.T.)

Minutes of Video Conference Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Attendees: Robert Schrader (President), Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario

David Penney, Philae Shriners, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Lew Rossner, Gizeh Shriners, Burnaby, British Columbia

Ernie Hilland, Al Azhar Shriners, Calgary, Alberta

Blair Brooks, Luxor Shriners, Saint John, New Brunswick

Absent with Regrets:

Perry McConnell (Sec./Tres.) Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario

Robert Barrett, Mazol Shriners, St. John's, Newfoundland

The meeting was called to order by President, Schrader 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Review and approval of minutes of January 20, 2020 meeting, adopted as circulated, Moved by Rossner, Seconded by Penney, CARRIED.

Correspondence:

None.

Old Business (Business Arising):

- a. Update on Bylaws: Bylaws were prepared and sent to Imperial Recorder on January 20th. We are still waiting for a response.
- b. Bank Account: Waiting for a call from the TD Bank in Ottawa to complete the set up CAST account transfer.
- c. 2020 Dues: An Invoice/Notice was sent out to each of the Canadian Temples. A number of Canadian Temples have responded with their payment.
- d. Fundraising Projects: Hilland has received a response from every Canadian Temple except Mazol Shriners. It is expected all responses will be received by the end of this month. A report will be made available ahead of the next CAST meeting in March.

- e. Potentates and Recorders Request for Input: While Schrader has spoken with most Recorders, Hilland will follow-up further ahead of the next CAST meeting in March.
- f. Canadian Breakfast: This morning, Hilland circulated a reply received from Chris Harrison concerning the CAST, Canadian Breakfast and Meeting room. Harrison will not have any information before the end of March. Hilland and Brooks will coordinate efforts to keep the cost of the breakfast at \$40 US. Schrader will produce a template that can be used as a draft Breakfast Meeting Agenda. Schrader will circulate this draft plus a proposed letter inviting CAST Temples to attend the Canadian Breakfast.
- g. Website and Facebook: Penney responded to feedback he had received to further Canadianize the Website. www.canadiantemples.com
- h. Hospital Reports: Discussion ensued how best to distribute Hospital Reports. Constant contact involving communication and engagement will be followed up by Schrader.
- i. Donor Request Cards: These were discussed. Hilland will continue to follow up with SHC-Canada. Hilland showed a small donor request card produced by Natalie. Hilland recommends that a folder of information produced by SHC-Canada, which he showed us, should receive broader distribution to each CAST Temple.
- j. Canadian Conference: Schrader led discussion as to “timing” when to hold the Canadian Conference in Montréal, in conjunction with the SHC – Canada seminar in May 2020. One date discussed was Saturday morning, May 9 following the Thursday and Friday main hospital conference. However, it was also suggested that it would be more desirable to hold the Canadian Conference in the SHC – Canada hospital on Friday afternoon, May 8 immediately after the hospital meetings to ensure a broader attendance. Schrader emphasized the importance of CAST being prepared to submit any Imperial Call items immediately following the Canadian Conference.

New Business:

- a. *Carried over from the January 20, 2020 CAST Board Meeting:* Temple Insurance issues. Should be a topic for the May, Canadian Conference.
- b. “Walk For Love”. Penny suggested that he would like to send a letter to the CAST Board proposing that CAST Member Temples consider hosting a “Walk For Love” in October 2020 as a SHC-Canada fundraiser and Shriner profile enhancer.
- c. Spartan Races. Hilland reported that several attempts to contact Spartan Races had been unsuccessful. He is now approaching SI Tampa to get a reply.

Action Items;

1. McConnell to follow up with Imperial on approval of Bylaws.
2. Schrader and McConnell will continue to set up bank account transfer to TD.
3. Schrader to continue to follow up with temples that have yet to pay their 2020 dues.
4. Hilland to provide a report on fundraising before the March 2020 meeting.
5. Hilland will continue to follow-up with all CAST Potentates and Recorders requesting input before the March 2020 meeting.
6. Hilland to continue to follow up in late March with Chris Harrison on all aspects of Canadian Breakfast in Kansas City 2020. Brooks will assist Hilland.
7. Schrader will produce a template that can be used as a draft Breakfast Meeting Agenda. Schrader will circulate this draft plus a proposed letter inviting CAST Temples to attend the Canadian Breakfast.
8. Penney to continue improving the CAST Website and Facebook page.
9. Schrader to continue to take the lead on the setting up of a Canadian Conference in May of 2020.
10. Penney to provide a letter to CAST Board with regard to his "Walk For Love" proposal.
11. Hilland to follow-up with SI-Tampa with regard to Spartan Races.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Rossner to adjourn the Meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Eastern.

Next meeting to be held by Video Conference Monday, March 30, 2020

PACIFIC TIME 12:00, MOUNTAIN TIME 1:00PM, CENTRAL TIME 2:00PM

EASTERN TIME 3:00PM, MARITIME TIME 4:00PM, NEWFOUNDLAND TIME 4:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lew V Rossner for Perry McConnell, Secretary/Treasurer