

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

Minutes of Video Conference Meeting

Monday, March 23, 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
Blaine Brooks, Luxor Shriners, Saint John, New Brunswick
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 February 24, 2020 meeting, adopted as circulated, Moved by Hilland, Seconded by Barrett, CARRIED.

Correspondence:

None.

Old Business (Business Arising):

- a. Update on Bylaws: Bylaws were prepared and sent to Imperial Recorder on January 20th. They have been approved, signed and returned by Imperial Recorder.
- b. Bank Account: Account has been set up at the TD Bank in Ottawa with the same name (Canadian Association of Shrine Temples) and having McConnell and Schrader as signing authorities. Current balance including recent deposits from dues is \$ 2,870.03.
- c. 2020 Dues: An Invoice/Notice was sent out to each of the Canadian Temples. Eleven temples and responded with \$ 100.00 each. Only Gizeh has yet to pay and will be contacted.
- d. Fundraising Projects: Hilland has received a response from every Canadian Temple. It is expected more responses will be received soon. Schrader has more from Tunis. A report will be made available ahead of the next CAST meeting in April.

- 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 April.
- f. Canadian Breakfast: Chris Harrison will not have any further information until Imperial itself is settled. 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 invite CAST Temples to attend the Canadian Breakfast when details are finalized.
- g. Website and Facebook: Website. www.canadiantemples.com. Comments that website is very professional. “Constant Contact” is well received by all members.
- h. “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. Penny to contact Natalie at SHC Canada for further input and general info.
- i. Spartan Race – no further discussion on this subject
- j. Hospital Reports: Discussion ensued how best to distribute Hospital Reports. Constant contact involving communication and engagement will be followed up by Schrader. McConnell to distribute Imperial Sir Gantt’s 2035 Vision that was discussed at the recent Recorder’s Seminar.
- k. Donor Request Cards: These were discussed. Hilland will continue to follow up with SHC-Canada. Hilland has a small donor request card produced by Natalie.
- l. Canadian Conference: Schrader led discussion as to “timing” when to hold the Canadian Conference, possibly still in May 2020. The suggestion is to use Webinar instead of an actual physical gathering considering the conditions that we currently face. 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. Requesting info on how to donate Air Miles for patient use.
- c. To obtain more info on how to acquire a ZOOM account for C.A.S.T.

Action Items;

1. Schrader to continue to follow up with temples that have yet to pay their 2020 dues.
2. Hilland to provide a report on fundraising before the April 2020 meeting.
3. Hilland will continue to follow-up with all CAST Potentates and Recorders requesting input before the April 2020 meeting.
4. 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.
5. 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 working on 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. Now considering the use of a Webinar broadcast.
10. Penney to contact Natalie for more info and then to provide a letter to CAST Board with regard to his "Walk For Love" proposal.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Rossner to adjourn the Meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Eastern.

Next meeting to be held by Video Conference Monday, April 20, 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 Perry McConnell, Secretary/Treasurer