

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

## Minutes of Video Conference Meeting

Monday, November 25, 2019, 3:00 p.m. Eastern

**Attendees;** Robert Schrader (President), Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario

David Penny, Philae Shriners, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Lew Rossner, Gizeh Shriners, Burnaby, British Columbia

Ernie Hilland, Al Azhar Shriners, Calgary, Alberta

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

**Absent:** Robert Barrett, Mazol Shriners, St. John's, Newfoundland

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

Review and approval of minutes of September 16th meeting, adopted as circulated, moved by Rossner, seconded by Hilland, CARRIED.

### **Correspondence;**

None

### **Old Business;**

- Bylaws were discussed briefly and it was decided that we still needed to hear from all the CAST member Temples for their review and approval before sending them to Imperial for final approval. McConnell to follow up with temples that have not yet responded
- Banking information and some other files have been received from the previous Sec/Tres. More to come through Canada Post. Suggestion made to bring files to Ernie Hilland at the Shrine office instead of mailing them at this time. All to be actioned by Schrader and McConnell.
- Fundraising ideas currently being used were discussed. More input is needed from all CAST temples. The use of external paid companies, the wording in the advertising and who should be responsible in each temple was discussed. Hilland to take the lead and follow up again with all CAST members. Schrader to send Hilland a revised letter head to be used in correspondence. Question was raised on the need for fundraising for C.A.S.T.

- Discussions on Imperial Liaison, issues, amendments ideas and letter that was sent to all Potentates and Recorders requesting input. Limited response to date.
- Ernie and Bob to follow up with Chris Harrison and Jim Cain concerning Canadian Breakfast and Meeting room and the invitation to Imperial Officers to join us.
- Further discussion on the use of the Website for minutes of meetings and issues or stories of interest to all the CAST members. Some discussion on the use of Facebook and connecting it to our website. [Canadiantemples.com](http://Canadiantemples.com)
- It was decided that on a regular basis there should be a report sent out to the CAST members from all the SHC that we are affiliated with across the country. McConnell to collect and forward the SHC reports out to the Recorders of all C.A.S.T. members.
- Brief discussion on any reports concerning the recent Membership Seminar. Waiting for more input before Schrader is to draft letter to Imperial.
- Extensive discussion on insurance issues dealing with liability and parade vehicles in each temple. Discussion on perhaps using one company for all temples. Full liability coverage is required. Suggestion of having a presentation and info session at the proposed Conference in May.
- Further discussion on when and where to hold a Canadian Conference in the future, likely in conjunction with the SHC – Canada seminar in May of each year. Schrader to take the lead.

#### **New Business;**

- Question and brief discussion on obtaining more PR material about the SHC and Shriners in general. Customizing of existing material to better suit local temples and references to the other SHC besides Montreal.

#### **Action Items;**

1. Bob Schrader and Perry McConnell to receive final bank assets and records and set up new account.
2. Lew Rossner to send out a reminder about Imperial Liaison, issues, amendments etc. to all Potentates and Recorders requesting input.
3. Ernie Hilland to continue to correspond with Chris Harrison and Jim Cain on all aspects of Canadian Breakfast in Kansas City 2020. Also for Ernie to take the lead on fundraising issues and ideas.
4. David Penny to continue developing the Website and Facebook page.

5. McConnell to follow up with Recorders on approval of Bylaws.
6. Schrader to take the lead on the setting up of a Canadian Conference in May of 2020.

**Adjournment;**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Eastern.

Next meeting to be held by Video Conference Monday, December 16, 2019

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