

## Attendance

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### Members

**Present:** Jim Steele, Jim Scott, Kermitt McGann, Jim Garey, Anthony Haile, Jean Claude Calixte, Roger Hamel, John Chave, L. Sandra Butler, Dwight Lawrence, Mark Brewer, Harley Bloom, Pam Rodney White, HUGH REID, Vincent Salembier, Leighton Mcknight

**Absent:** Griffith Joseph, Terry McLaren

### Guests

**Present:** Joanne Murray, Edwin Thompson, Phil Rossy, Andrew Stennett

#### 1. Call to Order

##### 1.1. Quorum Present

Determine if Quorum is present

A quorum was present

#### 2. Welcome / Introductions/ Regrets

Governor Anthony recognized International Trustee Vincent as being present.

#### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Ask for any conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

Request for Agenda changes

##### 4.1. Motion to approve the Agenda as presented

The agenda as distributed was modified to add remarks by Governor Anthony as item 9.2 John/Jim G

#### 5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of Previous meetings approved

##### 5.1. Motion to approve Minutes

Approve the minutes from March 21, 2023

The Minutes of March 21, 2023 were approved as circulated Dwight/Sandra

## 6. Action Items

List of items to be discussed and action taken.

### 6.1. District Convention Committee

#### 6.1.1. Convention Committee Update

Update on the Quebec Convention, Montego Bay Convention and progress with 2025 convention

The reports of the convention committee were received and Chair Edwin gave a verbal update of the Quebec Convention. No issues were raised.

#### 6.1.2. Motion to approve Niagara Falls as the site for the District Convention May 2025

The District Convention Committee is pleased to put forward The Application from Stamford Kiwanis Club (Division 6) Brian Mckeown, for the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention to be held in Niagara Falls, May 12 to 17, 2025 at Marriott on the Falls, in Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

The Board approved Niagara Falls Ontario as the site of the 2025 District Convention and Division six and the Kiwanis Club of Stamford as local hosts.  
Roger/Sandra

#### 6.1.3. Motion to approve additional \$500 for 1st Timers event.

The District Convention Committee's request for an additional \$500 for the First Timers Event was approved. Leighton/Pam

### 6.2. Bylaws and Policy Committee

#### 6.2.1. Policy committee update

Summary of the Bylaws and Policy Committees work to date and items remaining.

The chair of the Bylaws and Policy committee updated the Board on committee plans and goals for the balance of the year

### 6.3. Finance Committee

#### 6.3.1. Motion to receive the District financial statements

The Financial statements as at March 2023 and the Finance committee report be received.

The financial statements as at March 31, 2023 were received Harley/Mark

### 6.4. DST Report

## Charter Surrendered Clubs

- ⊙ District Trustees are requested to reference the clubs that are Chart Suspend and contact the President and ensure thy are aware of the club status.

The DST report on Charter Suspended Clubs was received.

### **6.5. Membership & Engagement**

#### **6.5.1. Committee Update**

Update from the Membership committee on number of new members, number of new clubs, membership trend and any issues.

The chair of the Membership Engagement committee gave a verbal update.

### **6.6. Service Leadership**

#### **6.6.1. SLP Update**

Governor Elect John updated the Board on the status of the SLP District Administrators.

### **6.7. Discussion and motion determining the recommendation to clubs on how to vote for the proposed dues adjustment.**

**6.7.1.** Kiwanis International has introduced a 'Dues Adjustment' amendment to be considered at the Kiwanis International Convention June 24, 2023. A vote of two thirds of those in attendance is required for the amendment to pass. The amendment is a proposed increase in Member Dues of \$30, \$20, and \$13 in Tiers 1-3 respectively. The amendment will increase the revenue to Kiwanis International by about 4.9 million dollars. After the addition of the \$4.9 million Kiwanis International is still projecting a loss of five hundred to one million dollars for the 2022-2023 year. Kiwanis International has not increased their dues since 2013. The losses are attributed to increased expenses coupled with falling membership and a reduction on earnings from investments. The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District has analysed the information provided and determined that Kiwanis International needs be a lot more transparent on both the current expenses and the plans to adjust increased expenses. The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International is recommending the clubs :Bylaws, Policy & Procedures

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the following motion was approved Mark/Harley

**The Trustees of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International do not support the proposed Dues Adjustment by Kiwanis International. However, recommends the clubs study the proposed Dues Adjustment proposal and supporting literature. Discuss how the Dues Adjustment will affect your Kiwanis club and its membership. Instruct your voting delegates how to vote at the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis June 2023**

## 7. Consent Agenda

Agree that reports filed are accepted

The reports shown under the consent agenda are received. john/Mark

### 7.1. Motion to receive all reports listed in the consent agenda

7.1.1. Signature Project

7.1.2. Long-Range Planning

7.1.3. District Newsletter

7.1.4. District Partnerships

7.1.5. Public Relations

7.1.6. Translation

No report. New feature added to website

7.1.7. Webmaster, Facebook

New French option added to ECC Website

7.1.8. Youth Protection

7.1.9. International Convention

7.1.10. Achievement and Awards

7.1.11. Audit

7.1.12. Human and Spiritual

7.1.13. Kiwanis Children's Fund

7.1.14. Leadership Coordinator

7.1.15. LGE Training

## 8. Other Business

Consideration of Items from Consent Agenda or other information items

### 8.1. Youth Protection

- The cost of doing a Background Check for Kiwanian Non-Advisor needs to be discussed
- The possibility of Kiwanians in the Caribbean using a police record to make them eligible to be chaperones (the cost is less)

The Board made note of the issues but recognize there is nothing they have jurisdiction over.

## **8.2. Bylaws Policy and Procedures**

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The Board indicated that the committee could add the history to the document.

### **8.2.1. Long Range Planning**

Realignment of divisions within our District is necessary now, based on the present membership level and number of clubs in some of our divisions. It is our position that by involving all affected parties, the result will be positive for our clubs. Divisions and district.

⊙ The Governor, Governor Elect and Chair of the Long Range Planning committee are to form a task force and report back to the Board in June.

### **8.2.2. SLP**

SLP representation on ECC Board, CKI GOV and DA should be invited. Very low support for CKI from EC Kiwanis Clubs. ECC SLP DA Group needs to meet on a much more frequent basis for proper follow up and connection.

Background Checks

No meetings held with LT Governor Division 26 & 27

The Board agreed that the DA for the SLP programs should be invited periodically.

### **8.2.3. Children's Fund**

There should be a budget for communication between clubs and district committee. Paid subscription for software such as Magic Jack or Skype. It is expensive to have telephone conversations with clubs in the Caribbean islands

The Board was not clear on what budget this should affect. The DST will follow up with the committee.

**9. Notice and Announcements**

Request any announcements from Board members

**9.1. Face to Face meeting to be held in Toronto August 24-25, 2023**

The District Office will try to find a date that is agreeable to all attendees. This meeting is for Trustees serving in the next fiscal year.

**10. Date of next Meeting**

Announce date of next meeting

**10.1. June 13, 2023 6 pm Toronto Time**

**11. Adjourn**

meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

**12. Signature Anthony Haile - Governor Jim Steele - Secretary**

**13. Date**