

Area 49 Business Minutes for March 29th, 2008

(2:09am-2:44pm)

A 35 minute Business Meeting on March 29th, 2008 was held at the Great Wall Restaurant in Prince George, BC with Area 49 Governor Loretta Simpson presiding. Rose Harvie Div. D Gov. was the Recording Secretary. Total in attendance were five Area 49 members, four Area 41 members, three Area 42 members and one guest-past Robson Valley club member. (12 TM's and 1 ex-member guest = 13 total)

As minutes were not available from the last A49 Business meeting of Sept 29th, 2007 a brief recap with follow-up results as recalled by some A49 members were given.

Club Reports followed: **Daybreaker's** Secretary submitted a written report and verbally stated with the lost of Club President Bob Larmour and with VPE Morris Bodnar's recent move to Kelowna, the club has recently elected new President Shane Denod and VPE Brad Davis. The club has also had a name change in January, developed a new pamphlet in hopes to attract new members and has 8-12 members attend per meeting. She also stated the club's new tagline "Professional development in just 60 minutes a week" **College** President reported the club now has a club coach, Fred Punko and a current membership of 10 members with 6-7 attending each meeting. The club is also looking to being Distinguished this year. **College Heights** VPM reported that they have had a transition in club membership and will be submitting dues on Monday with five of the seven members being new. The meeting night change seems to be working now with some problems previously experienced with another club meeting on the same night. Several calls have now been coming in and consequently the club is moving on. Club coach, Dale Grieve's work has helped. The club may not be a DCP club this year with the loss of 5 members but is hoping over the next 3 months to gain/add more new members. **Robson Valley** Treasurer reported club dues were submitted the other day. With a loss of 4 members they had only submitted dues for 7 members last fall. One idea to help meetings be a little easier was to have an agenda with just more important roles filled and avoid double-duties. Afterwards the club can reintroduce the other roles as membership increases. The club at this time has new member prospects.

A49 Governor asked how many clubs have paid their dues. Rose (Div. D Gov) stated with checking recent DCP statistics, it shows 2 of the 5 area clubs have submitted their Spring membership renewals. Discussion ensued in regards to past problems with credit card payments online.

A49 Gov. Loretta then announce an idea for an Annual Area 49 Award in Bob Larmour's Remembrance to recognize clubs with low membership not meeting the DCP membership number requirement and have the most points in the Distinguished Club Program. Discussion ensued with the mention that another club in the Area has created a cup-type trophy that is awarded to the club's TM of the month, in Bob's Memory, and is based on points for doing the most agenda duties, etc.

Membership Building Strategies were also discussed with a point raised for clubs to continue over the summer as members have paid their dues for six months and should be having meetings in the months of June, July, and August. Also suggested were the ideas to have in-club speechcrafts, summer membership join-up specials, and summer meetings at various members homes to help retain and recruit new members.

A location and host club for Next Fall's Area conference was sought. Charlie Herger of the College Heights club will look into his club hosting the next Area Fall conference suggesting to be held around the end of Sept. to the first week in Oct. at their club's meeting location.

New Business: None was brought forward.

Area 49 Gov. called for Area Governor nominations from the floor. None were received. Charlie Herger made a motion that: Clubs poll their membership for AG candidates and pass on that information to the Division Governor. Seconded by Pat Bennett. Discussion ensued and covered points that members encourage people to try, inform that some AG's expenses are paid and that all clubs should either respond with and Aye or Nay. Motion was carried.

Motion to destroy contest ballots was made by Chief Judge Tom Ireland, 2nd by Shawn Everett

and passed. A call for any further New Business was called three times- none was brought forward and the Area Council Business Meeting was adjourned
Respectfully submitted by recording secretary -Rose Harvie

Area 49 March 29th, 2008 Conference List of Attendees

*(5 from AREA 49=President **Loretta** Simpson, Treasurer/VPE **Pat** Bennett of the Robson Valley Club#8904 ; VPM **Charlie** Herger of College Heights Club#9612; President **Howard** Karpes of College Club# 6252, Secretary **Cheryl** Joyce of Daybreakers Club# 1572 Absent= Representative from Area club Chinook#8847)*

*(1 guest past member A49 **Marion** Farquharson of Valemont)*

*(4 from AREA 41=**Curtis** Harvie, **Rose** Harvie, **Allan** Daem, **Tom** Ireland)*

*(3 from AREA 42=**Dale** Grieves, **Shawn** Everett, **Shelaine** Clasper)*