

HALTON REGIONAL CHINESE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION (HRCCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Sunday May 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Allan's
Minutes**

Present: Ed Younglai (Chair), Frances Chui (Secretary), Allan Lo, Ho Wong, Louis Tsai, Helena Han, Amy Ho, Susan Liang & Shirley Wong (by invitation)

Regrets: Alex and Mary Lui

1. Minutes of April 18, 2010

Following some corrections it was moved by Louis, seconded by Ho to accept the minutes.
Carried unanimously

2. Matters arising

2.1 Perception and Communication. Ed dwelled on this for a while and emphasized the necessity for moving forward with one voice.

2.2 Louis indicated his unhappiness with Shirley's decision to step down from the board when her son applied for the HRCCA scholarship award. The option to be named a Director is still open to Shirley. Either option would be acceptable.

2.3 Ai-Ya Band. After some discussion, it was moved by Ho seconded by Frances to integrate Ai-Ya Band with HRCCA but with the proviso that its party be as self-supporting as the Sunday gym activity and it does not encroach on the other major HRCCA activities, i.e. Summer picnic, MAF and CNY.
Carried unanimously

2.4 Agenda/ongoing business. Louis raised this matter. Since it is the intention to post minutes on the HRCCA website, meetings should, as far as possible, follow the constitution/bylaws.

2.5 Sunday gym and line-dancing. Logitech Pure-fi speaker with remote and Li battery purchased for about \$100 by Allan. Used nano donated by Allan. Music for line-dancing is now up-to-date. \$500 was saved from budget target. Allan was thanked for his purchasing acuity and good deed.

3. Treasurer's report

Ho presented his report showing details of the CNY2010 fundraising and the total of \$16K which was donated to Joseph Brant Hospital. Moved to accept report by Ed and Louis seconded.
Carried unanimously

4. Election or appointment of next president, interim or otherwise

4.1 Louis proposed a steering committee consisting of all the official board members to run and manage the Association. This steering committee is task-driven not post-driven, thus no need to appoint a chair person. Neither Ho nor Ed could see how this would work.

4.2 Following some discussion it was proposed that Allan be a 'figurehead' President with everyone else doing the work. The spontaneity of the 'one-voice' agreement by the others was gratifying. It was felt the group needed a more highly recognized and respected community figure who could replace Allan on a longer term basis. A name was mentioned and Ed will follow up.

5. Upcoming activities

5.1 Summer picnic – June 20, 2010 Coronation Park., Oakville 11 am-5 pm. Gym day at Brant Hills Community Centre cancelled. Budget of approx. \$800.00 approved for complimentary admission and lunch for about 120 participants. Attendees will be required to register their names, telephone nos and email addresses on booking, for future promotional activities. Louis and Amy are co-ordinators.

5.2 Dragon Boat festival. Sunday August 15, 2010. Kelso Conservation Park, Milton. Amy reported having received only 6 replies.

5.3 MAF. Sept. 18, 2010. at Burlington Senior's Centre, New Street, Burlington.. Susan Liang will book the venue. Helena and Allan/Louis are co-ordinators.

5.4. CNY 2011. Tentative date is Saturday Feb 12, 2011. Summit OK but not booked yet. Mary and Shirley are co-ordinators.

Henceforth it is hoped to post all upcoming events on the HRCCA website.

6. HRCCA Scholarship

6.1. It was moved by Allan and seconded by Louis to approve the 2010 scholarship winner – Andrew Wong.

Carried unanimously

6.2. Transparency of scholarship selection process. Because of confusion in the previous draft minutes Wong Ho clarified what he had proposed. He therefore moved that a bylaw be placed in the Constitution so that the name of the winner selected by the Scholarship committee is sent directly to OCF. The Constitution can then be ratified at the AGM. Seconded by Louis.

Carried unanimously

7. Other business

7.1 Outreach Initiative: Louis
Halton Multicultural Council (HMC) would like to have more involvement from other ethnic community organizations in particular the Chinese, as perceived by Louis who attended the Latin America Fund Raising Gala in April. He thinks HMC may want to do a Chinese-theme at their fundraising dinner next year.

7.2 Membership co-ordinator – Collecting membership dues remains a problem. Wong Ho stated any member not paid may be considered as “active” up to a max of 3 years, then lapsed if not paid. The small annual fee was thought not worth the time and effort of monitoring and reminding. No resolution made.

Meeting adjourned 9.30 pm

Next BoD meeting

Tentative date: Sunday June 13, 2010. 6.30 pm. Ai-Ya studio