

# Seneca Land District Spring House of Delegates Meeting

April 11, 2010 10:00AM

Woodcliff Spa & Hotel Woodcliff Dr. Fairport NY

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Pete Carentz at \_10:18\_am

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by \_George Jarrell\_

**Opening Song:** Barney Johnson\_\_\_ led us in singing "The Old Songs".

**Roll Call --** Taken by District Secretary Tom Jones; \_\_\_X\_\_\_ indicates present -- \_\_\_A\_\_\_ indicates absent

## Board of Directors:

President	Pete Carentz	___X_
Executive VP	Jim Barickman	___X_
Immediate Past President	Rob Hopkins	___A_
Secretary	Tom Jones	___X_
Treasurer	John Howe	___X_
Board Member at Large	Bob Weekley	___X_
Board Member at Large	Brian Moore	___X_
Society Board Member	Alan Wile	___X_

## Operations Team:

VP Chapter Support&Ldrshp Trng-Eric Saile	___X_
VP Music & Performance-Matt Clancy	___X_
VP Contest & Judging-Don Stothard-	___X_
VP Director Development-Louis Petroni-	___A_
VP Youth In Harmony-Bob Coant-	___X_

**Chapter Delegates:** \_\_\_19\_ of 32 Chapters Represented

VP Membership Development-\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Allegheny Division:**

Bradford	Harry Malone?	___A_
Dubois	Bruce Cornelius *	___A_
Coudersport-	John Sherer	___A_
Warren		___A_
Salamanca	Paul Mahan	___X_
Jamestown	Pernell Caster *	___X_
New Bethlehem	Galen Shirey	___A_
Crawford County	Glenn Rodgers	___A_
Erie	Pete Frank	___X_
St. Marys	Fred Burne*	___X_
Venango County	Eric Beightol	___A_

VP Marketing & PR-Eric Van Druff-	___X_
VP Events-Todd Horton-	___X_
VP Finance	Warren Capenos - ___X_
VP FUN-	Terry Keith ___X_

## **Allegheny Division (cont.):**

Olean	Pat Close *	___X_
Grove City	Warren Capenos	___X_

## **Appalachian Division:**

Canton	Ben Budelmann	___A_
Onondaga Co.	Dave Bender	___X_
Auburn	Don Harvey	___A_
Watertown	Stephen Jennings	___A_

Mohawk Valley	Art Zelesnakar *	___X_
Oswego Valley	Tim Casler *	___X_
Syracuse	John Campolieto	___X_

## **Catskill Division:**

Painted Post	Wayne Bailey	___X_
Binghamton	Tom Jones	___X_
Oneonta	???(Garrick Hoadley)	___A_

Hornell	Matt Clancy*	___X_
Ithaca	Jeremy Beutel	___X_
Elmira	Bob King	___X_

## **Ontario Division:**

East Aurora	Mark Karwan	___X_
Rochester	Don Stothard*	___X_
Warsaw	F. Lincoln Walkley	___X_

Buffalo	Norm Guenther	___A_
Batavia	ED Moss	___A_
Geneva	Todd Horton	___X_

Past Presidents/Guests

Past Presidents: Andy Nazzaro, George Jarrell, Bob Coant, Fred Burne, Brian Moore

Guests: Mike Morgan, Bill Farwell, Skip Berenguer, Barney Johnson

\* denotes a planned and /or last minute delegate change

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Prior to the actual meeting, President Pete Carentz presented all participants with their own Seneca Land headdress (single feather) and donned the ceremonial Seneca Land Presidents Headdress. This lent a sense of history to the gathering.

President Pete Carentz made an announcement concerning Delegate Norm Guenther's absence and the accidental death of his grandson. Our thoughts and prayers go with Norm at this time.

### **Installation of Members of the Board of Directors /Operations Board Members**

Our International Board Member Alan Wile took this time to install our Board of Directors as well as the Operations Vice-Presidents. Members present and duly installed were as follows: President Pete Carentz, Executive VP and Allegany Division manager Jim Barickman, Treasurer John Howe, Secretary and Catskill Division Manager Tom Jones, Board member at large Brian Moore, Board member at large Ontario District manager and Seneca Land District Web master Bob Weekley, VP Chapter Support and Leadership Training Eric Saile, VP Chorus Director Development Louis Petroni, VP Contest & Judging Don Stothard, VP Events Todd Horton, VP Harmony Foundation Warren Capenos, VP Mktg. & PR Eric Vandruff, VP Membership Development Pete Frank, VP Music & performance Matt Clancy, VP Youth in Harmony Bob Coant, VP Fun Terry Keith, and Seneca Land District Bulletin Editor Mike Morgan. IBM Wile asked that each officer; enthusiastically participate in all district activities to the best of his ability, that each officer go the extra mile to get the maximum membership involvement within our district, chapter, and society, that each officer openly and honestly communicate with chapter leaders and each other, that each officer tell anyone and everyone about this great hobby and that you invite or bring them to a chapter meeting. After charging each member to do their best to do all these things, Alan duly installed the Board of Directors and Ops. Team.

### **Harmony Foundation Awards**

President Pete Carentz presented the Harmony Foundation Awards to outstanding chapters. Bronze awards included; Mohawk Valley at \$27.55/man. Silver awards included Onondaga County at \$46.79/member and East Aurora at \$48.09/member. A Gold award was presented to the Grove City, Pa chapter with an astonishing \$23,425.00/member!

President Pete Carentz presented a number of men of note awards at this time as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award to Wayne Bailey of Painted Post/Elmira.

### **Acceptance of the House of Delegates minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the House of Delegates meeting held on September 25, 2009. The resulting vote passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Howe presented his report to the House of Delegates. John's report showed total monies on hand in all accounts to be \$23,822.00. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The resulting vote passed.

John reported that we have approximately the same amount in the treasury as at the same time last year. John also mentioned to the delegates that all chapter financial reviews and financial statements for the year 2009 need to be in to Nashville by 5/15/2010. In addition, John mentioned that all 990n IRS documents need to be filed now, and a copy sent to Nashville.

### **Society Report**

Society Board member Alan Wile reported on the status of our Society. Alan directed our attention to the letter from Society President Bill Biffle, as well as a corrected correspondence from Exe. Director Ed Watson. Alan also spoke of additional ways to "get the word out", like the "live wire" bulletin. He recommends that as many as possible be exposed to "live wire". At present only 6000 of our members are signed up to receive this bulletin. Alan also spoke on Harmony explosion camps, the new Carolinas district, SLAM chorus, restructuring

of the International Board, the new 2 year rotation for choruses at international, American Harmony the movie, the new committee on membership(at international), Harmony University, and the upcoming International Convention in Philadelphia.

### **SENECA LAND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Contest & Judging/Convention-Don Stothard-**Don's report discusses some of the C & J plans for 2010 in Seneca Land District. This will include the publication of an article in the Smoke Signals entitled "So you Want to be a Judge", attending the Judge Category School in Missouri this summer, and the formation of an overall management team to deal with the contest venue and hotel under one roof.

**Chorus Director Development (CDD)-Louis Petroni-**Lou's report includes the members of his Chorus Director Development committee. Members are: Ontario Division, Mac Sabo Catskill Division, Jerry Schmidt Allegheny Division, Don Connell and Appalachian Division, Barney Johnson. In addition, Louis contacted all Directors and Asst. Directors regarding scholarships to Harmony/Directors College in August. A CDWI is scheduled to be held in Olean in June, With 2 trainers and 5 Directors.

**Executive V.P.-Jim Barickman-**Jim reports that he has attended a number of International meetings with his counterparts from other districts (via WebEx) as well as the Mid Winter Convention in Tampa in January of this year. Jim also attended a number of District planning and motivational meetings run by our DP Pete Carentz.

**Youth in Harmony-Bob Coant-**Bob discusses his accomplishments to date for 2010; 1st youth festival in Liverpool, NY and 1<sup>st</sup> ever youth festival in Jamestown, NY. Bob also discusses his 2010 work plan; The 2010 Hx Camp set for RIT in July, and the need to fill his divisional YIH team members.

**Chapter Support & Leadership-Eric Saile-**Eric's House of Delegates report details his 2010 work plan. Details include; Identifying Divisional team members, building a district curriculum, Identifying district COT's trainers, and setting COT's (Leadership Academy) weekend date(s).

**Events-Todd Horton-**Events VP Todd Horton reports that his 2010 plan is well into the planning stages for the 2010 Fall Convention (All under one roof) as well as actively seeking out venues for upcoming 2011 and 2012 Hx Camps.

**Fun-Terry Keith-**Terry's report deals with his 2010 work plan and appointing the divisional directors for his committee. Terry will have Delegates of fun in each chapter to help instigate more excitement within the chapter.

**Chautauqua-George Jarrell-**George Jarrell reported the Chautauqua Show will be Sunday August 22, 2010. Among the participants will be ESQ and the SLAM Chorus, as well as some of the winning quartets and choruses from this weekend.

**Catskill Division-Tom Jones-**Tom Jones reports that District President Pete Carentz brought his DARE to SING motivational program to the Binghamton area on Saturday March 6, 2010. The meeting was held at Ogden Methodist Church and was attended by men from Binghamton, Syracuse, Elmira and Painted Post. Also in the works is the annual interdistrict, interchapter gathering with chapters from Southern NY and Northern Pa. expected to attend.

**Allegheny Division-Jim Barickman-**Jim's report describes the upcoming Allegheny show being held in Cuba, NY on May 8, 2010. Louis Petroni of the Olean chapter will be spearheading the show, which will bring together the chapters of the Allegheny division. Jim also discussed District President Pete Carentz's DARE to SING meeting, which was attended by 40 members from various chapters in the division.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Procedure to start the District Nominating Committee (Seneca Land District Laws & Regs Sect 8.03)**-The proposed procedure to implement the District Nominating Committee is as follows. **To start the procedure regarding the District Nominating Committee, section 8.03:**

- o Pete Carentz will appoint one member to a term ending 12/31/2014, and will appoint the chairman of the committee
- o Rob Hopkins will appoint two members to a term ending 12/31/2013 and a term ending 12/31/2012
- o Joe Bradbury will appoint one member for a term ending 12/31/2011
- o Brian Moore will appoint one member for a term ending 12/31/2010

Bob King made a motion to implement the above procedure, seconded by Tim Casler. After extensive discussion, Brian Moore moved the question and a vote was taken on the motion. The vote passed 14 yeas to 12 nays. An amendment was then made by Todd Horton to change the number of individuals appointed by Rob Hopkins from two to one, and the next past president in line will elect an individual whose term will end on 12/31/2010. Therefore, the procedure to start the Seneca Land District Nominating Committee (section 8.03) is amended as follows:

Effective for the 2010 District Nominating Committee-To implement the policy, appointments will be made as follows:

- Pete Carentz will appoint one member to a term ending 12/31/2014, and will appoint the chairman of the committee
- Rob Hopkins will appoint one member to a term ending 12/31/2013
- Joe Bradbury will appoint one member for a term ending 12/31/2012
- Brian Moore will appoint one member for a term ending 12/31/2011
- George Jarrell will appoint one member for a term ending 12/31/2010

After a second, the motion passed without incident.

**Proposed changes to Seneca Land District Governing documents**-Bob Weekley made a motion to accept the changes to the Rules and Regulations as amended by the Board of Directors and the Society(see attached), which was seconded by Tim Casler. After spirited discussion, the motion passed without incident.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Addition of the VP of Fun**-Bob King made a motion to add the VP of Fun to the Seneca Land District Operations Team in Article X, Section 9.01, District Operation Team and its Objectives. The motion was seconded by Tim Casler and the resulting vote passed without incident.

**President's time**- District President Pete Carentz discussed the need for a VP of Fun in each chapter. Pete would also like to see four things happen right away: 1. each division should have an interchapter or similar event as soon as possible. (May or June). 2. Each chapter should formulate a WORKABLE plan to retain and/or increase membership (A net increase of 1 or more). 3. Every chapter should be committed to supporting Leadership training for its officers (minimum of President, Secretary and Treasurer). 4. Pete proposes that as many chapters as possible try to adopt a food pantry in their geographic area and work with them as a service project. After mentioning this to a friend, they were motivated to write new lyrics to the old service project song "WE Sing That They Shall Speak" and changing the name to "We Sing to Feed Them All". The lyrics to the revamped song would be something like this:

We sing to feed them all, those families in need  
We sing to answer every prayer a mother cannot heed  
We sing to touch the noble heart, and raise the sirens call,  
We sing to feed each hungry child, we sing to feed them all.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 1pm. The resulting vote passed without incident.

Respectfully submitted Tom Jones, Seneca Land District Secretary

