

ORGANIZATION OF SPOUSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS

Minutes of the meeting

Sunday, April, 1998

Present:

Kate Johnstone

Betty Alce

Carole Megill

Noreen Galvin

Joyce Stothers

Stella West

Catherine Stevens for Sarah Stevens

Woman Abuse In Military Families

Deborah Harrison and Gayla Friars will be speaking on Woman Abuse in Military Families on June 2nd 1998 at 2:00 at Ottawa University. They would like people to attend. This is part of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Meeting on Violence Against Women.

Garage Sale

Our annual garage sale is to be held June 6th 1998. Please collect items Set up time is 7:00. Pricing to be done on May 24th at the next OSOMM meeting. There will be no ad in the paper this year.

Changes to P.B.D.A. re LIF's

Betty reported that Barbra Godsmen had received information from treasury board regarding changes to LIF's OSSOM had not been informed of these changes.

In Sept/94 the original bill was passed

Mar/95 to Nov/95 LIF's were provincial

Nov/95 Federal LIF's were created

Sept 1st 1997 changed the P.B.S.A. to make the LIF's Federal

Federal LIF's have no age limit for withdrawals

Federal and provincial LIF's allow different withdrawal amounts

Anyone receiving a LIF prior to Sept 1st 1997 is governed by the previous legislation

OSOMM will invite Gary Seymour an expert on this legislation to a meeting.

Henson Trust

This trust allows pension money to be left to a handicapped child without penalizing their disability pension

Carole Megill has information on this act which Betty will copy.

OSOMM on EMAIL

Joyce Stothers moved the "Betty set up an EMAIL address for OSOMM. The motion was seconded by Noreen Galvin. All members were in favor.

Office for OSOMM

Members discussed the need for an office, cost, location, who would staff it.

It was thought that at this time OSOMM should develop a "virtual office". Business cards could be printed, a separate telephone line could be established and a fax machine should be purchased. It is important for OSOMM to appear professional in order to increase our membership.

Telephone

Noreen moved the "Betty check out the cost of a separate telephone line and that we give her the authority to go ahead." Joyce seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Fax Machine

Betty will look into the costs and benefits of a fax machine.

"Social Contact"

Noreen has volunteered to be OSOMM's "Social Contact". She will send cards to sick members.

Separate Pension Meetings

Joyce Stothers expressed her concern re misunderstanding as to what role she will take in organizing, supporting these meetings. For now Betty will continue to call meetings. Joyce will inform OSOMM at a future meeting re: responsibilities she will take. Carole expressed gratitude on behalf of OSOMM for any service Joyce will offer.

Next Meeting

May 24th at 1:00 at Betty's.

Future Agenda for September

- look at ways to support new members