

## ORGANIZATION OF SPOUSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS

Minutes of the meeting

Sunday, June 2, 1990  
Ottawa Citizen  
Baxter Road, Ottawa

Present: Catherine Stevens for Sarah Stevens  
Ellie White  
Naomi Reyno  
Betty Alce  
Reta Rodgers  
Stella West  
Catherine Patterson Kidd  
Sharon Milsom  
Lucie Lalibert  
Ruth E. Lilly  
Averil Hutchison  
Mary Ballantyne  
Sally Harrison (also for Gwen Easen)

Betty Alce moved that the Minutes of the last meeting be adopted as corrected. Catherine Patterson-Kidd seconded the motion. Minutes were adopted as corrected.

Mary Ballantyne moved that the adenda be adopted. Stella West seconded. Motion passed.

Court Challenge Lucie Lalibert explained the reasons for the delay to July. Judith McBride-King has been approached about doing some research for the case. She has suggested Monica Townsend for more research.

Alberta Group Lucie has received correspondence from Dianne Roy that Rose Armstrong in Edmonton is beginning a group in Edmonton that will be affiliated with GAIN. Rose has joined OSOMM and wishes to maintain contact with our group. They have had difficulties with second spouses attending open meetings.

Book Project Lucie has agreed to co-author a book on military spouses with Deborah Harrison who is a professor of Sociology at Brock University in St. Catharines. The research will be done by interviews which are both confidential and anonymous. The book will be in the form of a text to be used by university students.

Collective We discussed the fact that OSOMM's new incorporation is based on a collective organization rather than a traditional one. A booklet describing the operation of a collective was distributed. We will attempt to have someone speak on the subject or arrange a workshop in the fall.

Fundraising Committee Ellie White took over from Joan for the Garage Sale. The sale was a lot of fun and \$409.83 was earned. Betty Alce will send a thank-you note to Ellie's aunt (Isabel McGiffen) who was so generous with the baking.

Thanks from the fundraising committee to the whole group and especial to Betty Alce for the use of her home and all her work. Leftovers will be sent to Interval House. There may be another sale at the end of the summer.

A Petition was started.

Naomi mentioned that the Legion has a program to assist in mailing information - up to \$2,000 in English and \$200 in French. The address is: Royal Canadian Legion

c/o Mr. Greg Hogan  
359 Kent Street, Ottawa

Catherine Kidd hasn't been able to reach Mr. Berthiaume but will keep on trying.

Joan has a list of organizations. Catherine will draft a letter(s) to be reviewed by Lucie.

Other sub-Committees Media Committee Membership is unknown. Joy Ferland and Sally Harrison have volunteered to assist.

Brochure: Betty Alce  
Sharon Milsom  
Catherine Patterson-Kidd  
Carol Walker  
Nancy White

Update on Incorporation The partnership of Pothier-Gharns have agreed to complete this for us.

Volunteers Phoning - same as last time.  
Location - Joan B  
Typing - Betty and Shirley

Information Package Betty and Lucie will do preliminary work. Mary and Ruth are also interested.