

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON**  
**NOON MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2014**

**Vice Pres. Jack Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.**

**The following members were present:**

Bob Hogue                      Russell Shrader                      Ed & Pam Parnell  
Dean Wilson                      Jack & Fay Hopkins                      Ray Holmes  
Jack Kellmann                      Sarah & "Y" Villarreal

*(The Club welcomes Ed & Pam Back from a grand and glorious trip to Cancun, Mexico)*

**Invocation:**

V-Pres. Hopkins led us in prayer

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Fay Hopkins

**Guests:**

Zone 06 – Lt Governor John & Martha Blackwell

**May Birthdays:**

Ray Holmes – 4th

At this time of introduction of Ray's birthdate, Lt Gov. Blackwell presented to the assembly a cake surrounded with cupcakes in commemoration of the Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston's 43rd Anniversary.

**Minutes:**

Sec Wilson read the May 08th Business Meeting Minutes. Ed Parnell floored a motion to approve the minutes. A second was voiced by Ray Holmes, and with no further discussion corrections; amendments; or comments, the motion stood approved by acclamation.

**Humor was provided by:** Dean Wilson & Bob Hogue

**Fines:** SGT-At-Arms Bob Hogue collected fines.

**Announcements:**

V-Pres. Hopkins elaborated on some of what will be addressed and voted on at the Optimist International Convention in Las Vegas, NV July 10-12 2014 such as:

**Proposed Amendments to the International Bylaws:**

**1) Vice President-Election Process**

Club President or Club designee shall vote for Vice President – Elect nominee from the Region in which the Club is located.

**2) Forming of an International Technology Committee:**

Administrative committees which shall consider programs and plans encompassing finance, convention, leadership development, public relations, **technology**, achievements and awards and bylaws.

**(the word technology is added)**

**3) Convention Assessment Fee:**

Bylaws Article IV, International Conventions and Elections

Section 1. International Convention

New Paragraph B – Convention Assessment.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, all Clubs shall be assessed a fee of \$100 annually to support the International Convention. Each Club that has a registered Delegate attend the International Convention shall receive a

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credit for the amount of the convention assessment fee on its next International dues billing statement following the International Convention. This proposal was discussed and the consensus was to have the Club Delegate vote **against**.

**4) Minimum Members Dues Proposal:**

Bylaws Article III, Membership

Section 1 Clubs

Paragraph A – Optimist Club Structure

3. Club Membership Fees and Annual Dues. Each member Club is required to pay International and District dues and fees. **Sentence added – Any Club with less than five total members shall pay the dues for five members**

This proposal was discussed and met with a variety of views and opinions.

**5) International Officer term Limits:**


Bylaws Article IV, International Conventions and Elections

Section 3. Online Elections

Last line to read – **Elected Officers shall serve only one (1) term.**

This proposal was met with approval.

Vice Pres. Jack said his bringing these proposals to the attention of the Club was to inform the Club of the urgent necessity for he and Fay to attend the International Convention.

 *(Fly on the wall...Now just where was that convention to be held???...Oh yeah.....  
"Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Nevada.!!!!!!"*

An open discussion with Lt Gov. Blackwell following up on a variety of optimist club concerns like older and younger members, the expense of attending a District Conference or International Convention, the use of available district funds. Fay cleared up the fact that majority of funds that District has on hand is used for District Conference expenses. If elected Governor for 2016-17, John will look to centralize district meeting places to make it easier for members of the many dispersed clubs in the district to attend conferences also the use of the internet to promote membership. Ed brought up that he would like to see a program started up to teach members of the Club that do not know social media like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter....etc. He also volunteered Pam to speak and show photos of their trip to Cancun at next week's meeting (**Pam responded with a frown**)

**Kitty Draw:**

Lt Gov. Blackwell drew Russell Shrader's number for a win of \$10.00 and in a second drawing picked "Y"s number for the Birthday cake the Blackwells brought to the meeting.

**Optimist Creed:**

At this time, Vice President Hopkins asked Lt Gov Blackwell to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 1:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Club Secretary 2013-14