

President's Statement on Status of an
Ontario Recreation Society

The members will recall at the 1969 Annual Meeting that S.D.M.R.O. representation was again recommended to a Steering Committee for further investigation on a proposed Ontario Recreation Society. Further, Resolution #10 was set out as follows :

"Be it resolved that the final draft copy of By-Laws and Constitution of the proposed O.R.S. must be approved by the members of the S.D.M.R.O. at a general meeting prior to the official acceptance of the Society's involvement in the O.R.S."

Our Steering Committee representatives, B. Wrigglesworth and G. Hutchinson, have been reporting regularly to the Executive, and an outline of progress to date will be in the hands of the full membership through this Newsletter. Members are urged to communicate their thoughts to the Executive.

In the meantime, the "founding" meeting of an Ontario Recreation Society will be held September 18, 1970, in Niagara Falls. However, may I stress very strongly to the members of S.D.M.R.O. that your Executive will not officially sanction S.D.M.R.O.'s involvement in an O.R.S. until the matter has been brought to our full membership for support or otherwise, as per your wishes in the previously noted resolution. Certainly, members have the right to participate or become involved prior to that time, but it will be their own individual choice. The official position of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario will be set out only after consideration and approval of the membership and this will be done at the 1970 S.D.M.R.O. Annual Meeting.

However, in order that the S.D.M.R.O. members may have as much knowledge and details as possible in order to expedite decision making at our 1970 Annual Meeting, may I respectfully suggest and urge members to consider attending the O.R.S. founding meeting if at all feasible. Registration fee of \$8.00 will allow members to view proceedings, and voting privileges would require membership application fee of \$5.00. This meeting would be a "first-hand" opportunity for members to consider our Society's position.

Blayne C. Rennick,
President, S.D.M.R.O.

O.R.S. REPORT

Dear S.D.M.R.O. Member:

As you know, the Society has been represented on the O.R.S. Steering Committee for the past two years. Laurie Branch and Tom Riley were our representatives in 1969, and Gordon Hutchinson and Brian Wigglesworth are now serving on the committee. The other groups represented are the Institute of Park Executives of Ontario, the Certified Arena Managers' Association of Ontario, the Correctional Services Branch, the Recreation Educators, the Youth and Recreation Branch and private agencies.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is "to study and design the structure for this new organization and establish the method and timing for launching it." A great deal of time and effort has gone into the drafting of a Constitution and By-Laws. Many hours were spent on this task and finally through discussion and compromise, the final draft was completed.

You will be receiving a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws by the middle of June. At that time you will be able to see the final disposition of concerns of the membership that were expressed in several resolutions at the 1969 Annual Meeting.

The following is a list of these resolutions and an explanation of their disposition.

Resolution #8

"Be it resolved that the S.D.M.R.O. representatives on the O.R.S. Steering Committee be directed to advise said committee that it is the S.D.M.R.O.'s conviction that the two year full-time employment requirement for full membership for certificate or diploma graduates be waived as a membership requirement in the O.R.S."

The two year clause has not been removed in the Constitution and By-Laws, mainly to closer conform to the five year clause of the Certified Arena Managers' Association.

Resolution #9

"Be it resolved that the S.D.M.R.O. representatives on the O.R.S. Steering Committee be directed to advise said committee that it is the S.D.M.R.O.'s conviction that individual students opportunity be provided in a manner as is presently set out in the S.D.M.R.O. Constitution and By-Laws to ensure optimum growth and development of the O.R.S."

While we were not able to convince the other Steering Committee members of the merits of student membership, it was agreed that all privileges, except voting and holding office, would be extended to students at no cost. Students will be invited to participate in all O.R.S. functions.

Resolution #10 - dealt with the S.D.M.R.O.'s involvement in the O.R.S. as follows:

"Be it resolved that the final draft copy of the By-Laws and Constitution of the proposed O.R.S. must be approved by the members of the S.D.M.R.O. at a general meeting prior to the official Society's involvement in the O.R.S."

The Executive has no intention of stating any official position regarding O.R.S. until the subject has been discussed at the 1970 Annual Meeting. The idea of holding a special general meeting for this purpose was debated, however the decision was to wait until November. The reasons for this action are that the Society will not be able to make any changes in the O.R.S. Constitution, and also that membership should be on an individual basis allowing each S.D.M.R.O. member to make his own decision.

While there was no direct Resolution, the statement of purpose for an O.R.S. as suggested by the S.D.M.R.O. was accepted and approved by the Steering Committee.

In order to help eliminate some misunderstanding about O.R.S., the following items are included for your consideration:

- (1) The O.R.S. will not immediately replace any existing organization. If in the future, the organizations decide that O.R.S. can meet their needs, then they will have the prerogative to disband, or if not, keep their own organization ad infinitum.
- (2) Membership in the O.R.S. will be an individual process. Members of existing organizations can become O.R.S. members only by completing the necessary application forms.
- (3) All signs point to the fact that the O.R.S. will be formed at a meeting on September 18th. The simple fact is that the O.R.S. can, and will almost certainly become a reality, with or without the formal support of the S.D.M.R.O.

The Steering Committee of the O.R.S. has decided to have an organization meeting on September 18th, at the Sheraton Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls. You have already received some information regarding this meeting and will be kept fully informed in subsequent mailings. It is anticipated that those in attendance will decide to form this new organization, and elections for the first executive will be held. If this does occur, the new O.R.S. will be off and running. Since membership in any professional organization is a personal choice we feel that each individual member of the S.D.M.R.O. must decide himself whether or not he wishes to join the O.R.S. At the Executive Meeting held May 23rd at Lake Couchiching a motion was passed recommending that all Society members attend the formation meeting of the O.R.S. on September 18th in order that they may become fully aware of the purposes and plans of the O.R.S. As the Society's representatives on the O.R.S. Steering Committee we support this recommendation in the hope that as many S.D.M.R.O. members as possible will be in attendance at this very important meeting. At this time each person in attendance will be able to personally decide the extent of his support and involvement in the Ontario Recreation Society.

We hope to see you all in Niagara Falls on September 18th.

Yours truly, BRIAN WRIGGLESWORTH

GORDON HUTCHINSON

Ontario Ringette Association pay tribute to Sam Jacks

At the first annual meeting of the O.R.A. held April 4th, in Alliston, Ontario, the membership was pleased to have as their honoured guest Mr. Sam Jacks, the creator of Ringette.

At the inaugural meeting of the O.R.A. held last Fall, Mr. Jacks was nominated as an honorary life member of O.R.A. and accepted graciously with his presence at the annual meeting.

At a banquet held in his honour, Mr. Jacks said the game of Ringette had been designed for girls and stressed the importance of developing the sport for the female set. He said this can be done not only in the rules of sport but in the dress that is developed over the years.

Mr. Jacks was delighted with the popularity and impetus that Ringette has received in its embryo years and with the formation of the Ontario Ringette Association.

With the twinge of national pride Mr. Jacks said that this sport has been invented and developed by Canadians and should always be described as a "Canadian sport for Canadian girls".

This dinner was a small tribute to a dedicated man with a sincere cause. The O.R.A., minor sports in general and young Canadian girls, can certainly say "Thank you Mr. Jacks".

Other O.R.A. News

Miss Bette Sweatman of Galt was elected President of the O.R.A. at the Annual Meeting. Miss Sweatman organized the first Ringette Tournament on a Provincial scale, held in Galt on March 25th of this year. If the tournament was any indication of Bette's ability, the O.R.A. has made an excellent choice in their selection of a President.

Some forty rule changes were made at the Annual Meeting and updated Rule Books will be available before next Ringette season from Mr. Bob Sugden, City Hall, Hamilton, Ontario, who is the new Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Blayne Rennick - President

Blayne received his elementary and high school education in his home town of North Bay. This is also where he started his recreation career in 1960 as Assistant Director. During his years in North Bay Blayne was very active in sports, twice being named the most valuable player for the North Bay Fastball League and twice batting champion. He also had a short career as goaltender for the Montreal Junior Canadians in 1956.

Before entering the recreation field Blayne worked in an administrative capacity for the Canadian National Railways. In 1964 he left North Bay where he had worked his way up to Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation to go to Galt as Director of Recreation. His present position is Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of Galt.

Blayne has completed his In-service training at U.W.O., the Parks Management Course and Arena Managers' Course.

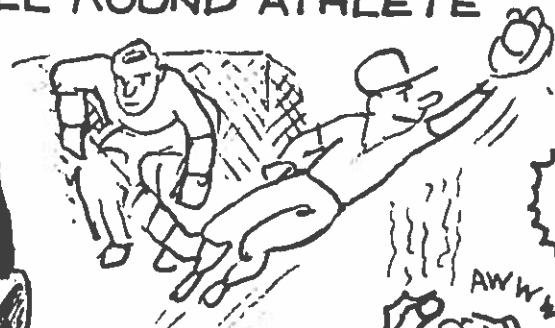
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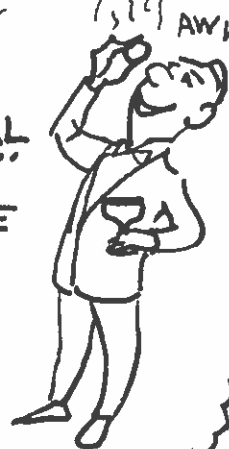


**BLAYNE
RENNICK
PRESIDENT**

ALL ROUND ATHLETE



AN ORIGINAL
"TOY TIGER"
HOSTS WINE
& CHEESE
PARTY'S



**FRANK
BURCH
VICE. PRES.**

ONLY PLACE
I CAN PRACTICE



**LAURIE
BRANCH
EXEC. SEC.**



COMMISSIONER 1970
 DIRECTOR OF REC. 1963/67
 ASS. DIRECTOR OF REC. 1962

SPORTS SUPER 1961



I STUMBLED ON TO MY CAREER!



**TOM RILEY
 PAST PRES.**

**BOB CHRISTIE
 2ND. VICE PRES.**

BUT SHANNON!
 WE NEED MONEY
 TO BUY MORE
 PENCILS!
 NO SIR!
 WE JUST GOT
 A BUNCH
 LAST YEAR!



**SHANNON ROWE
 TREASURER**

BALLET HELPED
 BOB IN HIS
 FOOTBALL
 DAYS



WHAT THE?



BURNING MIDNIGHT
 OIL ON O.R.S.
 REPORT



**BRIAN
 WRIGGLESWORTH**

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His involvement with the Society has been varied, serving on many Committees along with being Treasurer, Vice-President and currently President of the Society.

Along with his wife Joan, and two children, Deron and Scott, he enjoys all types of sports and especially wine and cheese parties.

Blayne's enthusiasm and drive is always present in anything he does. An example of this was being selected as Galt's most Outstanding Young Man in 1969.

Mr. Frank Burch - First Vice-President

Frank was born and educated in Toronto where he attended Rosedale Public School and the Earl Haig Secondary School. At Earl Haig he was voted the All Star Athlete for the year of 1959.

After graduating from high school Frank went to work as a Recreation Assistant with North York where he advanced to Recreation Supervisor. In 1961 he took the position of Assistant Director for the Town of Mississauga until 1965 when he returned to North York to take his present position of Co-ordinator of Programmes.

Frank is married with two children and one on the way. Along with his family, he is interested in skiing, hunting, fishing, wine-making and all types of sports. As a Judo Instructor he found out that a 90 lbs. female is a person to watch closely when she flipped him unexpectedly in a demonstration.

Frank's involvement in the S.D.M.R.O. has kept him very busy. He has served as a member and chairman of the Amateur Sports Committee, Treasurer, 2nd Vice-President and his present position of first Vice-President.

Mr. Laurie G. Branch - Executive Secretary

Laurie has had a very extensive career in Recreation since his first job in Woodstock as Assistant Arena Manager and Recreation Director. That was in 1953. Since that time he has moved up steadily from Woodstock to Director in Waterloo, Assistant Director in Kitchener, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in Sault Ste. Marie, to his present position of Director of Recreation for Burlington.

Laurie was born in Fort Erie, Ontario, where he started his education and then moved to Woodstock where he completed high school. He has broadened himself by completing Teachers' College, the In-service Training Course at U.W.O., and the Horticulture (Park Management) Course at the University of Guelph, receiving his Ontario Diploma in Horticulture.

Laurie's involvement with the Society has been so extensive that we are only listing the highlights which are Secretary, Vice-President, President, Past President and his present position of Executive Secretary.

His main interest besides his wife, Marilyn, and their three children, Bob, Jeff and Becky, is music. Laurie had the honour of being Master of Ceremonies at the C.N.E. Bandstand Show in 1969 for the Drum Corps Show.

Mr. Thomas Riley - Past President

Tom was born in St. Catherine's, Ontario, in 1933. He moved to Toronto where he received his primary, secondary and university education, graduating from the University of Toronto in Physical and Health Education.

After graduation he went to work with Peckover's Ltd. as the Quebec and Maritimes Manager. In 1961 he stumbled into the recreation business.

While waiting to make a sales call he was browsing through the newspaper over a cup of coffee and came upon an advertisement for a Sports Supervisor for the Township of Etobicoke. Being the curious type he went over to the Municipal Offices to find out what the job was all about. Needless to say he found out what the job was all about and he was hired for the position.

Since that time Tom has advanced from Sports Supervisor to Assistant Director to Director to his present position as Commissioner for the Borough of Etobicoke.

Tom has been a very active member of the Society, holding executive positions of Vice President, President and is presently Past President.

With his busy schedule his main interests outside of work and the Society are his wife, Margie, and his three children, Jill, Lee Ann and Michael.

Mr. Robert Christie - Second Vice-President

Bob has had a very interesting career both in and out of recreation. Before entering the field he spent five years as a professional dancer in Off-Broadway, National Ballet, C.B.C. T.V. and numerous road shows. This experience has given Bob a chance to meet a variety of people and see many interesting places. One of the stories that Bob tells is the time he was doing an opening show in Chicago and ended up ripping the seat out of his tights in the second act.

Bob's interests were not restricted to dancing only. During high school days he played for the school football team as safety man. This was where he first ran into problems with pants; he was the only man left to stop the ball carrier and, in doing so, lost his pants in full view of all the spectators.

Bob started his career as Director of Recreation for the town of Walkerton in 1959. In 1963 he moved to St. Catherine's as Assistant Director of Recreation and is now the Director.

S.D.M.R.O. involvement has included serving on the Mechanics and Liaison Committees as well as serving as Secretary and his present position of Second Vice-President.

Bob is married with three children. He enjoys scuba diving, fishing, hunting, sports and, of course, show business.

Miss Shannon Rowe - Treasurer

Shannon was born in our Country's Capital - Ottawa - some time in the early forties. She received her education in Kitchener and Toronto, graduating from Lorette Abbey to attend Toronto Teachers' College.

After graduating she taught for four years with the Metropolitan Toronto Separate School Board before entering the recreation field.

Shannon started as a Recreation Assistant and progressed from Recreation Supervisor to Co-ordinator of Facilities and Community Services with the Borough of North York. Her present position is Project Consultant with the Youth and Recreation Branch, Ontario Department of Education.

As a Society member Shannon has been very active working with the Membership and Research Committee as well as being Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Her present interests include the completion of a Sociology major, interior decorating and shopping sprees when the time and money are available.

Shannon has encountered some interesting situations being the only female member of the Executive, such as keeping the meetings on a business-like manner and paying a hotel bill for six men.

Mr. Brian Wrigglesworth - Secretary

Brian is at present the Director of Parks and Recreation at St. Thomas, Ontario. His previous experience in recreation includes two years as Assistant Director in Simcoe followed by four years as Director of Recreation in Kitchener.

Brian was born and educated in Stratford, Ontario, after which he took the position of engineering technician at the City Hall in Stratford. This lasted one year after which he entered the recreation field, graduating from the In-Service Course at Western in 1965.

Brian acted as Chairman for the Membership Committee prior to taking the position of Secretary for the S.D.M.R.O.

Besides his wife and two small boys, Brian enjoys swimming, scuba diving, camping, carpentry and reading.

A new Idea - A Model

The S.C.E.N.E. was a Community Resource Workshop held at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, March 6th, 7th and 8th, 1970.

This came about when a number of municipal recreation staff met to discuss "how they see their role in relation to the community groups they are involved with". After further discussions with Youth and Recreation personnel it was determined that the concerns were relevant to all recreation departments in Area 7. The planning was vigorously pursued. The Workshop was a success.

What was it all about ??

In my opinion, it gave us, as delegates, an opportunity to realize the need for total community development and the role the recreation agencies can play as catalysts in the total development.

The Resource Expert, Mr. Gene Sylvester of Minneapolis, Minnesota, guided us through a process of experiences that helped to broaden our community outlook.

It was explained that what we had to be concerned with was the need to ensure community involvement in our study and educational planning. It was suggested, however, that "study is futile and action without study is fatal".

In view of this we proceeded through three days of Workshop sessions beginning with the concepts and principles of community development to actually discussing model programmes that exist within our own communities. Examples were used of programme experiences that Mr. Sylvester was aware of.

This information was followed by our own group discussions that revealed a host of model programmes being conducted at various locations throughout the area.

As in arranging a programme of any magnitude we were exposed to the need of perfecting methods of communications to suit our purposes. In this regard Mr. Sylvester introduced a number of useful tools and discussed their pros and cons. Such tools as films, tapes, books, task assignments and role playing were considered.

It was pointed out that a positive attitude must be applied when handling any project with the largest possible result as the goal. On going evaluation should take place with each step being carefully evaluated as the project proceeds.

In reviewing the value of this Community Resources Workshop I feel it gave us the opportunity to experience a process; to be exposed to successful model programmes which could be helpful in our future roles as community developers.

George Coulson
Simcoe County Community Recreation Services

St. Thomas Playground Programme

A playground programme that attracted 39% of children between the age of 6 and 12 is the boast of Brian Wrigglesworth, Director of Parks and Recreation for St. Thomas.

This unique programme which combines playground activity with day camp organization is operated in the beautiful 100 acre Pinafore Park, St. Thomas' largest municipally owned park.

All children are bussed to the park utilizing school buses which pick the children up about 8.30 a.m. and drop them home between 4.00 and 4.30 p.m.

Programmes offered at Pinafore Day Camp are those usually associated with a playground - sports, crafts, music, drama as well as several special events held each week of the four week programme.

A camp director, three supervisors and 35 leaders form the staff of the camp along with younger teen volunteers who assist them. Each supervisor is responsible for one of the three age groupings (6 and 7, 8 and 9, 10 to 12) and each leader works with approximately 15 children.

The response to the programme has been phenomenal. In 1969 a total of 2,607 children registered. Registration figures read - 639, 817, 648, 503 for the four weeks in July that the programme operated. This represented 1,140 different children or 39% of the 2,925 St. Thomas residents between the ages of 6 and 12.

A one dollar a week fee almost covers the special costs of this programme (buses, milk for lunch and pool rental). The following is a cost breakdown:

Salaries	\$6,500
Buses	\$1,250
Milk	\$ 700
YWCA pool rental	\$ 500
Supplies	\$1,550
Total	\$10,500
Less Revenue	\$2,250
Estimated Deficit 1970 .	<u>\$8,250</u>

The first year of operation of this programme proved an unqualified success and Brian plans to offer it again this year as an alternative to traditional community playground programmes.

Youth and Recreation Branch Appointments

Three new staff members have been appointed by the Youth and Recreation Branch of the Ontario Department of Education.

Gordon Smith joins the Branch as Assistant Superintendent in-charge of Physical Recreation, coming from the position of co-ordinator of athletics at Lambton College in Sarnia. Gord has his Master's degree in education from the State University of New York and five years of teaching experience in secondary schools in Ontario.

Steve Zacher has been added to the Physical Recreation Unit as a Consultant. Steve completed his Master's degree in education from the University of Missouri and has seven years of varied experience in physical education and recreation in the States.

Gord and Steve are directly involved with Branch services to provincial sports governing bodies and Sport Ontario. Provincial competition in the Canada Games, the Sports Awards programme and the junior olympic development programme are also supervised by the Physical Recreation Unit.

A new role for the Branch has been identified: that of stimulating, co-ordinating and assisting recreation research in the Province. William Knott has joined the staff as a Consultant in recreation research to work with and co-ordinate research projects organized by colleges, universities, institutions and professional organizations. Bill will relate closely to the Provincial Recreation Research Committee and will be involved directly with the storage, retrieval and dissemination of research information.

Bill has had fourteen years of experience in a variety of recreation and health services, the most recent as Director of Health Services for the Arthritis Foundation, New York Chapter. He has completed his course work towards his doctorate in therapeutic recreation at Columbia University and, for a short time, will assist Dave Parker in this specific area of specialization as well as contribute to research.

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