

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**October 28 2009**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Move of adoption of previous minutes.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:** Bills and Accounts all up to date

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence

**FINANCIAL REPORT/CLUB 200:** Dave Crosswell

- Will hold a press conference in 2 weeks regarding Club 200 donating monies raised from annual golf tournament. \$40,000 was raised and donations of \$5,000 dollars will be given to 8 local charities
- Pension rallies? Looking to do protest at Jeff Watson's office soon.
- Members of Parliament on the Federal level receive \$70,000 on average for their pensions it is not right that ours are not protected.
- Massive rallies at Dwight Duncan and Jeff Watsons offices in summer
- George Chavalo will be speaking at Herman High Nov 5th. He then will be speaking at St Anne's High school on Friday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. George lost 3 sons to drugs and his wife to suicide.
- Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> a United Way fundraiser will be held at the Caboto Club in memory of Garry (Sparky) Shaw. There will be an auction which includes many great items. Door prizes to include Red Wing tickets and a week at a Condo donated by one of our reps

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** Troy Brian

- Our committee recently had our elections for Chair and Vice Chair as a result of Peter Hayfield stepping down as our Environment Committee Chair
- Pete has been extremely active in our committee as well as in various environmental committees and initiatives throughout our surrounding community for MANY years
- With his retirement, Pete was still able to juggle his family life and his commitment to our committee...but with his wife being at the other side of our country for a large chunk of the year, although still an active member, he decided to step down as our chair
- We would like to thank Pete for the hard work and commitment that he gave to our committee and our community. Thank you Pete
- I am very honored to be representing our Local 200 Environment Committee as Chair with Chris Hodare as our Vice Chair
- We just had our last CAW Local 200 Computers for Kids fundraiser at Place Concorde Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was a great success in many ways. We had great entertainment with our own Local 200 member Louis Zanotti performing an after dinner concert with various professional musicians as well as classic rockers "The Power and the Glory"
- We had 170 people attend (a full house) and made close to \$4,000 dollars for our charitable organization
- Thank you to all that attended

**A few upcoming events in our community:**

The Detroit River Canadian Cleanup will be hosting an open house in each of the Canadian municipalities adjacent to the Detroit River this week (Oct 27 to 29) At the open houses visitors will be able to obtain more information about the Remedial Action Plan to report on the Detroit River as well as ask questions and submit their written comments. For more information and to submit your comments online go to [www.detroitriver.ca](http://www.detroitriver.ca)

We have petitions opposing the proposed "Big Box" development near the Windsor Raceway and Ojibway part at the door.

The Ojibway Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve hosts one of the best samples of the 0.5% of Tallgrass Prairie remaining in Canada. Tallgrass Prairie is identified as one of the most endangered plant communities on earth and recognized as a globally imperiled ecosystem; and the high biological diversity currently present in this Nature Reserve exceeds that of Point Pelee National, Algonquin and Bruce Peninsula Parks; AND it has more rare species than any other Provincial Park in Ontario.

There are 90 species at risk, including 4 endangered, 5 threatened, one unique to Canada and One unique to the globe. We would appreciate you signing this petition and checking out the website [www.saveojibway.info](http://www.saveojibway.info) for more information and directions on where to take your completed petitions if you are inclined to take some and have them filled out...and lastly, there will be a Walk/Run for Ojibway Sunday Nov 8th and 9am at Malden Park to raise funds for the legal aid expenses regarding the upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing...you can also get more info and pledge forms for this even at [www.saveojibway.info](http://www.saveojibway.info) as well

**HUMAN RIGHTS:** John Engelman

- Asking members to save Zehrs receipts and give to in plant reps. Collecting them for the Downtown Mission
- Committee preparing for the 6th annual Social Justice Forum held at the University of Windsor in Dec

**WOMENS COMMITTEE:** Dinelle Booker

- Women's Committee had a fundraising wine tour to Beyond the Vine on October 3rd. \$1,000 was raised for the House of Sophrosyne which will be used to give toys for their Christmas party this Dec.
- The annual Take Back the Night march will take place Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. Meeting place is at Dieppe Park Speeches start a 8pm sharp
- Purpose of march is to protest male violence against women and children
- All are welcome but only women and children walk in the march

**REC COMMITTEE:** April McLellan

- Tickets for our Club 200 Christmas party are available in the plants. Deadline for pickup is Nov17
- **Discussion:** Dave Crosswell- last year 600 tickets were taken and the gifts weren't picked up. We are a very generous local, but , if you don't plan on attending, please don't take the tickets

**ELECTION COMMITTEE:** No report

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** No report

**POLITICAL EDUCATION:** Paul Boyce

We are asking everyone to take five minutes out of their day to call Dwight Duncan and Sandra Papatello and tell them we want this unfair tax grab the HST cancelled before it is introduced on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Let them know that we are not buying the bulls#@! That they are trying to sell  
Dwight's phone number is 519-251-5199 and Sandra's is 519-977-7191

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Marc Renaud

ON ROLL: Ford **1639**

Premier 26  
Penske 38  
TOTAL ON ROLL 1703

LAID OFF: Ford Production 865  
Ford Trades 125  
Premier 3  
TOTAL LAID OFF 993

TOTAL MANPOWER 2695

- **Special membership Information/Ratification meeting** Sat Oct 31 2:00pm @ Caboto
- Photo ID required.
- Please listen to information being presented, hearing a lot of talk that people are going to just vote no
- **Auto SAARs** reported for September 2009 is 9.5 million which is a drop from 13.6 million reported in Aug of this year. Cash for clunkers program is the main reason for the increase in Aug
- JD Power forecasting 10.5 million for October as the market picks up
- Fair Trade , must continue to bring this up or when the markets increase we will be flooded by off shore imports.
- **Pension Reform:** The Harper government is looking at a Bill to allow bigger pension surpluses. To be tabled in Dec
- Currently, when surplus hits 10% of its liquidity they can stop funding it by law.
- If they are allowed a bigger surplus it would protect against downturns.
- There would be no tax revenue loss as most funds are underfunded. Would encourage a tax deferred surplus
- This is a small step but we must keep up the pressure and contact our MP's to protect our pensions
- **United Way** This year's campaign about to kickoff in the plants. Many of our own brothers and sisters are using the agencies and programs supported by United Way. We all need to do what we can to help. I encourage all of you to give generously from the heart
- Last year Garry "Sparky" Shaw was the Co -Chair for our United Way campaign and a fundraiser will be held on Friday Nov 13th in Sparky's memory. Tickets are \$20.00 each with \$10.00 of each ticket being donated directly to this year's United Way Campaign. Sparky truly believed in the United Way and gave generously and selflessly for many years. There will be a pasta dinner and a live band. Tickets are available at the Workers Adjustment Center, Union Offices in all the plants and at the Local

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE: None

ADJOURNMENT