

Lake Ontario Region B'nai B'rith Girls
2011/2012 Business Meeting #2
December 11, 2011 @ Tournies Convention

I. Opening Rituals

Called to order at 9:15am by Stacey Ramelson, chair.
Minutes Taken By: Tatum Shiff

Shomerit Ha'brit – Rachel G.
Words of wisdom: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take

Menorah Pledge
Citizenship: Anastasia S.
Jewish Heritage: Alex L.
Community Service: Michelle K.
Philanthropy: Shayna O.
Inter-faith Relations: Cassandra G.
Tradition: Maxine G.
Good Sisterhood: Leeron S.
Prayer for World Jewry: Renata K.

Motion to move into Roll Call: Simara C.
Second: Maxine G
Call. No Dissent.

II. Roll Call

| | Present | Voting |
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| Chapter L'Chaim BBG #2444 | 12 | 10 |
| Chapter Chaverot BBG #2307 | 14 | 12 |
| Regional Mazkirah | 1 | 1 |
| Regional Morah | 1 | 1 |
| Regional S'ganit | 1 | 1 |
| Regional N'siah | 1 | 1 |

Total Votes 26
Simple Majority 14
2/3 Majority 18

Motion to move into Officer Reports Laura M.
Second Amanda F.
Call. No dissent.

III. Officer Reports

Regional N'siah:

- Melissa stands up and looks at every girl in this room. "What do you see? You see your BBG Sisters?"
- Stacey sees leaders. She sees people who have stepped out even a bit out of

- their comfort zone. They came to this convention and had a great time.
- She's been trying to get everyone to open up and inspire them to be the leaders they can be. She knows that they will step up and enjoy every moment. She was so impressed during Separates.
 - Counterpart communication has gone very well. She talks constantly with her counterparts and tries to be there no matter what.
 - Met with Kevin and Oz on Wednesday and talked about things for the Region.
 - We had a Regional Board Meeting on Sunday, and we have new really exciting initiatives for the region.

Rachel leads a stretch and we shake it all out.

Regional S'ganit:

- Chapter programming is going well. L'Chaim has been prepping for WRC and it has evidently paid off. Chaverot had shuk prep and a bar mitzvah for Eeyore that went really well.
- Counterpart communication could be better. She hasn't been communicating as much as she should be, but she will start very shortly.
- This convention is awesome, and definitely adds to our year's programming. It adds a third convention to keep building up excitement because it's all about recreation and fun.

Regional AymHa/Morah/MIT Mom:

- Membership growth has been steadily going up
- A new recruitment initiative is going to start in January, so that will do wonders

Regional Mazkirah:

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Chapter L'Chaim:

- L'Chaim is doing a fashion show for StandUp and other chapters are allowed to help run and participate. An email has gone out with the package explaining how to apply to plan it. If you haven't received it, ask your chapter president. They're due on the 16th. If you have any questions or concerns, email Maxine. APPLY!
- We've spent 3 weeks on WRC prep, and it paid off, so we're really happy about it
- A new member signed up over the weekend.

Chapter Chaverot:

- She sent the email with the fashion show package to those on the dashboard, but if you didn't receive it, you can text her or call her and she'll send it
- She is very proud of the shuk item this convention. They sold all 20 pairs of pants.
- There are a ton of new members who showed up for convention. It's really exciting and she's really glad that they've been inspired to come.
- They spent a week preparing for WRC, and did pretty well for 1 week of preparation

Motion to move into Old Business: Anastasia S.
Second: Emma
Call. No dissent.

IV. Old Business

- a. Regional Standup cause is standing up for youth. We came to a consensus based on a survey. We didn't choose as a board because we knew that everyone wants to get involved in any way they can. It's really important to have everyone involved.

L'Chaim: very excited about chapter standup campaign. Standing up for at-risk youth, and more specifically Delysle Youth Centre. They have many different levels of help as well as a place for queer and questioning, and we thought that was very important. We've been in touch with the directors and we're having a program this week about standup and a representative is coming in to talk to us. For fundraising, we're relying mostly on the fashion show. The director wants us to promote awareness more than raising money, but we're coming up with more ideas for money fundraising. In January, we're going to the shelter to hear their stories and gain a perspective on how their lives are.

Melanie suggests that they find another charity to donate money too, while they use Delysle for awareness.

Maxine mentions that we spent a long time choosing a charity, and they do still need the money, and when they don't, they have other places to send it.

Chaverot: standup cause is pediatric cancer. In November, they had a garage sale for their stand up cause and raised over \$300. Very proud of how that went. Hopes we can have fundraisers like that in the future. The cause is very near and dear to our hearts so we hope to continue promoting awareness and raising money.

- b. WRC 2011 is called Tournies. It was our first ever Tournies. Jesse, Tatum and I have put a lot of effort to make this convention as good as it has been. I truly thing that it is amazing. For next year, it will be even more amazing. I'm excited that we'll be able to continue this. It's part of our Region now.

Amanda: I really liked that it was very different from our other conventions because it allowed us to have fun, fun and more fun. I liked the theme because it's more different and relatable.

Shayna: I think that it was a good way to build teamwork skills.

Simara: I really liked it because I felt that my new members got closer to the chapter at this convention than they did at the MIT convention, because we did everything together as a chapter.

Criticism Time!

Cassandra: It was awesome idea. But I didn't really know what Tournies was until later on. They should've had more time to prepare.

Maxine: I thought it was supremely well organized. I fought about stupid things, because there was nothing else wrong. The only thing I didn't like was being unable to do the sports and that was beyond our control.

Rachel: Jeopardy is not for LOR. It was chaos, and I felt so bad for the planners because they worked really hard on it. I love the fact the board of directors came to judge us but I think they were too easy. Some people worked a lot harder than other and it showed, but the judges didn't care.

Melanie: To counter that, the performance is the final thing that counts. So despite preparation, whatever team gives a better performance wins.

Dani: Keep in mind that this was our first Tournies convention, and it's just a start. We'll be able to smooth out all the bumps in the road. Everything's a work in progress.

Melanie: Were there certain categories that weren't necessary or were missed?

Cassandra: The ministicks was hard to play.

Simara: I really feel that next time, we shouldn't have so much in the pool. I think we spent too much time in the pool. We turned into prunes.

Maxine: I liked that we had to preplan.

Amanda: I wish we could've have the packets earlier so that we have more time to plan. I think we need them at least a month in advance.

Stacey: I think Advisor appreciation was needed and I'm glad we were able to do it.

Motion to move into New Business: Amanda F.

Second: Meira S.

Call. No dissent.

V. New Business

- a. Upcoming Regional Events: This year, we haven't had BBG Shabbat, yet. It wasn't the right time for us. It's in March and we already have a date and planning.

Beauheart is on January 14th. It's almost a month away. After that is IC. And then we have Up All Night. The date is almost decided on.

- b. BBG Newsletter
- c. Regional Chairmanships. They were supposed to go out a while ago, but they

didn't get edited. But now they have been edited, and there a few more. Such as Advisor Appreciation. This person will work with the chapters on how to appreciate their advisors on a regular basis. I think it's great that we did something this weekend, but they do so much for us and I think they deserve more than that. More specifically in March, because it is the official Advisor Appreciation Month.

- d. \$1000 Fundraising Match Initiative: We were talking about how LOR is trying to be the best they can be and we talked about how fundraising has not been that great and we haven't been fundraising as much as we should. At the Board of Director's meeting, a man said that he'd donate \$1000. Each chapter will get \$250 to match what they raise. If they make \$100, then they will be matched \$100. From WRC shuk-SRC shuk. Whatever you raise, that only goes to your chapter, not StandUp, to a limit of \$250, will be matched. It's a great opportunity for motivation.

Dani: We sold Lollipops for a dollar at every Wednesday night program.

Motion to move into Open Floor: Laura M.

Second: Maxine G.

Call. No dissent.

VI. Open Floor

- Brandon read a top ten list.
- Melissa: L'Chaim is starting a YouTube account so that everyone can tune in to what we're doing. It's set up and ready to go. I've also started a Spare Change box to raise money for the chapter.

Motion to move into Good and Welfare: Rachel G.

Second: Hannah S.

Call. No dissent.

VII. Good & Welfare

- Everyone shares their favourite thing about convention. It's really lovely, and most people just say "everything".

Motion to move into Closing Ceremonies: Maxine G.

Second: Tatum S.

Call. No dissent.

VIII. Closing Ceremonies

Shomerit Ha'brit: Amanda F.

Her words of wisdom: Worry is the misuse of imagination

Friendship Circle.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32am.