**General Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2016**

**1**. Call to Order – Grace and Toast called to order at 6:09 pm

**2.** Welcome to Guests and Visitors

**3.** Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Sheila Walker, seconded by Heidi Bryans

 **CARRIED**

**4.** Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 General Meeting: Motion by Angela McKinnon, seconded by Karen Clouter **CARRIED**

**5.** Any Business arising from the previous minutes: None

**6. REPORTS:**

a. Treasurer’s Report – Wendy Humphreys- report has been e-mailed to all members

b. Programs – Angela McKinnon listed remaining speakers and topics for the year

c. Corresponding Secretary – Karen Armstrong passed around a Get Well card for Barb Hore recovering from hip surgery. Karen also sent out Christmas card to some members who were unable to make our meetings over the past year. We also received Christmas cards from Cynthia Warner and Jennifer Evans - Peel Regional Police Chief. Ste. Louise Outreach and Our Place Peel sent us thank you cards for our donations following the euchre tournament we recently held.

d. Publicity & Public Relations – Sheila Walker nothing new to report

e. Special Events – Pat Dowling spoke about our upcoming golf tournament booked at Caledon golf club in June and registration will be available next month. Euchre tournament Friday March 4, 2016 and tickets are on sale now.

f. Website – Donna Sauve- not present. Janet Brousseau spoke about the fact that all members should have received a new password for access to our BPW website and speak to Janet if you didn’t receive yours.

g. Membership– Linda Barker-We currently have 45 members and asked members if they know anyone wishing to join our membership as we have the special on again for the balance of this year and all of next year at one price.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. 2016 Donation Recipients

The recipients chosen are: Ste. Louise Outreach, Honey church, 24/7 Hope (formerly the Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel), Victim Services of Peel and Wellspring Chinguacousy.

2. Bursary Committee Update - Janet Brousseau; Shauna Jones is the recipient of our Sheridan Bursary and Janet has invited her to join us at the March General meeting.

3. Club Focus-Janet thanked Sheila for doing a great job. Everyone should have received their copies by email, a few printed copies are also available at the meeting

4. Niagara Falls Conference 2017 Vote: Niagara club has asked to change the date of the conference due to the more expensive hotel rates in the month of May. Members voted and agreed to support the new date in October 2017 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

5. Provincial Conference – Linda Barker announced dates for conference May 27, 28, and 29 a link will be provided shortly for hotel booking. Linda will be asking for volunteers to help the conference committee. Pat asked any other members to attend the Brampton’s Got Talent night at $40.00 per ticket to help us choose talent for the Saturday night of the upcoming conference.

6. Upcoming Elections in May/16 - Janet encouraged members to run for a position and invited anyone interested in getting involved to attend an executive meeting to see what it's all about.

7. 2015 BPW National AGM – Karin Gorgerat; members were sent this report

8. Membership Fee Increase: Motion to raise the membership fee from $135.00 to $140.00 if paying cash or cheque and $150.00 if paying by credit card. New members’ fee is $155.00 which includes a $15.00 one-time initiation fee if paying by cash or cheque or $165.00 if paying by credit card. This increase is to cover the increase in International Dues that were voted on at the National AGM this past July. Motion to accept by Pat Dowling and seconded by Jean Edwards

 **CARRIED**

9. Resolutions: Camilla was approached by holistic practitioners and asked if that might be something our club would be interested in pursuing as an issue for our Resolutions process. A second topic raised is concerning men who have been diagnosed as abusive but are not getting the social assistance they need. Dr Oksana Sawiak said she would be interested in investigating the holistic practitioner issue further. Pat Dowling spoke about us supporting one issue as this is the first time we are proceeding without Olga and we don’t want Camilla and our Resolutions committee to be overwhelmed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.