

MINUTES

Founding Meeting of the Toronto Centre Young Liberals-Federal (TCYL)

Foxes Den Bar & Grill

1075 Bay Street,

Toronto, Ontario

Monday, September 12, 2005,

5:00PM

Present:

1	Greg	Beres
2	Andrew	Byer
3	Kayley	Collum
4	Rafik	Dawood
5	Chris	Drew
6	Gary	Edwards
7	Mary Alice	Elcock
8	Erica	Graham
9	Kim	Ibarra
10	Will	Kidell
11	Chelsie	McKnight
12	Geoff	Metropovk
13	Davin	Raiha
14	Alica	Rovault
15	Ted	Witzel
16	Stephanie	Shappert

Chair: Brian Clow, President – U of T Young Liberals

Guest: Milton Chan

Start Time 5:05 pm

Motion to approve agenda: Kaley Collum, seconded by Ted Whitzel
- passed unanimously

Chris Drew makes comments about the constitution

- this is BOTH a federal and provincial club, therefore the document must be amended further
- apart from this minor detail, the constitution is quite standard and in good shape

Motion to approve constitution: Davin Rhaia, seconded by Rafik
- passed unanimously

Nominations of executive positions

- **President:** Chris Drew is nominated by Rafik Dawood, seconded by Mary-Alice Elcock
 - no other members are nominated, therefore Chris Drew is elected president
- **Executive Vice-President:** Kevin-Paul Deveau is nominated by Chris Drew, and seconded by **Ted Whitzel**
 - Chelsea McKnight inquires as to what exactly the vice-president does
 - Chris Drew answers that their job is used as a back-up position, although it is still very much important, and the vice-president is used for special projects and to aid with governance
 - confusion soon erupts, as there are attempts for Brian to be elected for this position, however Brian is the Chair and cannot be elected
 - no other members are nominated, therefore Kevin Paul Deveau is elected vice-president

- **Secretary:** Greg Beres is nominated by Chris Drew, and seconded by Alicia Rouault
 - no other members are nominated, therefore Greg is elected secretary

- **Treasurer:** Davin Rhaia is nominated by Rafik Dawood, and seconded by Chris Drew
 - no other members are nominated, therefore Davin is elected treasurer

Motion to adjourn meeting: Rafik Dawood, seconded by Mary-Alice Elcock

- passed unanimously

5:25 pm

New meeting with new executive

- Opening remarks by President Drew:
 - Thank you everyone for attending this meeting
 - This is quite an exciting year to be a Liberal, as there is a looming national election in February and an Ontario Young Liberals General meeting in October
 - I am the constituency assistance for Mr. Graham, so if you ever need help with your income taxes, you know who to call
 - It is such a privilege to be your president, as Toronto Centre is such a great riding
 - Here are some things to look forward to:
 - a summer conference, where you can meet Liberals from all across Ontario, where delegates need to be sent to go
 - the next election, which was a lot of fun (right Davin??)
 - the St. Lawrence Community Festival
 - AIDS Walk

- meeting Mr. Graham on September 19th at 519 Centre (which near Church and Wellesley) – let me know if you are interested
 - Meetings are going to be held once every month, or every two months, and it is my hope to have Mr. Graham come in before exams
 - Thank you Brian for organizing everything! This has been a great success!
 - Let me introduce you to Milton, who is the Young Liberals Policy Chair. He is extremely involved and active in Young Liberal politics and is a GREAT advisor
 - Here is some information about me: I am a Ryerson student in my fourth year, studying Urban Planning
 - Chris will send an email to all TCYL members notifying them of the next meeting and upcoming events
 - Again, thank you everyone for coming out!
- Brian Clow interjects, asking Milton Chan (VP Policy - YLC) if he wants to say a few words, as Milton is “very well connected” and sits on numerous councils with high-placed Liberals in attendance (i.e. our good friend Paul)
- Milton Chan accepts Brian Clow’s wish, and provides the following information
 - This is an exciting time to be a Young Liberal, although the upcoming year is going to be quite tough and difficult
 - I saw our Prime Minister over the weekend at a convention in Trois-Rivieres
 - As Young Liberals, we are going to campaign differently, as this needs to be a coordinated affair, with our main objective to get students to VOTE!
 - We also have to push votes that, as students, we care about (i.e. same sex marriage, decriminalization of marijuana, etc.)
 - Try to get involved, as much or as little as you can
 - Thank you
- Brian Clow interjects, again, stating that the drinks will not be covered, much to the dismay of many!