

Dunadry private meeting Feb 2009 to air problems experienced within the Masonic Order

Present S Hood, J Dixon, J Dunlop

Three meet and had coffee and exchange pleasantries. Sh comments the Brian left earlier as he was to have a one to one with Jack and ponders why John had come as he thought he was on compassionate leave and not to be disturbed. John agrees and says he was asked along and thought it would be ok as he had been involved with both RW & BH all along. John thanks Sh for BH's offer regarding his sons business in difficulty and for both their best wishes. John explains he thought he could assist Jack in recalling the discussion if there was anything Jack had mistook or forgotten and his notes were for that purpose alone.

Sh we can't seem to get anyone to do anything in our lodge anymore. Brian and I have attended three installations out of eight that came in. In the charities money is getting very tight. I was called to the office this morning and there was a fellow with a brain tumor, lost his eye, his wife had left him, in dire hardship. I and four others decided to give him £1000. Last month there was three young ladies, not related, all masons daughters, different ailments, men in the committee said go ahead give her £1000, I said hold on you realize that investments of charities went from 700,000 to just over 300,000, the income won't support those outgoings, they seem to think you can just keep dipping into it. They said take it from the vj fund, I said money is not going into it either. They think at times it is a never ending bucket.

John that is not the case.

Sh that is one of things that made me very cross, the 25,000 being proposed, because I can't get money for the charities, there is 25,000 being handed out to consultants who are in fact going to do the job that the Retention Team had already done.

John I have to say at the start here stewarty, I am listening, I haven't made many comments. I was at our precept meeting last night and 763 was collected.

Sh when you open the envelopes up there is sometimes nothing in them.

John I had three empty envelopes

Jack do you think the visitors are doing this or the members?

Sh there are members, men of the higher orders, who will not use them nor take pin number from me, when I ask why, they don't agree with it and they won't have their name on the envelope.

Small talk about functions in Dunadry and Antrim Grammar school etc.

Sh I was at a meeting in Shalom, Mr. Frazer stated in his address the board had passed the latest bylaws and that they had been sent to GL for ratification, I advised him, do you realize they are not pasted by PGL yet? I told him you are breaking the bylaws, no way should it go through, he reacted flippantly, then I said you need a lesson taught and you will get it.

Jack did you say that to him?

Sh to Mr. Frazer, let me tell you it is already with GL to come before the Board tomorrow 12th, it has not gone through Provincial.

Jack it should go through provincial, it won't go through tomorrow.

John they have no authority. It will go through on 28th they have nothing from the PGL.

Sh they have sent it to GL for ratification tomorrow, similar to what Provincial did the last time with the candidate forms. The PGM the last time told us it had been pasted at GL he was untruthful. This time it can't until it's ratified by Provincial on 28th.

Jack will you accept from john and me that it can't go through, it is not up for grabs, it is going to be ratified on the 28th? Will you accept that from me?

Sh I rang GL asking that we had bylaws pasted by the board, were they with them for ratification on the 12th. Yes that is correct was the reply.

Jack no they are not.

Sh you are correct in that when I explained to Morgan what was occurring he withdrew them, they have subsequently advised you of PGL mistake.

Jack I don't know Stewart, sometimes I don't know what is going on.

Sh there obviously has been talk in cabinet that it is not going through.

Jack well that takes that one out of the equation.

Sh I will accept that from you providing the GL can talk to me and say it is not on the 12th, if I read a statement saying it has gone through I will ask on the 28th GM why did this occur?

Jack right ok.

Sh when I spoke to GL I told them I would do that. If you want to start another row I will do it. I don't have any back doors in me, the PGM knows that and you all know that,

so why do you persist in doing the wrong things? Does the bylaws not apply to you as well?

Jack the bylaws apply to us all.

Sh then what is Mr. Frazer slobbering about? He told me it had already been passed. What audacity does this man have? Is he so thick skinned?

John who are you referring to.

Sh & Jack Mr. Frazer

Jack I know exactly where you are coming from, it is difficult sometimes.

Sh you are in the cabinet, you are like a prime minister with various ministers, if the PM says we are going to do this, someone must say, hold on we can't do that, does that not happen in your cabinet?

Jack it does

Sh why did Mr. Frazer announce this, was it a wee pearl of his own he was going to put through?

Jack I don't think that is right, a wee pearl of his own, sometimes you say things you regret.

Sh but when he said it I tackled him about it.

Jack that is a different matter.

Sh He should have said I made a mistake I'm sorry about that but he didn't. Rather he said it has already been put through to the BOGP. I told him the BOGP didn't make a difference to it, it hasn't been ratified by Provincial; he replied it has already been put through.

Jack it will be ratified on 28th by the PGM. The three of us are here talking as men, john is taking notes which may be relayed to the PGM.

Sh I understand that but you and I talking wouldn't be the methodical note taking that john's involved in now.

Sh do you recall the conversation I had with you on the Sunday night and you told me you would tell the PGM this, he didn't know anything about it, you didn't tell him or it got cross wired somewhere.

Jack all I am going to say is that I did tell him. There are no back doors in me; if I am going to stab you I will do it in the chest and not the back. We will report to the PGM, hopefully we have put your mind at rest about the bylaws.

John I am taking notes here for my own benefit, jack will be reporting to the PGM, if he wants me verify something I'll do that.

Sh why does no body in cabinet say to Mr. Frazer you are stepping out of line john?

Jack we can't if the man won't listen what can I do?

Sh the PGM can say, we don't need you anymore in this cabinet, leave.

Jack that is the PGM's problem.

Sh if that happens so often why can't he do it?

John I speak quite frankly, I am talking to Brian Hood and Ronnie Wilson at times and if John Frazer is out of line I will tell him.

Sh I was involved with him sending out letters with his own heading , from his own house, Brian brought it to your attention. He was told to cease from sending them, did he? No he just kept on doing it, he is a law unto himself.

Jack all I can do if he is stepping out of line is to apprise the cabinet of what we believe is the correct course of action and if nothing is done about it, what can we do?

Sh well as I say to he put out the statement a few months ago that he was the new kid on the block and that what had gone on before in the PAC was not of his doing, in others words our present PGM who was the chair of it at that time, so it is his fault that none of this was brought to light or anything else. That was a very good move because it says to George in Dublin, nothing to do with me George, the PGM was chairman before, it was his fault we didn't find the deeds, it was his fault we didn't know about the Mural. The PGM should have stepped in and said Hold on, what are you doing, sure you are the man who is running the whole bloody thing, but everybody seems scarred of him. When George goes up to the North he stays in Frasers flat, is that why people are scarred of him?

Jack well I would not be and john wouldn't

Sh when we have a meeting set up with George I will tell him exactly what I have told you because I cannot see the way the cabinet is being run at the minute that it can remain as it is. It is just not being run, it is being dictated to and I said that at mediation. It has not changed, it was supposed to change, it hasn't changed & mediation agreements aren't even delivered yet.

John set out your major items that have not changes

Sh the committee has not been set up, the complaints committee.

John there is variance there, I pointed out to Brian the interpretation of it.

Sh I am happy to go back to GL to get them to interpret it.

John Joe Watson, he can report, I am being frank here.

Sh as I said at the PGM meeting that day, I shook hands with you, I have no animosity about it, it is over and done with. I told Brian when he met the PGM in the Adair arms to tell him we will have no more arguments with him, we will back him, provided he does it straight and right by the bylaws and if he needs to come back and talk to us, to do so. He has never lifted the phone, all he has done generally is put Brian down. The night Brian and Ronnie were to report the chair forbid Ronnie admittance to the room, the report was disallowed. I said to Brian you're only wasting your time and money sorting things out for the PGL.

John that is, Ronnie Wilson report, is your second point.

Sh he was in the hall and he was asked to leave.

John he was very cross.

Sh he was there to give a report and he was refused admittance to give, wouldn't you be cross?

John the deputy was in the chair that night.

Jack I was with the PGM that night.

John I had a meeting with Brian and the deputy since about this. I will elaborate on it to you and it will go no further.

Sh I will speak to Brian about it.

John there was another request from two others to attend. The PGM had already said no to them, now how could he let Ronnie come in after refusing two others?

Sh the others were not coming to give a report previously promised to the board!

John they were involved in reports.

Sh it may have been concerning something but it certainly was not concerning the business of the board that was going to be.

John it actually was they would have been involved in the reports.

Sh well it is an argument for one side. I think what could have been done is I could ring you and ask if I could have a chat, the PGM is maybe above that. Our PGM thinks Brian & I are trying to get at him.

Jack I'm not so sure about that. I think the PGM thinks everybody is trying to get at him at the moment.

Sh the other week Brian met him I told him to tell the PGM we'd back him with anything he wants to do provided it is for the benefit of Provincial. We will not side step it. Brian left in a good enough manner. That being the case why doesn't he ring up and say Brian would you mind coming up the road for a coffee and chat about an issue? This 25,000 has really got up my nose. It was passed by the board, it never has been passed by the province and yet somebody went ahead and sanctioned the consultants to commence, who took that authority upon themselves?

Jack I don't know

Sh somebody must have said we are engaging these people

Jack that is obvious

Sh they can't do that, I don't think any of you two would do it. You could talk it over but couldn't make the decision as powers don't permit it.

John the night of the proposal for the consultant's appointment to get things moving again was necessary as Brian had resigned from the Retention Team.

Sh no they didn't resign they stepped down from the process, if you look back in the notes you'll see that, it was not resignation they stepped down.

John they stepped down, that night of the proposal everybody voted for it, no one objected.

Sh if you remember what the statement was the PGM made, "Brethren I implore you", if somebody had stood up and said no, we are not going for it, where would that have left him? To be fair about it there was plenty of people there to appose it but they didn't because he had pleaded with them to support it. That is not the way to lead you're province.

John I can't comment on the words used.

Sh his words were "brethren I implore you" and another word "appeal".

Jack yes he was looking for support.

Sh yes but why did he need to ask for support?

Jack I can't comment he makes a prepared statement.

Sh surely he runs his statements past you John as registrar, he doesn't just dream silly phrases such as that up? Leadership is not to implore people.

John what you are saying is there would have been only one outcome

Sh it may have been shot down and him made to look a fool. Did you want someone getting up and saying we don't have faith in you?

Jack how likely is that to happen?

Sh I wouldn't know.

Jack I am going to talk and I'll deny having said this. If people and there seems to be quite a few are against John Frazer for their own reasons, why has nobody yet got their group together and proposed a vote of no confidence in him about the way he has handled the sale of the hall, get it put to a meeting and test the thing.

Sh what happened the night when someone said to him "this is a lot of crap we have no faith in you at all", they all clapped & cheered at this but nobody proposed to get ride of him.

Jack but nobody did step up

Sh if I was there he would not be there because I would be the first man to stand up and say it.

John that is not to say you would get 100% following.

Sh no it is not but if I got up I don't think there would be too many opposing me.

John but do you realize the following he has?

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John let me rephrase that, do you realize the high regard he is held at the other end of the border?

Sh oh yes the main reason being that when George comes up he doesn't have to pay transport or for accommodation.

John its not just George and deputy and all.

Sh I understand that the deputy and all but that doesn't change the thing.

Jack no it should not be

Sh there is little goings on, lets say that I personally investigated in records house in Balmoral Avenue.

John this is between us

Sh I have not learned to use a computer yet so I have to get books out manually and page over them to find out various properties and everything else. Someday I will have it all together. I have a sworn statement, in front of a solicitor from a brother who bid for a certain property and it was sold to someone for less money.

John yes

Sh I am looking into it, I got him to write a statement out for me and the price he bid for it, all witnessed by a solicitor and a witness so there is no going back on it, I have that.

John this happened to me with an estate agent.

Sh there was another thing as far as Frazer was concerned, the BoGP told him to let the Retention Team know who the bidders were, he has never done that, he defied the board.

John did he not say he needed to go to Steele?

Interruption by the owner of the hotel in small talk.

Sh the board that particular evening it was proposed that he would tell the Retention Team who the bidders were, it is in the minutes, but he has not done it. The only people who know apparently are the estate agent and himself, unless you know, he said the Retention Team didn't need to know.

John yes I certainly don't believe that any member of the cabinet other than him knew.

Sh why is that john, does he not trust you, are you not worthy of trust?

Jack I will tell you why I didn't want to know because of the shenanigans that were going on. I was better out of that.

Sh what shenanigans?

Jack there was innuendos, bloody mistrust, accusations flying right and centre.

Sh in a cabinet such as yours there should not be that situation, innuendo's, mistrust and so on.

Jack every night there was a meeting John Frazer was hung up on the wall.

Sh why doesn't he have the guts to say I'm away?

Jack I know if it had been me there wouldn't have been a second night, you would have been the same stewarty.

Sh that's right, that night when it was put that they had no confidence in him, he should have walked out and said I'm away.

Jack you would have done the same.

Sh I would have done it.

Jack there wouldn't have been a second time, I bloody sure of that.

Sh there will be a second time, the man is so brass necked it does not matter what you do.

Jack what is the way forward here?

Sh why then did the PGM or whoever, why did they go and break the bylaws again by appointing consultants before it had been ratified? I will be there on the 28th and if he stands up and says "can I have it ratified" I will ask in front of George, has the consultants been appointed. If at that stage he confirms it I will ask grand master do we have a PGM here who does what he likes, as he likes without consulting the province.

Jack I don't think it will come to that.

Sh what is he going to do, to go back the consultants and say your disengaged?

Jack no he can't do that. If he has broken the bylaws that is down to interpretation, well then we have a problem.

Sh we'll have the same problem we had with mediation. I will report it to GL and let them investigate, we will have another hearing again, we will go back to the situation with solicitors if they want to break the bylaws and go down that road, I'm your man. The man has to learn there are protocols to follow, if he follows them there is no problem but don't ask me to follow you if you walk over the top of people and this is what happening. You cannot do that and as a cabinet you should say to him.

Phone call interruption

John how can it be resolved Stewart, is there a resolution to it?

Sh yes the proposal has been put and should be heard. The PGM seems to want to dictate, arrogance was what I found in my last confrontation with him and I thought by getting Brian to assure him we were behind him would ease that. But when someone like him goes and engages consultants the 25,000 that is part of my money he is spending. I can get 99% of that information the consultants will bring for nothing. There is a counter proposal has gone in, he either listens to the counter proposal, or if he tries putting it down it will go to GL. We are not taking no for an answer. If he wants to come along and talk to Brian and Ronnie, fair enough.

Jack but when

Sh on the 28th. It is up on the 28th, it is a counter proposal to what we have now.

Jack it is a notice of motion

Sh well a notice of motion is giving you 21 days before 28th, it was presented on the 7th, it should be heard on the 28th.

John point here, the motion should be distributed to all concerned so that they know what the motion is before debate.

Sh when the secretary sends out the circular for the 28th put it with it.

John the circulars are away

Sh 21 days is what is required send out the Notice of Motion as required now. Come 28th I don't want confrontation. There is more than me involved in this, a lot of people in the higher orders who are annoyed about this. They think the whole thing is going down the tubes. To spend 25,000, the notice of motion given has brethren named on it and will give there services free, architect's, engineers, consultants, it would cost us nothing to get the deeds processed the EHS man settled and we are going to pay 25,000 to consultants! The night the finance committee were told it was the first they were aware of it, no consideration time. The board should have been advised and given a month before voting instead the PGM gets up and says "I implore you Brethren support me". Who is driving to sell the hall who is driving that

John who is saying we are selling the it?

Sh 1st of all, when the report comes back where does it go to?

John to Ivan again, the finance committee and then the board.

Sh so no one will tweak it?

John no

Jack the consultants were asked to speak with Ronnie and Brian & people that would be helpful

Sh why would the Retention Team do that?

Jack these people were given names that might be helpful, that's all.

Sh all right lets go down that road you have just stated and they were given Ivan's name to talk to on behalf of PGL. Why would the Retention Team speak to the consultants who are getting paid a fee for doing a job, are they going to reduce the fee because 90% of what they get from the Retention Team will reduce their work?

Jack now listen Stewart, there was Brian and several other major players at that time.

Sh the Retention Team and others were giving their time freely!

Jack I know but we are contacting them to get their views.

Sh yes but your paying for it.

Jack I know but how can they make a determination of what is correct or not if they don't know if they don't know all the options and if Brian thinks one way and somebody else another then they will say in their view this is the best way, there is no body in Co Antrim can say I don't accept that so and so is involved in it, this way it is totally independent. Every member can say this is from outside we have to do that. The other way is so much fighting. If Brian had come up with the greatest scheme under the sun, somebody would say no way I'm not having that. If John Frazer had came up with a scheme somebody would claim he's involved in it, there something shady we are not getting involved and we would never get resolution.

Sh I said to Brian they are benefitting from your knowledge to me that is wrong.

Jack they should listen to Brian's ideas, he doesn't have to give them all away.

Sh the consultants have been instructed for a fee to get ideas for the hall, the best ways forward. You are not paying Ronnie and Brian to do that so why should they? The consultants should come back with the best ideas. The other solution is to use those named on the Notice of Motion who are leaned people who offer to do it for free. I felt bad about 25,000 being spent on something we can get for free. In Antrim we have all the brethren necessary to do all this without spending a penny. You need a catalyst to bring them all together. You need someone to lead them.

John you are not taking on board what jack has just said.

Sh I am taking it on board but if they come back with something at total variance to that of the RT's proposals, do you not think I will get and up and say it is total crap and our scheme is better?

Jack I accept that totally it has cost 25,000 to get it but at least the brethren sitting in that room that night are going to say sh is right but at the minute 50% might say you are and the rest not

Sh that is because they have not heard me speak. The most times the Retention scheme has presented something it has been more than acceptable. You have been asked why they have not been heard, but you fail to tell them because the PGM denies them.

Jack I don't understand why they stepped down.

Sh Brian explained to john that they could not get answers to the questions they asked Frazer would not give them up.

Jack surely to God Stewart there is another way if you can come to me and ask for information that I have been told to give you and I am not giving it there must be another road you can travel to get that information without saying, oh bugger that I'm away.

Sh the men there don't do anything to help the situation, the PGM doesn't have the guts to say to john do it, john Dunlop is scared of him.

John I would not accept that totally, there were two occasions recently I cannot go into that he was firmly trodden on. I can't mention the subjects the PGM is turning.

Sh tell me this, why was it that John Frazer hired architects to look into the window in PGL and charge £800 to a lodge, who authorizes him to do that?

John that is outside my remit.

Jack You are travelling down a road I cannot travel down at the minute. You do certain things and do I too Stewart.

Sh tell me this, he got up at the meeting, I have been told and said the lodge will not be charged £800 for the fee of drawing it up, will PGL be picking that up?

John no I can assure you of that.

Sh I said to Brian you watch in the finance meetings if it goes out, I want to know about it because that is theft of the highest order.

Jack that I can assure will not happen

Sh and it won't go out in a cheque for something else?

Jack I can tell you it won't go out from the PGL in any shape or form or fashion under any guise.

Sh well I'll take your word on that.

Jack you keep your eye on that if you have to. I don't want to go too far down that road, I am investigating things myself, there are certain people in whiteabbey who are not happy about what happened over that. There is a whole lot of things that have happened and have annoyed a lot of people.

Sh yes but what is don't see happening and I think you both would be inclined to agree with me, John you say is turning slightly but the PGM doesn't not take a stand against Frazer when he does things that are totally wrong.

Jack maybe not wrong, maybe irregular

Sh well spending £900 of the PGL's money was totally wrong. If it wasn't that I'd spoke to a member of that lodge and told him it wouldn't happen, he had invoiced them and all.

Jack I know that but anyone in the construction industry would know that spending £800 for an architect to do what John Frazer done, to send a young fellow with a camera to take a photo and take back a report, this takes 4 hours, at most 4 hrs at £50 / hr this is £200, do you see where I'm coming from?

Sh I know exactly where you're coming from, that is the reason why I'm bringing it up but I can't see how this man gets away with it, with impunity, you all know the strokes he's pulled.

John I wouldn't be aware of all the strokes he pulled I only know of two strokes recently, in the last 8-10 weeks he has been tramped on very firmly, subjects that I can't bring up.

Sh well I hope GL tramped on him very firmly for making that statement in shalom that evening.

Jack yes but that's a very general statement he made, all he said was they've gone to GL for approval, it could mean weeks later.

Sh then when I make a call to GL to discover they are before the board this month before PGL!

Jack they are on the circular for 28th to be ratified.

Sh but they were on the circular for GL board tomorrow!

Jack they were on the notice for tomorrow but I think you'll find they are not now.

Sh they have now been withdrawn

Jack yes

Sh exactly

Jack well let me give you an instance; in 1993/94 similar circumstances arose and stuff was brought up by Dublin 3 days after the PGL had ratified it in Belfast. So how the hell did it get to GL only 3 days later, but that's ok then, but not ok now?

Sh before mediation and before Askins told me a pack of lies and then Dennis Millen lost his memory, I wouldn't have half listen to a meeting, when I explained that to short-arse he said I was detrimental to the board half the people at the board don't know what is going on. A lot of them simply because they have to attend.

Jack they listen only if something interests them.

Sh that is right, Frazer said it has been passed at the board, I said but not ratified, Frazer said your wrong.

John a view before I leave, if your lodge of any lodge elected someone to represent them to the BoGP my view is that the lodge has deemed them to represent them and take general decisions on behalf of that lodge, there are other views, questions back and forth, take it to your lodges if undecided, what is you take on that.

Sh my take would be your second situation that he would go to listen to what is said and go back to the lodge, get a decision and bring an answer to the next meeting. As I did with Askin's ask for time, receive that assurance and then consult with my lodge, he promised until October of 06 and then deceived us by bringing it in Aug 06.

Jack you're saying if you're not sure, its not set in concrete, what is the way forward here?

Sh there is a 21 day notice in front of us, to be brought on the 28th and we will have to see what the PGM says about that. At the minute you are spending 25,000 which I don't deem at this point is the proper thing to do. That 25,000 could be better spent on charities, it is money that should not have been spent or put in progress before ratification. Secondly we should have proper discussion upon it, it taken back to its lodges and then vote on a proper knowledgeable basis and say yes we go for that or listen to another proposals and go with it.

Jack let me ask you a question then. How come if that is what you are advocating on this occasion but yet and with all at the board in May, the Retention Team got up and made their opening and got a vote for them to go ahead and do it that night. It never went back to the lodges, the brethren that attended made their decisions and decided to go for it.

Sh have you seen any of the emails that have been passing round since?

Jack no

Sh well you ought to get a look at them.

Jack in one sense it is quite acceptable for the Retention Team to make an opening statement and say we are going for that, we are not selling the hall and yet on another occasion whenever it has been passed of the same men. I can't get this straight in my mind.

Sh it is not that, that is not alright, it is already engaging consultants before it is ratified. On the 28th when they ask for ratification I will object to spending the 25,000 and stand in support of the Notice of Motion

Jack what happens if it is not backed what do you do.

Sh if what is not backed

Jack you obviously object to it

Sh if everyone else agrees with it well then you have to find out what you are going to do. Hear what the Retention Team has to say in front of George on the 28th

Jack is that the place for it

Sh no it is not the place for it. It is not me who went ahead and appointed consultants.

Jack it is not a hanging offence

Sh I am not saying it is

Jack we are not salaried you know. Ronnie and Brian are not salaried and they have put in a lot of time & money, employed solicitors to try and get this sorted out. How do we get ourselves out of this shit at the moment?

Sh I can't tell you how to do that. My view is that you talk to Ronnie and Brian and see what their suggestions are. On the 28th I will get up in front of the GM, Brian has said dad you can't, just watch me. This man has not learnt from mediation, we had given him

our word, we would back him, he has not had the decency to speak to us about the 25,000 when it was brought to his attention, sheer arrogance.

Jack I have been castigated by a senior cabinet member for using these words but I'm going to say them to you. Obviously there is a lot of dirty linen being washed, let us not do it in public on the 28th. I am doing my utmost with John to try and get this on the right track for a resolution, don't you rock the boat on the 28th. I have got to set things in motion.

Sh On the 28th if it is brought to the GM's attention that there is dissatisfaction in the whole province of Antrim regarding it I am quite confident that is what is going to happen. He is going to get hold of John and say "what are all these men going on about. This was not authorized by PGL, why did someone go ahead and do that. These men are up in arms about it why?" you know as well as I do that Antrim is now second pony to Down

Jack yes

Sh Co Down is leading the way, we used to be the biggest province but our leadership has gone down hill like our membership.

Jack there are men leaving the order.

Sh correct instead of being aloof you need to talk to the men on the ground. Brian recently said to me about a department in one of our business losing money, hard decisions had to be taken and taken they were, men were addressed that had been with us for years and told either shape up or ship out. Mediation was supposed to change ways, it has changed nothing.

Jack why are you so hell bent on teaching him a lesson.

Sh when a child steps out of line, a smack usually addresses it and it has learnt its lesson, mediation was the cabinet's lesson but it hasn't changed, it is very serious. We're all trying to be on the level here trying to follow our bylaws and do the right thing as laid down but you've got to lead.

Jack you've got to earn respect Stewarty, why we are here today and not John Dunlop.

Sh primarily if I rang him he would not meet me, he is scared of me.

John if he was to meet you with another person

Sh I would certainly see them along with Brian

John if he was to meet with Jack, Brian and you.

Sh I would certainly do that providing

Jack no proviso's

Sh providing you are coming with an open mind accepting you were wrong.

Jack wrong is the wrong word, in every situation there is room for maneuvering both may have to move positions

Sh I do not want to see GL sorting this out. It is an internal issue created by wrongful actions by the PGM and others.

John what is your bottom line Stewart, I'm anxious not to wash our dirty linen in public.

Sh that the PGM & Jack meet Brian and I to talk it over

Telephone interruption

Jack I want to see fair play. There is no winners in this. SH, BH, Billy Beattie, Joe Watson all officers have been besmirched with this, we're in a pot of shit.

Sh like the last time I met the PGM, he could have resolved it, rather he said the minutes were correct, when I told him the man who lied to me wrote the minutes and asked if Dennis could recall it, he said Dennis couldn't recall. At the end of the day he had to apologize, he was wrong and had been misled. The next time I'll not concede on one head I'll ask for several. I

Jack if we have to let blood then do it in house. I will take this to the PGM like the last time. When the PGM hears what we have spoke of today he will be nervous, that is his manner but I will see if he will come along with others.

Sh if I can assist the PGM I will do so as long as he keeps to the bylaws, but to implore people & if someone had objected he would have been lost in a desert. Who writes his speeches, surely he runs it past you's

John that's his own words unless his wife helps him.

Jack I will take this to the PGM, I did the last time and I'll do it again. If he doesn't want to meet with you I will tell you

Sh if he brings Fraser I will tell him what I think of him. I think your in for a rough ride on the 28th. If he doesn't come or approach us then I will consider my approach forward.

Jack when are you to meet with George?

Sh as soon as we can.