

“Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth”

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McNally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 22, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Crystal Lambkin, Dave Schulz, Frank Adamson, Annie Holtby, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Carolyn Mullin, Gail Levay, Mel Groom, Michael Jacques, Troy Killick.

1. **Welcome**

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Hugh**

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. **Toast & National Anthem. Mike**

- a) To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of the United States, and To the President of Rotary International
- b) National Anthem **Carolyn**

4. **4-WAY TEST. Mike**

Of the things we think, say, or do
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build good will and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

5. **Invocation. Mel**

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us,
With the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us,
With our goals before us, and no task beyond us,
With a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world,

We are thankful for our Rotary friends

6. **President Updates, Correspondence. Science in the Schools.** \$2300 grant going to 5 classrooms in Pelham Science in Schools. Thanks for the collaboration! Can we bring Michelle in for the formal presentation?

Signs for Auction. The signs are from Hugh for setting up around town strategically after today's meeting - we have 37. Auction = Fundraising

Temperanceville Set Up is Saturday November 25th 130 PM at Peace Park. It's a Top Priority to get the buildings back in shape, to where we're happy with them. Suggestion was made to get two groups, the painters and the repair people.

Annie will pick up the Tim's supplies

7. No regular meeting next week, 730 am November 27th we have a board meeting at MCC Concession, First Floor. Any member is welcome to attend.

Regular weekly Meeting will be November 1st for all.

Friday November 15th is our Holiday Social. Please sign up on Clubrunner.

Fundraising is our main topic today.

We're small, we have some active members, some are in the background.

Paul. What are our objectives? We would have funds to give away. It brings members together.

We get to focus on club objectives. We get PR. People see Rotary doing things. It can be an opportunity to do things with other organisations. e.g. Bob & police connection. It can be sustainable. Fundraising Budget was \$15000. Bingo was \$8500. FarmFest's goal was \$10,000.

Paul has some concerns with FarmFest – the return of time and energy is small; it's weather dependent. It was also dependent on sponsorships. Paul is getting new hips which are happening at FarmFest planning time. Paul had broken down the responsibility areas and need for chairs of:

Sponsorship, Exhibitors, Social Media, Marketing, Kids' Activities, Developing Partnerships, Food Site Planning,

Today, we need to review FarmFest, come up with New Ideas, and make Timelines.

Dave. We made a lot of new connections. We don't want to lose these people. PR is important. White Meadows has the facility, A big barn although not heated.

Hugh. Concerning the profits from the Golf Tournament, Welland and Fonthill Clubs will continue to do a joint venture rather than figuring out the divvying up! For FarmFest, Hugh will work that day but will not take on a role.

Canada Day – weather is a major consideration.

Dave. We had a good committee but Paul stukk did the brunt of it.

Mike. What about a barn dance?

Troy, after seeing what went into FarmFest; it's a huge amount of work.

Carolyn. Our ability to lead is a problem.

Crystal. Any thought to working with other Rotary clubs?

Hugh. Like Kinsman- Richard Bering's dad is a Kinsman.

Troy. Our strategies are helping another to succeed.

Carolyn. What attracts you? Discretionary money – we want to engage but where will we put our earnings?

Doug Burr Memorial is a Hockey Tournament for 7 & under. 1 day or weekend. We'd help set up the day of.

A shredding day? Few of us needed.

Pancake Breakfast at White Meadows? - 1 day. **Father's Day timing?**