



**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL  
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Sean Racher, Frank Adamson, Bob Eamer, Carolyn Mullin, Hugh Graham, Annie Holtby, Ann Harrison, Mel Groom, Tia Taylor, Mike Taylor, Troy Killick.

**1. Welcome** to our guests, Sean Racher, guests of Paul and today's speaker, Ryan Harrison.

**2. Land Acknowledgement: Bob.**

*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: Hugh**

To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International

**4. 4-WAY TEST: Hugh**

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?

**Invocation: Carolyn**

Let us, as Rotarians and humans, work to do good.

Let us, as Rotarians and humans, work to be honest and ethical in all our dealings.

Let us, as Rotarians and humans, work to serve others.

And let us, as Rotarians and humans, work to faithfully fulfill our obligations as neighbors to our community, our nation, and the world

**5. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Assorted**

**Free Skate. Paul.** It's the 16<sup>th</sup>. Suggest bucket donations - a toonie.

**Temperanceville: Mike.** World record for setting up Temperanceville on Saturday! Good turnout, great day, tasty coffee and donuts!

**Giving Tuesday. Ann.** Mel and Ann went to 4 Elementary schools on Tuesday and they were all very appreciative. Two young boys articulated what they do every day from delivering the bags to picking

them up at the end of the day. 400 every 2 weeks from one school! EL Crossley is to receive their \$2000 for scholarship and 2000 for food along with Wellington Heights today.

**Holiday Cheer.** Pat and Jeanette are our shoppers. One child is 16 so not within parameters but we can still donate to her. There's lots of need, lots of opportunities.

**Ukraine Project.** We had a note from Leslie Murch about the Ukraine opportunities. Ours and other 7090 club contribution to the \$25,000 request grew to \$126,000 for medical supplies that were sent on November 14<sup>th</sup> directly to a Rotary club there for distribution.

**Rotary Mega TV Auction.** **Annie** Tomorrow marks the start of the three day Auction followed by 4 days in the warehouse. Thanks for volunteering for both studio and warehouse. Pauline, first time volunteer to the event, is working in the Studio on the phones.

**Benevity. Hugh.** Need to correct address for CRA purposes. Hugh will take care of it. Just needs a void cheque.

**Room Bookings. Dave.** Don't have dates for January for this room yet.

**Motion.** To get an official mail box for Rotary. **M/S/C Hugh. Mike. All**

6. **Guest Speaker –Hugh. Introduced Ryan Harrison, President and Director of Fun and Owner of the Jackfish Baseball team.**

**Ryan's** premise is entertainment always! Promotion through shirts, rock concerts, running the bases, etc., continues all season. The Ball Park has 2100 seats. We decided to invest in some stadium seating rather than a Christmas Party. Ryan showed a video of all the excitement fans experienced each game not to mention the Baseball! Young and old, people come from Buffalo to Burlington.

The Jackfish is the pike, native to the Welland River. It's a cool logo. 1000 came to the first game. Last year, 25,000 were there during the season at the park. We hope to increase from 1000 a game to 1500 this year. Funding: We had \$75,000 of our own money. Raffles, pick game charges (pay 12 and get back 4) brought in funds too. Welland Roses – professional ball jerseys – we auction those off. Our games are Thursday at 7 and Saturday at 1 through June, July and August. Another premise is fun for all. On **December 10<sup>th</sup>** – check out Tailgates in Welland.

Our website is wellandjackfish.com. Entry starts at \$7 a game with highest ticket price at \$14. Right now we have 639 stadium seats. If you pay, it's your seat for the season. We also have Junior Jackfish. All our rep teams are called Jackfish. We had 4 initially and now we have 8. We don't have much to do with them but have loaned our name. Our Team tied for 1<sup>st</sup> – City finals we didn't do as well! Goal is to meet the finals. Charities – **Troy** – you've given out tons! Raffles for different charities, Welland Roses – switch it around. We're tagging up with Welland firefighting. Hope, Rose City Kids – we do a package deal with Ice Dogs. **Hugh.** I'm a big fan. Jackfish put out a feeler that they were coming and we've had our seats ever since. There's a season ticket and a hoody in the Auction.

**Hugh thanked Ryan** and mentioned our speakers are thanked with a donation to Lincoln Pelham Library.

7. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies –**

**Sean.** Happy my wife starts a new job today.

**Hugh.** Happy Ryan was able to join us. In the online part of auction, \$25,000 has been raised already.

Grassy Brooks donated 10 rounds and Hugh is bidding on all of them. Fortunately someone is overbidding him! Tune in if you can.

**Frank.** I'm shaking a cold after a few weeks. Judy still has hers. I'm happy Sean has put in an application for membership.

**Mike.** Beautiful weather for Temperanceville! Welcome back, Tia.

**Troy.** Temperanceville was fantastic. This is my designated night to go in and do my Christmas shopping at the Auction.

**Ann.** Wellington Heights and Crossley today for giving out their food program monies.

**Mel.** Sorry Ryan left – my daughters want tickets!

**Tia.** Happy to be back! I'm thinking of joining again. I'm retired!

**Bob.** Happy to be involved with the schools and their food programs!

**Carolyn.** Mixed feelings about The Voice. They won awards and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place photo award across Ontario for one of Bernie's photos without mention of B.

**Annie.** Great spirited presentation from Ryan, Jackfish! Wonderful to have Tia back!

**Next Meetings/Events: December 7th** – Therapy Paws of Canada in Niagara with Rosemary Jellinck and Sarah Henderson. **December 14<sup>th</sup>** Brilee Sears, Reporter for Niagara This Week, **December 16<sup>th</sup>** Free Skate at MCC **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Social Breakfast at Dominics. Get number by 14<sup>th</sup>.