

## Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

### Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2017



MacBain Community Centre 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, ON.

**Present:** Ross Durdan, Dan Mazur, David Berry, Harry Walker, Jennifer Schoenhals, BJ Romans, Bob Smith, Tawnya Hartford, Don Cruickshank

**Absent:** Diane Kon, Olya Makerewich, Peter Feren,

#### **1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM. DAVID BERRY: CHAIR**

#### **2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by Tawnya Hartford

Seconded by Bob Smith

Carried

#### **3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

3.1.1. The cost for getting a police check for potential host family members is \$40. Members of the club to be reimbursed should they want to host exchange student. Initially we had decided that members of the household that were 16+ get police checks done as well. Jennifer suggested amending that to checks for 18+ members of the household.

#### **4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

##### **4.1. President (David Berry)**

4.1.2 Police Check: will be required by the club of parents, anyone 18+ that lives in the home, members of a committee involved with youth. A file of members' police checks to be submitted to Board Secretary.

4.1.3 Vision: Club to establish committees to create a 5 year plan (cost, resources, etc). Strategic planning will be necessary with each committee breaking down their plan into one year increments. Would like to see every member of the club sit on at 1 fundraising and 1 operating committee

4.1.4 Ken Smith's plaque has been affixed to the bench and we will choose a future meeting (and invite Rose Smith) for the ceremony. Date – TBD

4.1.5. Tawnya and Dave will update the attendance from last year. The Board would like to see members of each POD input the information in the future.

- 4.1.6. New member: Susan Howard will be joining the club after transferring over from the Oakville club. Her previous dues have are paid up to June/17.. A resume/bio will be submitted for Board and Club approval.
- 4.1.7. Catch the Ace: Our fellow Niagara Falls club is interested in pursuing this endeavor. We will need a Steering Committee to set guidelines for the project. CTA will require a lot of manpower as the success of the event hinges on selling tickets.
- 4.1.8. Membership Options: different levels of membership were discussed including corporate and associate. The matter has been tabled for further discussion.
- 4.1.9 Millenium Trail: the club has an interest in becoming a sponsor. The City of Niagara Falls is looking for \$100,000 donation. We could possibly donate in installments (\$25,000) a year over 4 years. Is this investment worth it? Will club gain from sponsoring the trail?

**4.2.      Past President: (Peter Feren)**

None submitted

**4.3.      President-Elect: (Harry Walker):**

- 4.3.1 Paul Harris Night: April 8/17: Delphi Hall. \$45/person. 15 complimentary tickets to be made available. Harry to meet with June Mergl from NF Rotary Club to discuss sponsors. Looking at different levels of sponsorship including having an award recipient being sponsored by a local business. (Major sponsor - \$190, Minor sponsor -\$100 for example)
- 4.3.2. Nominee information to be distributed shortly.(End of February) Harry to look into the eligibility of the leader of the Momentum Choir.

**4.4.      Treasurer: (Bob Smith)**

4.4.1 SERVICE ACCOUNT: \$55,040.88  
GENERAL ACCOUNT: \$3582.18

4.4.2 We need to contact Ted Salci and Ann Davidson re: dues. Scott Glover's remaining membership dues have to be paid

Motion to accept December financials made by BJ

Seconded by Don Cruickshank

Accepted

## **5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

### **5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)**

None submitted

### **5.2 Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)**

5.2.1 Tawnya to look into our PR deal with Crime Stoppers

5.2.2 Ribfest ads will be running on Facebook shortly. Will use ads as a way to promote Shaver Hospital, Pathstone, and the Macaroni packaging project

### **5.3 PODs/Membership: (BJ Romans)**

#### **5.3.1 Report from the Pod Chair:**

5.3.2 February speakers -Pod 2 -booked except for the 16th where there is a backup already to fill in  
March speakers - Pod 3 not booked -March 16th (March Break will be an activity or who's who)  
April speakers - Pod 4 – not booked - April 6th -cancelled due to Paul Harris event on April 8.  
BJ has a list of potential speakers that are offered to pod chairs for access as requested.

#### **5.3.3. Report from Membership Chair**

Susan Howard from the Oakville Club to be inducted ASAP.

BJ has a list of 1 definite potential member and 4 other possible candidates for either now in the future. 4 are female whereas only one is male- Is this an issue?

BJ has acquaintances in the club, who needs to be approached (tactfully) about whether they would see this as an issue.

NB - I need more info on the process, and to coordinate a meeting with Peter Feren who has ideas for the committee.

We also need a new process for getting names of potential members, and especially younger ones.

### **5.4 Community Services: (Diane Kon)**

None submitted

**5.5 International Service (Don Cruikshank)**

None submitted

**5.6 Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)**

5.6.1 Ross to bring SlapShot information at meeting on Thursday (Feb. 8/17)  
Deadline is the end of February. We need 3 candidates.

**5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerwich)**

None submitted

**5.9 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)**

None submitted

**6. Other Business**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 5:30PM**