

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 29, 2017



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

Present: Olya Makerewich Dan Mazur, Dave Berry, Harry Walker, Ross Durdan, Peter Feren BJ Romans, Bob Smith, Tawnya Hartford,

Absent: Diane Kon, Jennifer Schoenhals, Don Cruickshank

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:33 PM. DAVE BERRY: CHAIR

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by Olya Makerewich
Seconded by BJ Romans
Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

- 3.1.1 Dave Berry to give presentation to membership on how to update attendance on ClubRunner (late April meeting)
- 3.1.2. Tawnya to get attendance list for Feb-March meetings to input on CR

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

4.1. President (Dave Berry)

4.1.2 Proof of insurance is on record with The City of Niagara Falls re: use of the MacBain Centre boardroom. Insurance forms from Norwich Insurance will be up on ClubRunner

4.1.3. Millennium Trail:

The other NF Club will be donating \$75,000. The Board has received a positive response from the Community Services Chair funding for the trail. The Rotary Foundation will also potentially be involved in funding the project. Our goal is to donate \$5000 over the next five years for a total of \$25,000. It will help to promote the club (public relations, name recognition) and allow for the club to leave a legacy in the community.

BJ motions that the Community Services Committee allocate \$5000/year for the next five years to help fund the Millennium Trail

Seconded by Peter Feren

Carried

4.1.4. **Catch the Ace:**

Dave Berry has been working with the NF Rotary Club on the potential project and they seem to be eager to make it a reality. .Dave had contacted the City re: Lottery license and is expecting a response soon. The event does not need to a year-long project. We could run it over 10 weeks. Coverage could be provided by Cogeco, Facebook, or webcast. Winners do not have to be present to win. We will follow the Grimsby Legion's model as they run a similar event successfully. We can offer a payout of up to \$50,000.

4.1.5. **International Projects:**

Nancy Tkachuk recently attended a Rotary International Projects meeting and came away very impressed and enthused about getting our club involved. We could possibly support other local Rotary Clubs in the District on International projects. We also need to be more aware when it comes to potential international projects that may appeal to our club.

4.1.6. Rotary needs a connection with the schools at the elementary school level.
: education, designing a curriculum, measuring learning outcomes.

Three alternatives:

- **STEM: Science / Technology / Engineering / Mathematics** — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.
- **Coding** : Building the engine for the computer
- **Financial Literacy:** Teaching children about budgeting and saving their money, giving them a greater appreciation for fiscal responsibility.

4.1.7. Would provide a great path for us to fulfill Youth Services commitment of our club vision. We would like to support scholarships for youth in trades and professions, invest in career mentorship in schools, and establish a curriculum that would be sponsored by our club. We will need to get feedback and support from teachers, parents, schoolboard, and principals. Dave to introduce the idea to membership and find 2 members to look into things further.

4.2. Past President: (Peter Feren)

None submitted

4.3. President-Elect: (Harry Walker)

- 4.3.1 Tickets for the Paul Harris Awards Night are now available
- 4.3.2. Dave to send pictures of past Club Events and groups we support (for the slideshow) to June Mergl
- 4.3.3. Harry to call membership re: attending the event and/or sponsorship
- 4.3.4. Dan to e-blast membership with tickets designed by Nancy Tkachuk's company

4.4. Treasurer: (Bob Smith)

- 4.4.1 **SERVICE ACCOUNT: \$47,621.17**
GENERAL ACCOUNT: \$82359.69
- 4.4.2 Scott Glover still owes \$65)

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)

- 5.1.1 Jennifer has sent letters to Stamford and St. Michael's re: Rotary Medalists. She has heard back from Stamford and is waiting for the dust settle school board lockout before she contacts St. Mikes (yet to hear back from them, they have a new principal this year as well).
- 5.1.2. We have one application so far for RYLA in June. We could likely send two candidates. The deadline for us to consider applications is April 30, will give our selection time and we should still be able to meet the early registration discount date. (Dan to put RYLA in the newsletter)
- 5.1.3. If anyone is interested in hosting our international student, they can contact Jennifer and if anyone is interested in having the student participate in any activities, e.g., trips to the Zoo, Aquarium, etc., Jennifer will need those Rotarians to have a Police Check

5.2 Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)

- 5.2.1 Tawnya will be leading a seminar at the Club Leadership event on May 6 re: Advertising/Marketing
- 5.2.2. District Conference will be held at the White Oaks Oct 27-29, 2017

5.3 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)

- 5.3.1. Dan to start distributing summary of Board meeting minutes in lieu of some members having navigating Clubrunner.

5.4. PODs/Membership: (BJ Romans)

5.3.1 Report from the Pod Chair:

- 5.3.2. March -all speakers booked. April - 6th cancelled due to Paul Harris Night on April 8. April 13, 20 and 27th do not have speakers updated on Clubrunner but the Pod co-chairs and team have been notified about April responsibilities. BJ expects them to have potential speakers lined up. May is fully booked. June 1st has a tentative booking. Only the 22nd has not been filled.-Could be a "who's who." July - reminder that Pod rotation occurs at the beginning of the Rotary year meaning that it will be Pod 3's month.

5.3.3. Report from Membership Chair

- 5.3.4. One potential member (Bonny Brady) coming in April after her vacation. Other potential members to be approached. BJ has requested that Dave inquire at the next meeting if club members have any suggestions of people that should be approached re: attending a meeting/joining club.

5.4 Community Services: (Diane Kon)

5.4.1 Allocation of Funds:

- **Women's Place – 3 committee members would like to donate \$1,000 and 3 committee members prefer not to support the request. For this reason, a cheque for \$500 will be sent.**
- **Diabetes Assoc. - \$700**
- **Hotel Dieu Shaver - \$1000**
- **Thunder Cats (Niagara Minor Girls Softball) - \$400**
- **Student from Victoria School whom we had agreed to help with \$750 toward the cost of his hearing aids. PC Children's Charity covered \$2500. So, when Diane receives the name of the company supplying the aids she will request a cheque for the \$750. (simple math of committee members' preferences)**

- 5.4.2. Community Services Committee Budget is posted at the bottom of the minutes

5.5 International Service (Don Cruikshank)

None submitted

5.6 Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)

5.6.1 We have 4 candidates for SlapShot.

5.6.2. The last InterAct project raised \$250 (donations went to Pathstone and Mary's Meals). A bake sale is planned and the group will be collecting donations for Women' Place.

5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerewich)

None submitted

6. Other Business

6.1.1. The NOTL Rotary Club is looking for help with a frozen meat fundraiser.
Looking to raise \$3-5000. Will gauge membership's interest in getting involved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT 5:30PM

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise		
Community Services Committee		
2016-2017		
	Total Budget	Commitments
Community Service	\$10,000	
Big Brothers Big Sisters		\$600
YWCA		\$1,000
Carousel Players		\$1,000
Bethlehem Housing		\$600
GNG Site of NHS (Urology Laser)		\$3,500
Niagara Falls Community Outreach (stainless serving table)		\$2,270
Women's Place of South Niagara		\$500
Hotel Dieu Shaver		\$1,000
Discretionary	\$3,500	
District Conference (David Berry)		\$200
Boys and Girls Club (Christmas Dinner)		\$500
Niagara Girls Minor Softball Assoc.		\$400
Environment	\$4,000	
City of Niagara Falls Arbour Day		\$2,500
Human Development	\$2,000	
United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie Film event		\$1,000
Hearing aids for DSBN student (cheque not issued yet)		\$750
Individual	\$3,000	
Connect Hearing (Mr. Smith)		\$1,340
Canadian Diabetes Association		\$700
Porch Lift (Val Coates) cheque not issued yet		\$1,500
Historic Commitments		
Niagara Nutrition Partners Annual (\$7,500)	\$7,500	\$7,500
Pathstone Foundation fifth of five years at \$5000 each)	\$5,000	\$5,000
	\$35,000	\$31,860

