

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2016



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

Present: Bob Smith, Tawnya Hartford, Dan Mazur, Ross Durdan, David Berry, Jennifer Schoenhals, Harry Walker, Olya Makerewich

Absent: Diane Kon, Don Cruikshank, BJ Romans, Peter Feren

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

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2016

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by Jennifer Schoenhals

Seconded by Ross Durdan

Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

3.1.1. Bench Plaques: Ken Smith's bench will be installed soon. Plaque cost \$15. Other plaques will need to be replaced as they have become weathered over the past few years

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

4.1. President (David Berry)

4.1.1 David Berry and Jennifer recently attended the District and Global Grants Seminar

4.1.2 Source of Funding: RI uses money that all district clubs contribute to annual fund for 3 years. 50% of that money goes back to the District. District distributes this share at 50% as District Grants and 50% as Global Grants

4.1.3 District Grants: got to clubs at \$2000/max. matching grants: \$1 Club: \$1 District

Global Grants: Funding is \$10,000/max. with match from RI World fund: Canadian Government also matches dollar for dollar

4.1.4 Funding methods can be strengthened by sharing a project with other clubs (especially through Global grants)

4.1.5 David is suggesting that the Club looks into funding for a District Grant (smaller projects) or larger international projects that we will share with a local host for \$10,000/max.

4.1.6 Change in Board Structure: David to email the Club re: changes to current Board format. Will be discussed at a future October breakfast meeting (seeking input from membership). Board to vote on matter at October Board Meeting

4.1.7 Vision Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016: Anne Birmingham is the Facilitator. She is an HR Professional and Rotary Executive (lots of experience). Need to find a venue to host event (we have options) Price range: \$32-45. There would be no breakfast meeting that week.

4.2. Past President: (Peter Feren)

4.3. President-Elect: (Harry Walker):

4.3.1 Harry to work with June Mergl on Paul Harris Night following TV Auction (NF Rotary Club's TV Auction Chair has stepped down and June has been assigned role)

4.4. Treasurer: (Bob Smith)

4.4.1 Unpaid dues: Ann Davidson, Brian Kon, Olya Makerewich, Joyce Morocco, Scott Glover, Ted Salci, Jim Sissons

4.4.2 At issue is our move from BMO to Meridian Credit Union MCU: cheques (\$85 for 50), no online banking, need more clarification from MCU (Jennifer to call Scott Glover)

4.4.3 At BMO we could not change from a business account to a community account

4.4.4 Either way, there will be a fee involved with every cheque that we cash at MCU or BMO

4.4.5 Budget for next year's projects is \$65,709 (Service Account).

Motion to accept Financial Statement for 2016/17 made by Jennifer

Seconded by Ross Durdan

Carried

4.4.6 General Account: \$4968.62

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)

5.1.1 Jennifer has distributed posters at Stamford and contacted Westlane's Guidance Officer re: Rotary Exchange Program. Have not heard back from St. Michael's.

5.1.2 We need accommodations for 8 students who will be attending the 7080 conference in October

Jennifer will be looking for host families for next year (hoping for possibly 4 homes hosting for 3 months each)

5.2 Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)

5.2.1. Tawnya to follow up with CrimeStoppers

5.3 PODs/Membership: (BJ Romans)

5.3.1 Only the first meeting in October has been booked, and the first meeting in November has been booked.

5.3.2 BJ will send a reminder to pod 2 about October speakers immediately. A new message o pod 3 will be sent to remind them of November commitments

5.4 Community Services: (Diane Kon)

5.4.1 The Community Services Committee have made financial commitments to the following: Big Brothers Big Sisters, City of Niagara Falls Arbour Day, Individual – Hearing Aids, YWCA, Carousel Players, Bethlehem Housing and Support Services

5.4.2 Additional requests for support have been received and will be reviewed in the coming month

5.4.3 Long term commitments of \$7500/year for Niagara Nutrition Partners school nutrition program in Niagara Falls and #5000 for the Mending Children's Minds project with Pathstone Foundation (final installment) will be distributed later in the year

5.5 International Service (Don Cruikshank)

5.5.1. International Committee has yet to meet to discuss this year's plans. Awaiting BJ's return after Thanksgiving

5.6 Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)

5.6.1 The InterAct Club will be holding their 2nd meeting of the year on Sept. 27/16.

5.6.2 We would like to invite the Executive from the IC (as well as Teacher/Advisor) to attend a breakfast meeting and provide us with a summary of upcoming projects

5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerwich)

5.7.1 Information re: Christmas Party to be made available shortly

5.9 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)

6. Other Business

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 pm

Proposed: Next meeting: TBD