

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 25, 2016



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

Present: , Bob Smith, , Tawnya Hartford, Dan Mazur, Ross Durdan, David Berry, Jennifer Schoenhals

Absent: Diane Kon, Brian Kon, Peter Feren, Olya Makerewich, BJ Romans, Harry Walker, Don Cruikshank

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:35 PM. DAVID BERRY: CHAIR

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2016

Motion to Adopt Minutes made by Jennifer Schoenhals
Seconded by Tawnya Hartford
Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

4.1. President (David Berry)

- 4.1.1. Visit by District Governor Marlee Diehl Thursday July 28th - She will be sharing the Goals for the upcoming year for both RI and the District - Will need a meeting after the Breakfast meeting
- 4.1.2. BJ Romans on Leave of Absence till mid Oct
- 4.1.3. List of Members that have changed donation amounts for the attendance at meetings is needed
- 4.1.4. The Rotary Way”: We have been approached by the City to help sponsor the Millennium Recreational Trail between Lundy’s Lane and Royal Manor. They are probably looking for \$100,000 so I have approached Michael Brown to bring to Area Group meeting next week so that the 4 area clubs can contribute (or at least the other NF Club)
- 4.1.5. David would like to introduce the idea of reducing the size of the board. The constitution requires only a minimum of 5 members. (Pres, Pres Elect, Past Pres, VP, Secretary and perhaps the Treasurer) See copy of Constitution. Article 2 f)

4.1.6. The District Conference is on Oct 21 to 23 in Batavia Downs

<http://rotary7090.org/event/district-conference-2016/>

4.1.7. David has spoken to Dan and he assures us that all minutes of meetings will be issued within one week and once approved all minutes will be posted on the club site under “Secretary’s Corner page. This is simply an effort to get timely facts and Board information out to club members. It will also serve as a central repository for all records.

4.1.8. A separate page will be established for our annual budget.

4.1.9. David has asked Harry and BJ to attend a Webinar this Wed July 27 at 7:00 pm. It will outline the changes under way for the RI Constitution, especially the Membership area. David asked them to consider how we can change our P&P to adhere to the changes and encourage new membership growth.

4.2.0. David is still waiting to receive \$1000 from Welland Rotary Club for Bearskin Lake student trip (Peter Papp has been sent an email and their Club has been copied as well)

4.2.1. David to contact Patricia Grayley re: cheque for Ken Smith Memorial Bench

4.2. Past President: (Peter Feren)

4.3. President-Elect: (Harry Walker):

4.4. Treasurer: (Bob Smith)

4.3.1 Paperwork for bank change from BMO to Meridian Credit Union will require 2 of 4 signatures (President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary)

4.3.2. Membership Dues: 20 members have paid. 16 have yet to pay. Jennifer to contact members who haven’t paid dues.

4.3.3. We have over \$10,000 surplus for upcoming budget (Service Account). Will decide how we are going to spend it.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

5.1. New Generations: (Jennifer Schoenhals)

5.1.1 Jennifer has scheduled a meeting with Mike Taylor to go over the procedures for recruiting and requirements for hosting an exchange student. Our outbound will have to be picked in November to attend the Algonquin trip in February 2017.

5.1.2. Jennifer proposes that The Club should recruit potential host families and ask for them to complete their police check in the fall also. I believe these fees could be accommodated by my budget for this year.

5.2 Public Relations: (Tawnya Hartford)

5.2.1. Tawnya has a \$60 bill from recent Facebook ads promoting Rotary

5.2.2. It has been proposed that if we can work out the logistics that The Club visit Wayne at Hotel Dieu Shaver for a meeting. A potential project for the facility is also being considered.

5.3 PODs/Membership: (BJ Romans)

5.3.1 Speakers for July meetings are complete. Pod 4 has arranged for a speaker for the first meeting in August. The second meeting is cancelled for the President's picnic, and the Pod co-chairs are working on speakers for the last 2 meetings.

5.3.2 Pod 1 is responsible for the speakers in September. They have already been notified, and I will send a follow-up email to Nancy and Don immediately.

5.3.3 Report from the Membership Committee: Peter Feren will be approaching people to sit on this committee for next year and is generating ideas. The committee will move into fuller swing when BJ returns in October

5.4 Community Services: (Diane Kon)

5.5 International Service (Don Cruikshank)

5.6 Vocational Committee: (Ross Durdan)

5.7 Club Service: (Olya Makerwich)

5.9 Secretary: (Dan Mazur)

6. Other Business

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:38pm

Proposed: Next meeting: Monday, August 29, 5:30 to 7:00, MacBain Centre