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**PRESIDENT
GRAHAM DRAKE**

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MEETING NOTES

Tracy Vavrek greeted the members with warmth as we filed into the Barn on a pleasant winter morning. A large, exuberant, and ugly sweater clad group was eventually silenced when President Graham rang the bell to start the meeting at 7:00. Graham introduced our guests, Ryan Symington, Montana Wolford Brown (both guests of Richard) as well as Derek Wilkinson, guest of Mark Rowe. Graham introduced Bob Cove and Bruce Byford as guests for the last time. He also introduced visiting Rotarian Dawn Byford from the Canmore Rotary Club. Graham noted that our speaker was unable to attend due to illness. However, with Club inductions and other business, we were likely to have a full agenda.

The national anthem was led by reliable conductor Stan Christmas. President Graham spoke about the Indigenous community's celebration of the solstice as a time for rebirth and renewal. The solstice celebrations usually continue for 4 days afterwards, which include Christmas Day.

MEMBER INDUCTION

After an excellent breakfast buffet, President Graham took off his Flames jersey to reveal a Habs (Montreal Canadians) jersey as his contribution to ugly Christmas sweater day.

He called up Bob Cove and Bruce Byford for their induction ceremony into RCCHP. Both inductees are former Rotarians. He asked them to speak for 2-5 minutes and answer, "What brought you back to RCCHP?" and "Why did you select Rotary?"

Bob, a former broadcaster, is yet another RCCHP member that had been originally recruited by Asha. He spent a generous five minutes speaking about "second chances" and his career path in Lloydminster, Kamloops and Calgary and his recovery from cancer. He re-joined Rotary to continue to give back to the community and RCCHP as he enjoyed his time here.

Bruce spoke about his time in the business sector where he was on Boards and did volunteer work to get involved in giving back to the community. He moved to Banff and joined the not-for-profit sector where he stayed for the remainder of his career. He re-joined RCCHP as it had always felt like "my Club" to him. He is open to any role in the Club – except Treasurer!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Don presented the Treasurers Report which can be seen on Club Runner. The Club is in a strong financial position. Jim Davis asked for the approximate amount of Foundation funds that were available in addition to Club Funds. There are approximately \$28,000 in Foundation funds available and Don encouraged the Directors to identify projects where these funds may be used. Doug McDonald asked if these foundation funds could be included in the Comments section of the Treasurers Report, but it was determined that this would not be appropriate for the report. Don thanked Roger Sonntag and Vince Vavrek for their review of the report.



MINUTES

Stan Christmas noted that the 25th Anniversary Project Committee would meet in January and that all Club members were encouraged to submit ideas for a project via the form which had been provided

Graham noted that the 25th Anniversary celebration would be held on February 23.

John Radermacher noted that he was looking for 6 volunteers at Ronald McDonald House for Wednesday, Jan 3. The members that wore ugly Christmas sweaters were invited up for a draw. Wine was won by Brad Wellicome, Stan Christmas, Bob Cove and John Radermacher.

PROGRAM

PETER HARDING PRESENTED REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS PAST.

Stan offered a reflection from his father-in law's wartime experience in Italy and how he is always affected when "I'll be Home for Christmas" is played.

Doug Kinley offered a reflection on finding a horse bell in his father-in-law's belongings. He recalled the bell's melodious sound and the pleasant memories of family rides in the snow.

Peter H told a very funny story of a Christmas where his family discovered that sucking ash from the fireplace into the Vacu-flow system turned out to be a poor idea. The fire fighters that arrived afterwards were not amused.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Graham closed the meeting with the words "Take care of yourself, and if you can, take care of someone else"

MOTIONS

Motion presented by Brad Wellicome.

RESOLVED, as a Special Resolution that:

Because the Members wish to rescind the existing bylaws of the Society (the "Existing Bylaws") and replace them with the bylaws attached hereto entitled "Bylaws of Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park 2023" (the "Replacement Bylaws") the Existing Bylaws be hereby rescinded in their entirety and replaced with the Replacement Bylaws.

Seconded by Jim Davis. Approved.

Club Election. Brad Wellicome

Brad presented the nominees for the 2024/25 Club Executive and opened the floor to further nominees for all roles except President. There were no nominations from the floor. President Graham declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

- President (Officer): Bill Skinner
- President Elect (Officer): Lynda Campbell
- Vice President (Officer): Bob Clark
- Treasurer (Officer): Don McArthur
- Secretary (Officer): Bill Hope
- Director Club Service: Stan Christmas
- Director Community Service: Doug Kinley
- Director Vocational Service: Vanessa Freeze-Sumner
- Director International Service: Janet Blahun
- Director Youth Service: Phil Hochhausen
- Chair of Foundation: Brad Wellicome
- Chair of Public Image: Jamie Powell

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

LINDA CRAIG..... JAN 11
ART SUMNER..... JAN 12
HOLLY DRAKE JAN 6

ANNIVERSARIES

VANESSA & BOB (8YRS) JAN 9

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

JIM DAVIS (34YRS)..... JAN 4
TED WOOD (12YRS) JAN 6
MATT KNOX (5YRS) JAN 11

DUTY ROSTER

JANUARY 5, 2024

GREETERWALTER ZUK
DOOR SALES.....HAROLD AITKENHEAD
INTRODUCE & THANK.....BOB COVE
REPORTER.....EVE ROBERTSON

If you are unable to fulfil your duties