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MEETING NOTES

Art Sumner greeted everyone in attendance. Peter Harding led the National Anthem
National Cappuchino Day.

and President Bill noted that it was

Pres. Bill shared an observation from the Calgary Foundation website.

Spanning generations, acknowledgement of the land is a traditional custom of Indigenous people when welcoming outsiders onto their land and into their homes. To build respectful relationships, acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. It honours the authentic history of North America, its original people and tells the story of the creation of this country that has historically been missing. In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh'kingsstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Îxthka Nakoda Nations: Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney and Tsuut'ina Nation. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

Guests: Jeromy Farkas, Wayne Bamford, Ed Engstrom, Victor & Kathy Guthier, Ted Kern, Cheryl Matthews – All guests of Rob Matthews. Elia Bombardelli – Guest of PDG Kurt. Jordan Granchev, Katie Hope – Guest of Bill Hope. Edna Rose – Guest of Peter Harding. Sheila Rambousek – Guest of Eve Robertson. Laura Harding – Guest of Stan Christmas. Brad Woronuk. Georg Paffrath

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Dan Doherty – Calgary West; David Townsend – Calgary Sarcee; PDG Kurt Kowalchuk – Calgary Downtown; Greg Smyth – Calgary Stampede Park; Cliff Tyminski – Calgary North

Plate Shiner: Sheila Tyminski

PROGRAM

Brad Wellicome introduced Jeromy "Pathfinder" Farkas as a Calgarian mentor, athlete and community organizer with over \$10M in successful fundraising in the social, post-secondary and political sectors. Formerly served on Calgary City Council and is presently CEO at the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation, overseeing ranch operations with a mission to protect and promote Alberta's signature provincial park.

Jeromy shared his story of a successful 5000 kilometer run from Mexico to Canada that raised nearly \$500,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. After losing out in the 2021 mayoral election, Jeromy spoke with a mentor who shared two quotes, "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want."; "Don't take no for an answer". These sparked him to tackle the run. He shared a number of setbacks, learning moments and successes through a number of different areas including the desert, the Sierra Madres, Oregon, Washington and B.C. The trip had a profound impact on his outlook to life. His persistence with the use of paper maps vs. GPS got him the nickname, "Pathfinder" Embrace your failures; Keep your eyes open, you'll get support from areas you never expected; Experiencing and solving early mistakes prevented future ones from happening; If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with friends.

He went on to share his passion for the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation. The park has expanded to include the Haskayne Legacy Park for a total of over 3,900 acres. Successfully challenged the government's attempt to implement flood mitigation that would have flooded much of the park's land. Attributed the success to: Environmental impact of flooding the area creating a shallow, warm environment; The need for both flood and drought prevention; The importance of honoring land trust to encourage future land conservancies

Future plans include: Increased education; Build on their environmental impact; Completion of the Trans Canada Trail within their influence

FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



MINUTES

Peter Harding – Host Organizing Committee update

Register before December to avoid \$100 US price increase also no air fare, great guest speakers, meet Rotarians around the world, House of Friendship, International projects, enjoy Calgary through the eyes of others

Consider volunteering – go on-line and sign up – roles to be determined soon

Consider home hosting to visiting Rotarians

Stan – Club services – Grey Cup party at Dan and Marlene Doherty. Bring some chili for the taste off

Vanessa is taking a 6 month leave of absence to deal with some family things

MOTIONS

Bill Hope – Motion, “To support the nomination of Vince Vavrek for District Governor of District 5360 for the 2026/2027 Rotary year.” Seconded by John Radermacher. Carried.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Next Meeting – Nov. 15 – Pat Neuman, chair of Home Hospitality will chat about RI Conference AND club members will give a Youth Exchange presentation
Thought for the day, “Experience is what you get when you don’t get what you wanted”
Four-way test

HAPPY BUCKS

Much happiness was shared by:

Sheila sad buck for Murray Sinclair, Happy for Cliff (HER husband – hands off Eve!!) at meeting and Jeromy’s talk
Phil dad’s 100th birthday

Rob Jeromy’s talk and friends attending the meeting.

Judy NGSE students now heading home (sad).

Kurt Jeromy and the work at the park, club support for Vince, hosting NGSE.

Peter H Edna as a guest, Jeromy’s talk, great to see so many visiting Rotarians

Velma Sad buck for the passing of Daryl Janz.

Greg Smyth great to see old friends.

Bob Clark great meeting with Alyssa et al re new entrepreneurs satellite club possibilities.

Bill Skinner losses of Murray and Daryl, Jeromy’s talk and Sheriff donation



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS



THAMPI THOMAS.....	Nov 13
LYNDA CAMPBELL.....	Nov 13
RICHARD BROADWITH.....	Nov 15
DEBRA MCARTHUR.....	Nov 17

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETER	TED WOOD
DOOR SALES.....	WALTER ZUK
INTRODUCE & THANK.....	BILL SKINNER
REPORTER.....	BOB CLARK

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