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President Lynda Campbell

Reporter Eve Robertson

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MEETING NOTES

Today's meeting was in the Field House of Challenger Park. With all hands on deck the room was ready with podium and banners in place and audio-visual all set up by the time President Lynda started proceedings at 7 am.

Lynda invited Steve Dunk to lead us in O Canada, which sounded pretty good in the low-ceilinged room. After the Land Acknowledgement our guests were welcomed.

Lynda noted that today is National No Sugar Day so a good day to think of a healthier lifestyle.

Guests:

Tom Naested, CEO of VECOVA , today's speaker

John Hickie RCC Millenniun

Alan & Maggie Friesen RC Lethbridge

Cheryl Wellicome with Brad, welcome back!

Henry Huynh and Abdul Samad of Aurrin Ventures

MOTIONS

MINUTES

Eve Robertson: RCCHP and the Environment

Eve shared a discussion at the last Board meeting where Bill Skinner asked if RCCHP should be considering the Environment when choosing activities and projects. This thought came out of the realization at the June Convention that many Rotary Districts and Clubs have committees reflecting the 7th Area of Focus, Environmental Sustainability. The Board is generally in favour and supports the next step of working with the committee directors to see how this can be done.

Brad Wellicome: update on 25th Anniversary Project

RCCHP donated \$50,000 to Heritage Park for the creation of 1 mobile and 2 permanent shelters for the First Nations Encampment. The permanent shelters appear to be in place but there is no signage describing RCCHP involvement. Brad will soon get a project status update, listing completion date of shelters, signage design and plans for a spring 2026 opening ceremony.

John Hickie RCC Millennium: promotion of the movie "Gino" , Globe Cinema, Oct 11 @ 7pm, fundraiser for Veterans' Food Bank.

PROGRAM

Joe Klassen introduced Tom Naested, CEO of VECOVA. Tom (BSc Kinesiology, MBA) has a long history of working for not-for-profit and health care organizations. He described the work that VECOVA does to support people with disabilities and the future he sees for the organization now that their 56-year-old building near the university has closed. VECOVA helps every part of their clients' lives by improving their health with exercise and therapy, providing safe and affordable housing and helping them gain employment through partnerships and training. VECOVA's new administrative centre is in the Kahanoff Centre in the Beltline. Here it can provide some programming but much of the work is being done in public spaces like the VIVO centre. Tom hopes that the old building is replaced with one that will contain housing accessible to the disabled, student housing plus VECOVA offices and programme space. The Bottle Pick up service remains for both residential and commercial pick up.

Joe thanked Tom with a multi-child Polio Vax certificate.

There was just time for a few HAPPY BUCKS

Bill S : VECOVA presentation , upcoming trip to Guatemala to check on Global Grant

Alan Friesen : promoting establishment of

Bob Clark : young guests, Henry Huynh and Abdul Samad. Plus bumping in to Garry Gray in Dublin!

Phil: Fran's birthday. Volcanes school regrouping after Art's death with new name.

John R: thankful for the help to set up the room, on time!

Wynne: Guess Who Dinner at her home at Gleniffer Lake

Lorne: cruise in Europe

CLOSING REMARKS

Lynda closed the meeting at 8:20 am with the 4-way test and a First Nations Blessing

May you have the strength of Eagles' wings,

The faith and courage to fly to new heights,

And the wisdom of the universe to carry you there

DUTY ROSTER

Reporter - Jim Davis

Greeter - Brad Wellicome

Door Sales - TBA

Introduce/Thank Speaker-TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Tyminski, Sheila October 10

Rotary Anniversaries

Byford, Bruce October 15 -years