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MEETING NOTES

Brian Gentles welcomed all with his firm handshake and a warm smile to start everyone's experience at the barn.

Don McArthur Formally tapped the bell at 7:00. Once he figured out the right positioning of the microphone, he welcomed us all to the meeting Stan was able to corral the attendees for a 3-key version of O Canada. He was quite pleased that everyone could remember the words.

Guests: Steve Barini, Olivia Tait (Outbound YEX student), Landis Jackson (last meeting as a guest!).

Visitor:-Dave Leslie AG RCC Downtown.

Brian relayed that he ran into a lawyer from Gowlings who had Steve Carter Edwards (late Zuzanna's husband) as a mentor. He also shared that he had heard about a grape that had been stepped on. It didn't say anything, but it gave a little whine.

Peter Harding was the plate shiner.

Don acknowledged a number of historic points for Friday the 13th

Friday, October 13, 1307, King Philip IV of France ordered the mass arrest of hundreds of Knights Templar

Fidel Castro born on Friday the 13th.

Black Sabbath released their self-titled debut album, Black Sabbath, on Friday, February 13, 1970

US announced the pandemic restrictions on Friday the 13th, 2020

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Steve Dunk kicked off the update with the list of committee members – Deb Duncanson, Steve Dunk, Brian Gentles, Doug Kinley, John Radermacher, Roger Sontag, Brad Wellicome and Indigenous Relations Sub-committee.

The committee meets every 4-6 weeks for about 2 hours, in person w/ option to attend virtually

Selection philosophy for projects includes RCCHP is major player in the project (as % of budget); Capital vs Operating costs; consistent approach used for all projects; opportunity for swear equity in addition to funding is bonus.

Steve would have liked to talk about their ranking spreadsheet for 45 minutes but gave mic to..

Roger Sontag outlined where the opportunities are sourced from. Ongoing relationships with groups – Able Sailing; Alcove; Ronald McDonald House as examples. Members will bring forward requests such as Brian Gentles did re Breathing Space. A newer avenue for sources is Rotary Helps YYC. This website (<https://rotary5360.ca/page/request-project-funding>) increases communication between clubs to be able to collaborate on projects. It gives requestors a one-page entry to access most of the clubs in Calgary. One successful example of collaboration was the Foothills Hospice expansion that saw funding from RCCHP, Centennial, Downtown, North, Chinook, East, Fish Creek, Sarcee, West and Stampede Park. There have been 56 applications this year with 50% receiving at least some funding.

Deb Duncanson spoke of the variety of funding we have provided Alcove Recovery – lawn mower, stoves, strollers, cribs, resources for child development, window replacement, blinds and paint and supplies.

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



MINUTES

Richard Broadwith Next meeting (Mar 20) will be an everything membership meeting. The plan is to induct 5 new members.

Judy Cochran displayed a beautiful piece of framed art and encouraged anyone who can to volunteer for set up on the Friday afternoon (April 17). Bill Skinner added that the pricing / wrapping team could use extra help Friday mornings from 9 12:00. Lots of art coming in. No experience necessary.

Don McArthur reinforced that paying for any club expenses (dues or invoices) online through ClubRunner is very expensive for the club (3.6%). Could amount to \$1,800 if everyone used this route. Please use e-transfer, it's free!

Asha Paul provided a chocolate bar from Peace by Chocolate as prize for early bird signup to the District Conference. Stan Christmas was the winner!

HAPPY BUCKS

Brian Gentles – RAYEC & Able Sailing
Phil Hochhausen - Olivia Tait at the meeting and her going to Germany
Sheila Tyminski – Great breakfast!
Bill Skinner – Great committee presentation!
Asha Paul – Great presentation!
Zenon Bereznicki – Hard work done by Second Chance Art volunteers

50/50

Olivia (out bound student) had her ticket drawn and with John's help she recited the 4-way test. She was not rewarded with the prize as she drew the 5 of Clubs.

DUTY ROSTER

MARCH 20, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....KATIE HOPE
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....LORNE KELLY
INTRO & THANK.....
REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties please
find your own replacement.**

PROGRAM (CONTD)

Brad Wellicome explained about Victory Outreach and the service work we have done with them hosting Christmas carols or bingos each year and providing the residents a \$40 gift card

Brian Gentles described the Able Sailing Association and the work we've done with them to encourage special needs children to abandon their wheelchairs or scooters and take a ride in a sail boat.

John Radermacher reinforced the great work we've done with our partners at Ronald McDonald House. Several times per year we feed dinner to up to 100 people for \$1000. Great chance to participate in helping families who are staying there while their children undergo treatment. Deb Duncanson added a story about our support for the Magic Room where each child gets to select a toy for themselves from the room.

Sheila Tyminski rounded off the update by sharing the work the Indigenous Relation Sub-Committee has done. She covered the learning focus where they arranged for Elder Doreen Spence to talk to the club, the Orange Shirt Day walk, the Blanket Exercise recently and have added Reconciliation Resources to the RCCHP web site. She also described the work undertaken to build relationships with rural (Tsuut'ina) and urban (USAY) indigenous organizations – USAY's grand opening; recognition for the Elder's shelters at Heritage Park and assistance to the Employment Resource Centre on the reserve.

CONCLUSION

Don wrapped up the meeting with a quote from FDR, "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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PETER LEIGH.....MAR 25
DIN PEERANI.....MAR 27
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ANNIVERSARIES

JOE KLASSEN & CAROLE STEEVES(22YRS).....MAR 25