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MEETING NOTES

President Joe brought us together promptly at 7am. After the anthem was sung, he handed the mic to the morning's speaker, Blackfoot Elder Casey Eagle Speaker.

Instead of a Land Acknowledgement, Casey spoke words of Welcome to Ancestral Lands. This formal greeting can only be given by a local Indigenous leader.

Today although acknowledging National Days of e.g. Chianti, Food Banks, Wildlife let's think ahead, with the help of today's speaker to Orange Shirt Day later this month. Guests : Vanessa Brown, Dan Doherty, Cliff Tyminski, Brian Walton, Casey Eagle Speaker (Speaker), Fran Hochhausen, Stan (YEX)

Sunshine report by Bill Skinner. Birthdays: Bruce B, Nuri Pirani. Anniversary: Brad & Kim Sewall

For humour Bill said, "Look at the way I walk!" (on 2 very new knees). But then quoted Churchill as a thought to take away, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Plate Shiner: Dan Doherty

PROGRAM

Sheila Tyminski introduced Casey Eaglespeaker, a Blackfoot Elder from Kainai Nation. He works with Hull Services, supporting indigenous youth and families. He has received much recognition locally for his work building bridges between indigenous and non-Indigenous communities e.g. the Chief David Crowchild award and the U of C's Dr. Joseph Crow Shoe award. He has advised many boards e.g. Native Women's Shelter, Bow Valley College, Wellspring Alberta and the new Rotary Club of Mohkinstsis Urban Indigenous.

Casey's message was about the importance of the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC), the history of the damage caused by the Indian Act and some of the difficulties in the path forward. He referred to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP, 2007) which has become part of Canadian law and guides interpretation of existing Canadian laws. Casey explained that Indigenous people have good reason not to trust of our institutions. They can't forget the delay in getting the right to vote or the control the Indian Act had over their lives and the attempt to assimilate them into settler culture. Or the Pass System that until the 1930s prevented them from freely travelling and working and made them dependent on relief and rations. Then there is the damaging legacy of the Residential School system. Casey is a survivor of that system. This history makes Indigenous people very sensitive to slights from institutions eg when left out of political declarations. It makes them reluctant to identify as Canadian.

However, the work of the TRC is a call to action to build bridges to the Indigenous community. He urged we look for ways to form these bridges, to be like a herd of buffalo, cognisant that we need the whole group to survive. Casey feels that Reconciliation (prefers Reconcili-ACTION) will take many generations and education will be key. He sees progress there e.g. several Canadian universities have instituted mandatory Indigenous course requirements for undergraduate students

Sheila thanked Casey for his talk and presented him with a certificate representing Polio vaccination.

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



NEW MEMBER TRANSFER

This is the second notice that Dawn Byford has applied for membership in RCCHP, and barring any objections she will be inducted shortly.

MINUTES

Marlene (Indigenous): reminder of 2 upcoming events
(a) Sep 19 visit to USAY (b) Sep 30 Dalhousie Community Centre for info session and movie, details to come.

Peter L (Club): reminder Sep 26 Backward Rodeo

HAPPY BUCKS

Brad S: Casey Eagle Speaker' presentation

Marlene: Bill H stellar website work

Phil H: 46km bike ride with Stan and others

Doug M: the Truth & Reconciliation event at Dalhousie

Community is for the public

Fran H: Casey's visit and trip to Europe where they met

4 of their past exchange students

Stan-YEX: good first week at high school

50/50

\$704 up for grabs, 37 cards remaining. Marlene had the winning ticket, but the joker evaded her.

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....TRACEY VAVREK

DOOR SALES & 50/50.....DON MCARTHUR

INTRO & THANK.....JIM SAWERS

REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

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

MOTIONS

Judy Cochran (**Youth Service**): That RCCHP approve monthly payments in the amount of \$542 per month for a total of 10 months during the 2026/2027 Rotary year to cover the costs of the inbound student's cell phone, bus pass, and monthly stipend and the host family stipend.

Seconded by Sheila, motion carried

Jamie Powell (**Club Foundation**): that RCCHP approve a disbursement from the Calgary Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Canadian Assoc for Disabled Skiing-Calgary to support the purchase of a new sit ski and specialised outriggers to replace aging equipment used in their adaptive youth snow sports programs.

Seconded by John R, motion carried

Jamie shared that RCCHP has about \$267,000 in the Foundation which yields about \$16,000/year. The plan is to use these funds for one significant project per year.

Doug Kinley (**Community**): that RCCHP donate \$3500 to Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women to cover the cost of building materials and rental equipment required for the construction of a new 4foot fence to straddle the front of their buildings.

Seconded by Jamie, motion carried

Note: This is for materials only, Alcove will provide the volunteers to build it. This fence will safeguard the youngsters in their charge.

CLOSING REMARKS

As we look ahead to Orange Shirt Day let's reflect on Casey's message, that reconciliation is achieved through relationships, learning and action. Rotarians are committed to "creating lasting change", let's carry Casey's message into our work, conversations and community. Be part of the buffalo herd.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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NURI PEERANI.....SEPT 6