



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

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May 5th, 2020

President Elect Rob hosted our third zoom meeting and while we waited for the meeting to begin, we enjoyed chatting online with our Rotary friends and those who we haven't seen in a while.

Rob started our meeting at 12:05 by acknowledging that it was Cinco de Mayo and introducing our video of O Canada. We had 37 participants which included a number of guests.

In order to allow better use of John Hufnagel's time, we put his presentation first and proceeded directly to Bart's introduction. He noted that today would be the ninth time John has spoken as a guest of our Club, more by far than any other guest. As a result we all know John well and his intro was therefore a brief one. A two time Coach of the Year, and holder of 4 Grey Cup rings, married with two daughters and one son, a true football legend in **Calgary and General Manager of the Stampeders, John Hufnagel.**



John began talking about the many changes to the "Front Office" which occurred during January of this year. They now have a new Receivers Coach, a new QB Coach, a new Running Back Coach, and a new Linebacker Coach. However they are pleased with all the new Coaches and are anxious to get into training camp.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they were only able to host two free agent camps; one in Houston and the other in Dallas. They saw a lot of great talent and managed to sign a couple to join their training Camp. The team just participated in the CFL Canadian Draft last week and were able to draft an exciting group of talent. They got the man they wanted with their first pick, a Defensive End and then selected Receivers with picks two and three. They completed the Draft with four offensive players, four defensive players and a kicker ... all in all management was very pleased with how they did.

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The next job is the Global Draft which is scheduled to take place just before training camp is scheduled to open, in June. However their timing remains subject to political and medical influence so their fingers are crossed. He said it is important that everyone involved is able to stay safe. He then opened the floor for questions from our members:

A) Jim Thompson asked about the CFL asking the Government for financial aid and related it to the "SOS" (Save our Stamps) campaign in the 80's. John advised that today's pandemic situation is unique as all revenues have been cancelled. It is a much greater need this time. The League is hopeful that some level of support will be approved.

B) Jim Hennessey asked about the possible timing for opening of training Camp. John said that nothing is definite at this point, and that various plans are being looked at. He hopes a plan will be announced soon and expects some sort of shortened season.

C) Paul Gaudet asked if it might be possible to see games being played with no fans in the seats? John said that while the TV contracts for the CFL are great, they are not as large as the NHL, NBA or NFL and it is doubtful they could support games without fans. He added however, that every possible scenario is being looked at.

D) Rob asked if he had thoughts about the XF? John said that he had watched a number of their games and thought it was a good League. He had a few concerns about their level of fan support, and thought it was possible that a few of their players might come to the CFL.

E) Bart asked that if the season had to be cancelled, would that cause the players to become free agents? John couldn't really comment on such a possibility, but hoped that it wouldn't happen.

Rob thanked John for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to our Club and advised him that, in appreciation, a donation would be made to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. John then left the meeting.

Rob opened the subject of the **health of our Club** and Neil told us that Lois has received a good prognosis and that everyone was pleased with this development. Bart advised that Hetty Alexander is being moved into a care home. Neil also advised that Joe Hooper's friend, Lyla, had her brother pass away last night. Ian Burgess told us that Gwen had hurt her leg recently, but is getting around their home reasonably well. Ian's mild concussion (from a fall while curling) is also doing ok.

Jim Thompson gave us an update regarding our **Nature Park**. This legacy project has been maintained by our Club for over 20 years, however we have been experiencing difficulty in recent times dealing with Provincial Park Management. In addition, they appear to be looking at appointing outside managers to oversee a number of their Parks and we are not sure what that means for our situation. Nonetheless we still have our annual picnic scheduled for August, and we expect that staff from McKenzie Meadows will clean up the site in late June. Perhaps the Scout Troop we support could also assist with a clean up of their own? Jim concluded his report by stating that he would not be seeking additional investment in the Park until we get a better understanding of what might be happening.

Bev presented our monthly **Birthday / Anniversary Report**. Ryan MacLean's birthday is on May 1st, George Kimura on May 3rd, Al Holt on May 9th, Bill Churchward on May 16th and Garth Sabirsh on May 25th. Happy Birthday to all!



Regarding Anniversaries we have Al and Bev Pettigrew at 62 years on May 2nd, Graham and Mary Ellen Boone at 55 years on May 15th, Jim and Judy Thompson at 55 years on May 15th, and Gerald and Margaret Langereis at 65 years on May 27th. Congratulations to all!



Rob introduced our **Sergeant at Arms** segment with a couple of comedic videos to lighten the mood, and proceeded to virtually fine (members need to keep track of their fines so they can pay when we finally get together) everyone who failed to wear Stampeder gear today in honour of John's participation. He reminded us of his prior

recommendation for members to consider donating the cost of missed Rotary lunches to one of our Rotary Foundations or other worthy charities of your choice.

Jim Hennessey told us about a new mobile tracing app which is being used and recommended by Alberta Health Services, it will be used as an integral part of managing the re-opening of our business and social activity and everyone is being asked to download it to their phones. There was some added information about the app having some difficulty with Apple iPhones and we were told that Apple was working on the problem and was expected to be offering a "fix" shortly.

President Paul advised that he would like to **thank** a few of our members for their dedication and effort in helping our Club get through this shut down in the best shape possible:

- Firstly, thanks to Rob for taking over our zoom leadership which is allowing us to communicate and keep in touch.
- Secondly, thanks to Stephen and Anne for producing our weekly e-Arch which also keeps us in touch with what's happening in Rotary Chinook.
- Thirdly, thanks to Bart for his daily messages of hope, that have become part of our daily routine, making us smile one day and cry the next.
- Thanks also to Dean who, now that his move has been completed, is helping us to update our website.

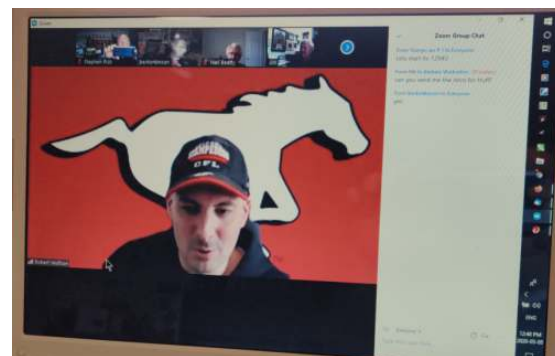


Everyone should be keeping their eyes open for suggestions to improve our website, and also for interesting items to send to Stephen and Anne for inclusion in the e-Arch. Remember the old line "it takes a village".

One further item, on the subject of **visiting sister Clubs** ... many Clubs have begun to include the link to their zoom meetings on their website in order to encourage visitors to join in. In fact we are going to do the same thing. So feel free to look up Clubs online and see if you can find their link and join them. It would be interesting to try this internationally also. If someone tries this, please let us know how it works?

Rob outlined plans for a **social get together (sort of a Happy Hour)** on Zoom (tentatively Friday, May 15th), whereby our members could simply chat and socialize without the structure of a regular meeting getting in the way. He will provide further details shortly.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.



Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbours so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focussing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

In these times of uncertainty, your local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive – and become more united than ever.

“The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. As people of action, this is our time to connect with each other to offer immediate help to people in need.” – *Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President, 2019-2020*

“The scale and magnitude of this global pandemic requires our world’s citizenry to heed the advice and cautions of the experts. The work and plans of our collective members and volunteers must not cease! Our immediate response after the crisis will be necessary to support local Governments respond to the many social and economic challenges that will ensue in its aftermath.” – *Adrian Elcock, Optimist International President, 2019-2020*

“Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them just as we always have together.” – *Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2020*

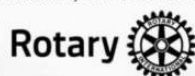
“During these difficult times, we’re seeing everyday heroism across the globe. I encourage us all to recognize the health and safety professionals who are putting their own health at risk for the greater good. To the educators, grocery workers, delivery drivers and the countless professionals who can’t stay home, the Kiwanis family thanks you. We all play an important role in keeping our friends and neighbours safe. Please follow the advice of the World Health Organization, your local health agencies and the instructions given by your Government. Please, stay safe.” – *Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International President, 2019-2020*



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District News

DisCon 2020 Rotary Crushes the Curve Webinar takes place **Saturday, June 6th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** with Happy Hour thereafter.

District 5360 is expanding the Youth Protection Policy to cover all of our vulnerable communities. On **May 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm** join us for the **District Vulnerable Sector Policy & Procedures Webinar**.

Go to the District 5360 website: www.peopleofaction.ca for information, resources, volunteer opportunities, and news about all matters related to the pandemic.

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The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will be here soon! It is free to attend but you will need to register.

The General Sessions will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 and Sunday, June 21, 2020. They start at 8:00 a.m. and will run for 60 to 75 minutes.

The Breakout Sessions will begin on Monday, June 22, 2020 and run through Friday, June 26, 2020. There will be 15 Breakouts - three a day - at 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM CST.

The balance of the 68 breakouts planned for the Honolulu Convention will be in July.

Stay tuned to the Convention website (www.riconvention.org) for program updates and additional information.

Member Updates and News

Tammy Truman

Insurance and Covid Ramblings

It's been an interesting 7 weeks. I know everyone would agree on that statement. For a lot of people, this has meant isolating in their homes, no longer travelling to work, or just plain not living like normal.

Insurance has always been listed as an essential service, so things have been a little different for me. Corporate told us we could not work from the office, but they did not have enough VPN's for everyone to work from home. VPN is the secure network needed for corporations to comfortably work through wi-fi service. However as this is my office and my business, they could not stop me from staying in the office and I knew had to try to be here for my clients. So I changed the office voicemail to let people know we were all working remotely, and to PLEASE email their request or leave a message and we would get back to them as soon as possible. I have to say it was the longest and hardest week I have ever had. Thankfully by the end of the first week, more VPN's were acquired, so my staff could be up and running at home to help carry the load.

The voicemail is still the same as it's just me in the office and I can't possibly get all the calls. It also helps if they tell us who they are and what they need help with, so that I can email the appropriate staff to best handle their request. Doing it this way lets us still provide great service and same day help.

Sounds easy right? What I have learned is that no matter how personal the answering machine is, the vast majority of people ...
a) do not listen to the message, or b) listen to it all, then hang up and call back as much as 10 times in a day. Of course each time they do this, it shows a message and I have to take the time to listen and of course it also tells me their phone number.

So now I take that phone number, plug it into our computer system, see if they have an email and email them to please share what we can help with as we are all working remotely ... etc ...

It's truly fascinating then, that after that email, they call back and repeat another 10 calls with hang-ups.

What do I do with these people? How come they cannot understand? I'm not sure what I could do different?

So to my fellow Rotarians, all I can ask is that the next time YOU may call any business during these Covid times and listen to the message, please really listen and try to follow what they recommend. If it's like my business, this will give you the best and quickest service available!

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Pat Wierzba

From: Pat Wierzba <pat.wierzba@gmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2020 at 9:55:08 AM MDT
To: Paul Gaudet <gaudetco@shaw.ca>

Hi Paul

I hope you and family are all healthy and not too frustrated with the lock down. We are both healthy and enjoying a mild spring. It's the first time I have ever enjoyed doing yard work!

I have had enough of the lock down and would love to get back travelling some. The village we live in is rural, so we can get out for a walk or bike ride in the country side.

It looks like I will have to come back to Canada to get my residence VISA so might see you when it is safe to travel.

Regards, Pat

**The Rotary Foundation has
approved more than \$4 million
in disaster response grants
to address the
COVID-19 pandemic.**

Meetings

Tuesday, May 19th

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!
Speaker from the Calgary Chapter of the
Canadian Mental Health Association

Tuesday, June 2nd

ZOOM meeting at noon ... be sure to join in!

Saturday, June 22nd

2020 RI Virtual Convention General Session — 8am CST for 60-75 minutes

and Sunday, June 21st

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Monday, June 22nd

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Tuesday, August TBA

Annual Picnic in the Nature Park

Networking Meetings

Thursday, May 28th

ZOOM e-Networking Meeting, 7-8(ish) pm

Thursday, June 25th

ZOOM e-Networking Meeting, 7-8(ish) pm

President's Dinner

Saturday, September 19th

@ MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club — contact George Kimura



Did You Know?

Jim Thompson, Charter Member, Club Historian

Did You Know? Over the years ... more than four decades ... we have had many Fellowship activities. Some continue even today, others were unique and had shorter life span. All presented good fun and a closer bonding of our members, and in some instances, families too. In the early 80s, our members were mostly younger and more physically active.

Judy and I had a recreation home in Invermere BC and friends there that were members of the Invermere Rotary Club, which had chartered the same year as our club. It was a very social club, in the small mountain village of Invermere, eager to have some inter-club activities. We set up a golf venue, named the KOOTENAY KLASSIC, an annual golf tournament between the two clubs. Invermere launched the first winning team trophy, in the form of a tractor gear, like a Rotary wheel with a base to record the winner each year. After the first year, we made that one the LOW NET individual award, and had built a really big KOOTENAY KLASSIC, GROSS LOW GROSS weighing about 200 lbs ... gear from a giant earthmoving machine ... made up and donated by Past President Jim Costello (78/79). The custom trophy remains to this day in Invermere BC — too difficult to move back and forth.

The Golf Tournament was abandoned when our membership became male and female, compromising accommodation of the visiting Chinook Rotarians, who had been staying in our home there and two motor homes in the driveway, free of any cost. The annual Ski Trip to Panorama suffered a similar fate, when mixed accommodation in private cabins at the resort, became an issue. Both these annual events had been a lot of fun for all participants but clearly, in the same accommodation format, were not for mixed member participants.

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6 NAPS, AND IT'S STILL TODAY ...
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Pacemaker

Electrical engineer John Hopps from Winnipeg, Manitoba, began experimenting with radio frequency as a body-warmer, and that's when he discovered that a stopped heart could be started again mechanically or electrically. He developed the world's first pacemaker in 1950.

Hopps's pacemaker used vacuum tubes to create the pulses, and it needed to be plugged in to work. It was also 30 centimetres long and several centimetres high and wide — too big to fit inside a human body. But other inventors took Hopps's invention and then used transistors and batteries to make the pacemaker smaller and portable.

Sunshine Report



Remember to contact Pat Hutchinson with any updates and information on the health of the Club!

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