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Club Assembly

The Chinook Rotary Club Society

Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2018-19



The meeting was conducted by Hank Popoff, President of the Society in accordance with the proper rules and procedures. A quorum of members was present. Motions for items in the agenda were presented and passed by members' vote. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Adoption of the minutes of the September 25, 2018
2. Review and approval of 2018-19 Audited Financial Statements
3. Election of Society Board members for 2019-20.

Dave Wylie and Hank Popoff are leaving Society Board. Tammy Truman and Garth Plunkett were elected to the

Society Board.

4. Election of two members to audit the 2019-2020 Financial Statements. Bob Gentles and Joe Hooper approved as auditors for 2019-20.

RibFest Fundraiser

Rob Wolfson reported on September's first time RibFest fundraiser. In order to set the stage, President Paul reported that both the RibFest committee and the Club Board of Directors have reviewed the reports on the event, and each has voted to continue with the event if the membership also approves going forward.



A summary of Rob's report:

- Regardless of money raised, the event was very well organized and supported with volunteers from sponsoring clubs, Chinook and Centennial and from the Airdrie club.
- The profile of Rotary was raised positively. The 6000 people in attendance donated an additional \$11,000 to Rotary.
- The 6,000 attendance was below the target of 20,000. Poor weather, conflict with (sabotage by) a previous for-profit holder of the event and the Ribbers, the venue, and competing events (Cirque de Soleil, Monster Jam) and short lead time for marketing contributed to low attendance.
- The venue at the Stampede grounds cost \$4,200 per day to rent the lot for 5 days. The parking for patrons was expensive. Other events at the Stampede did not drive business to RibFest as had been hoped.
- There are a number of other locations that are possible that are expected to be much more user friendly to both Rotary and to the attending public.
- The stage and electronics setup for the entertainment was excellent. Costs were \$20,000. There is need for higher profile entertainment acts for next year and lead time to advertise.
- Activities for children were well received.
- Beer sales revenue was \$9,000 and for non-alcoholic beverages \$2,000. Beverage sales should be a large source of revenue that can be improved upon. Village Brewery is interested in participating again.
- \$12,000 was spent on marketing. This will increase for next year (if approved) with longer lead time. Even with short lead time, the event did get amazing support from local TV and radio. Lack of lead time impacted ability to launch effective social media campaign.

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Greeter: Gordon Billings

Chase the Ace Sellers: Ted Wada and Wayne Wiebe

The meeting opened in usual fashion with O Canada and Rotary Grace. And yes, Ruth Wylie is back!

Visitors and Guests: None present today.

Sunshine Report: Pat Hutchinson reported Dick Snel will be off due to surgery. Bob Montgomery read an email from Diane McLean. Ed has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the St. Boniface Rotary Club. She confirmed that Ed has lost his short term memory and is now residing in a care facility.



Announcements by President Paul:

- World Series Pool squares are posted on one of the columns so that participants can check their scores.
- Rotary Challenger Park has reached out to the Calgary Rotary clubs for volunteers to help with a casino Friday January 3 and Saturday January 4 2020. You can volunteer by contacting Anar at 403-250-2707
- The annual all clubs Rotary Remembrance Day meeting will be held on November 11 starting at 10:00 am at the Carriage House. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Stephane Guervremont. Registration is required by November 4th. Cost is \$35. There will be no Chinook meeting on November 12th.
- President Paul has signed up to receive the Rotarian magazine online. He recommends doing so. It is a convenient way to get



and read the monthly publication. Paul recommended 2 articles, "How Kindness Appreciates" and "Price of Polio, Long Term Consequence", featuring 5 Rotarians who are polio survivors.

- President Paul welcomed Anne Dale and Rhea Graham back from their Rotary exchange trip to New England.

Minute Persons:



- Tammy Truman — Tammy thanked all those who provided feedback for the Christmas party. Party is scheduled for Wednesday December 11th in order to avoid conflict with Rotary curling on Tuesdays. Entertainment will be "Elvis Presley"!

Seniors Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 3rd. Dave Dickinson has confirmed that he will attend along with several Stamps players.

- Rob Wolfson — Rob announced the Grey Cup Scratch tickets are still available for \$2 per ticket. Rob has available envelopes with \$40 worth of tickets for members to sell. Proceeds will go to End Polio Now.

Rob also reminded us the next Networking Night will be Thursday October 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 at Big Al's Bar and Grill at 1915 - 31 Street SE (just east of Deerfoot Trail on 17th Avenue SE). Guest Speaker Marc Shannon is a Polio survivor, wine connoisseur, France enthusiast, lover of food and life. There will be an entrance fee at the door of \$26.50 (the amount of the first donation to the Rotary Foundation).

- Anthony Tonkinson reminded us that next week's meeting, October 29th, will be at Village Brewery. Anthony has emailed members with details.



- Bart Dailey announced he has shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. He also has pamphlets letting you know what can and cannot be included. They do ask for a \$10 donation per shoebox to cover costs. Drop dead date for returning shoe

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- Sponsorships came in at \$30,000 plus in kind services. Again lead time meant we were late into corporate donation cycles. It is expected the event will draw much better sponsorship next time around.
- A 50/50 draw contributed \$2200.
- Al Holt and finance committee did an outstanding job. Rob suggested Al Holt died 4 times and came back to life each time stronger than before. They are still working on getting all bills and receipts in before absolute final financial report can be made.
- Volunteers provided 1200 hours of work. Committee chairs did great job making it happen.
- The food ("Ribbers") is outside of our control. There are other food truck options that can added to augment, not compete with Ribbers. Note that these alternatives showed little interest this year because Stampede takes 30% of food truck revenue for events on their site. Besides food trucks, there could a number of other value additional extras to generate revenue.

- Overall the net loss is estimated at \$4,800. Total fixed costs were approximately \$80,000.

Rob Wolfson is willing to chair the event again. The Centennial Club has already voted to stay in if Chinook does as well. There is strong belief in an upside for ongoing success of the event.

After a brief question and answer period, President Paul ascertained that a quorum of members was present. (There were 42 members in attendance which included 3 honorary members so we had 39 regular members. The required quorum as per our bylaws for such a vote is 1/3 of our membership of 58 (or 20) be in attendance. We in fact had 2/3 of our members in attendance).

President Paul asked for vote to continue with RibFest for a second year. The club has agreed with approximately 95% voting in favor. A positive majority 20 in favor would have been sufficient to pass the approval.

Networking Night - Pints for Polio

Thursday evening, October 24th, members from many of the Calgary clubs got together at Big Al's Bar and Grill for an evening of fellowship, fundraising for Polio, beer, wings and guest speaker Marc Shannon, a polio survivor.

There were a total of 40 in attendance. After expenses, and including donations made by Rotarians and some of the bar regulars, **a net profit from the event of \$1,047 will be donated to Polio Plus! As this is matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation, this will multiply to over \$3,000.**



It was a fun night with great fellowship!





Location: Village Brewery

There was no formal meeting. There was a good turn out with over 30 people consisting of members, spouses, visiting Rotarians and guests.

Announcements:

- Jim Hennessy — the annual all clubs Rotary Remembrance Day meeting will be held on November 11th starting at 10:00 am at the Carriage House. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Stephane Guervremont. Registration is required by November 4th. Cost is \$35. There will be no Chinook meeting on November 12th.

- Bev Tonkinson — annual “Changing Lives Changing Communities” Fundraising Breakfast is on Thursday, November 7th, 7:30-8:30 am at the Red & White Club, 1833 Crowchild Trail NW

Bev is looking for some members who would like to join her for this event. You will get to listen to many families that have been impacted with a child with a developmental disability and had no idea where to turn. Most had negative responses from their community and their schools until Inclusions Alberta came into their lives. Almost 80% of adults with a developmental disability are either unemployed or underemployed. This is how Rotary helps. Rotary Districts 5370 and 5360 have been involved with the Rotary Employment Program placing 507 adults (approx. 55 in Calgary) with a developmental disability into the workforce.

- Rob Wolfson — thanked Anthony and Bev Tonkinson for arranging the tour and lunch at Village Brewing

The Grey Cup Scratch tickets are still available for \$2 per ticket. Rob has available envelopes with \$40 worth of tickets for members to sell. Proceeds will go to End Polio Now.

Rob mentioned that the Networking Night at Big Al's Bar and Grill was a great success with 40 attendees from 6 other clubs. Approximately \$1047 was raised for Polio Plus!

Rob introduced Jackson from Village Brewery, mentioning that Village Brewery was our partner in RibFest. Jackson gave us some history and information about the company.



Village Brewery was started 8 years ago as a “Community Brewery”. The 5 founders had about 160 years of brewing industry experience between them. Village was one of only a few craft brewers in Calgary at the time. Now there are over 40! Village has beer sales across Alberta and a little into Saskatchewan. The Village model is as a craft brewery with a focus on the local community. Village gives back 10% of bottom line to a variety of community organizations. Jackson then took us, about 10 people at a time, on an informative tour of the brewery.

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Rotary Foundation Month

November 5th	Foundation
November 7th	End Polio Now party @ Shank's South, 9627 Macleod Trail, 6pm - 9pm, \$30 pp
November 11th	All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting
November 12th	No meeting re Remembrance Day Meeting
November 14th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30
November 12th	No meeting re Remembrance Day meeting
November 19th	Annika Triantafillou, Agent, The Way In
November 26th	Barry Berman — Prehistoric Aliens
November 28th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30



Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 3rd	Seniors Christmas Party
December 10th	No meeting re Christmas Party
December 11th	Club Christmas Party
December 12th	Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham Fellowship @ 5:30, games @ 6:30
December 17th	Mike Colborne — Rotary Employment Partnership
December 24th	No meeting
December 31st	No meeting



Meeting Minutes

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boxes to Bart is November 19th. There will be no work bee this year. There are already enough volunteers.

50/50 Winner: Hank Popoff — Again!! Hank won \$72 but missed the \$988 Chase the Ace prize when he pulled a Queen. No winner — 7 cards left for next draw. President Paul checked the cards and confirmed that the Ace of Spades is indeed among the remaining cards.



Sargent at Arms: Bob Montgomery



Past President Twice (PPT) George Kimura last week fined Garth Plunkett 10 cents per pound for a weight loss of 40 pounds! He missed out on Joe Hooper who apparently has lost 35 pounds. Joe or George or both were asked to pay similar fine. Bob contributed a fine of his own for scoring a Grand Slam (7 No Trump bid and made) at Rotary Bridge. All those who lost out in the NFL Losers Pool were fined for their incompetence.



Rhea Graham made a contribution to celebrate fact that her grandson now has a driver's licence and will be her Uber driver. Rhea also commented on the excellent trip to New Hampshire and Vermont.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Make History Today Campaign

RI Vice President 2016/17, Jennifer Jones, will be in Calgary to promote this campaign. Jennifer is from Windsor, Ontario; and is currently Co-Chair of the 'End Polio Now - Make History Today' Campaign, to raise \$150 million.

There is a **party at Schanks South**
(9627 Macleod Trail)
on November 7th
6pm - 9pm
\$30 per person

Read WhaZUP for more details.



MY LIFE BROKEN DOWN INTO SEGMENTS





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