

Rotary Club of The Pas
Meeting of Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 12:00 pm
Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room
Minutes

President: Jim Scott (Acting for Don McKay)

President Elect:

Secretary: Monica Cook

Sargent At Arms: Ken Kelly

Call To Order:

1. Guests: Carolyn Smeltzer, Swampy Cree Tribal Council

2. Visiting Rotarians: None

3. Make-Ups: None

4. Birthdays and Anniversaries: None.

5. Correspondence:

- a. Opasquia Trails. A donation had been requested previously by the Opasquia Trails. The following motion was made at the June 20 meeting and was shared for an email vote. To date, there are not enough votes to make a final determination – Members are asked to vote if they have not yet done so.

Motion: Kent Whaley/Rick Hubbs

To contribute \$5,000 to the Opasquia Trails boardwalk project, with the stipulation that the Rotary Club of The Pas be publicly acknowledged.

Outstanding

Rick Hubbs spoke about the previous motion in relation to the Opasquia Trails. There seems to be some disagreement with the motion, which has not yet passed. In Rick's opinion, this is a project like any other in The Pas and Tri-Community and there should be support from our Club. There was some concern expressed by some members that we had requested a report, but had not received a reply on the financial aspects of this particular project. However, the motion is outstanding, and Rick hopes that since Rotary is here to

assist with community projects, that the motion ultimately passes. Jim Berscheid mentioned that there is a new person in the lead role for this project – Stephanie Reid. Robin indicated that he had spoken to Heather Perchaluk, the previous lead for this project, and that she confirmed that any financial issues had been resolved. Peter suggested that perhaps instead of simply providing \$5,000, that we donate a bench at the end of the runway with the Rotary name attached. Others felt that there is already a motion on the floor and that we should not dictate specifics as to what they use the funds for – as long as The Rotary Club of The Pas is acknowledged.

- b. John O’Toole Mural Refurbishing.** Jim Scott informed the Club that John Unger, the individual who is refurbishing the large John O’Toole mural, requires additional funds at this time (from the previously approved funds which would typically be released upon completion of the project). We were unable to get the application in for Destination Marketing by the deadline, although we may also apply now and there may still be an opportunity for funding. In the meantime, John requires an additional amount of the funds now in order to complete and transport the mural. He has been provided \$8,000, and there is another \$8,000 (plus GST) outstanding for payment upon completion. Jim suggested that the Club approve to send John another \$4,000 at this time, with the final amount upon completion/delivery of the mural.

The Club agreed to send John another \$4,000 at this time (of the original agreed-to amount). We will submit the full bill to Destination Marketing (\$16,000 plus GST) and request half of this funding, which was the initial intention.

Jim will connect back with John and advise that we are willing to send another \$4,000 at this time (and to confirm how he wishes to receive the funds), but that he must guarantee completion and delivery. Jim also indicated that the project should be completed within the next three weeks, and he will have this confirmed by John when he speaks with him.

Committee Reports:

- c. **Catch The Big One:** Catch the Big One will begin again on the Labour Day Weekend (September 2023).

Jim reported that last week, members of The Rotary Club of The Pas met with Mike Connors (Inspector with Lotteries, Gaming and Cannabis Manitoba) in The Pas, and the meeting went very well. Lotteries is very happy with the manner in which our Club manages the Catch the Big One draw. We are in their good books!

6. New Business

- a. Summer/Fall BBQ and District Governor Visit. We are awaiting final confirmation of a date when the District Governor will be in The Pas.
- b. Canada Day. Canada Day will be left on the agenda for a more thorough discussion and planning for next year (and future years). Further discussion will take place about The Rotary Club of The Pas taking the lead on this project, with a shared responsibility with other local service clubs as well.
- c. Memorial plaques for community benches. July 25, 2023 is now confirmed as the date for our guests (family of those whose names will be on the plaques) to attend. Kent and Peter will ensure the broken bench is repaired, and that the plaques are on the benches prior to July 25, and will also ensure clean up around the benches (eg. garbage, graffiti, weeds). Peter noted there should be summer students working for the Town who could assist – Kent/Peter will check on this to be sure this work is done prior to July 25.
- d. Fundraising.
 - i. Catch the Big One will begin again the September long weekend.
 - ii. Any ideas for fundraising can be brought forth at future meetings. Ideas mentioned to date include:
 - 1. “Rubber duckies”
 - 2. “Vehicle on Ice” – lottery guess as to what date the vehicle will disappear

3. Perogy making/sales

- e. Rotary Club of The Pas Banners. Jim confirmed a quote for new banners - \$150 each, regardless of the number ordered. This includes the banner/stand and all printing for each banner. Tim will provide the preliminary mock-ups to the Club for review. We will leave this on the agenda until the project is complete.
- f. SCTC – Manitoba Native Firefighters Competition and Conference. Carolyn Smeltzer (SCTC Technical Unit Manager) reported on the success of the Manitoba Native Firefighters Competition and Conference. There were 11 teams from all over Manitoba, and the entire community was involved as host community with restaurants and hotels being used throughout the Tri-Community. Cross Lake was the overall winner of the Competition. The Nationals will be in Montreal this year.

There are eight first nations served by SCTC, and there are a number of projects they have been involved with, including providing shelter and meals during Covid. There are many ways to partner for these activities and events. Carolyn presented Jim with a cheque for \$1,100 and distributed SCTC gifts to the group and expressed appreciation for the support of The Rotary Club of The Pas for the recent Manitoba Native Firefighters Competition/Conference in the provision of the large tents.

- g. Jim Berscheid reported on the recent news about the activity in Churchill, and the positive impact this will have for economic development throughout the north. For more information:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/port-of-churchills-busy-weekend-boosts-local-economy-1.6908438?fbclid=IwAR0Y1A1mK5oSHOqeGqC8amcMND0pC8SawlFXVV2odM1O80FXxHzFDqIraaq>

Jim also reminded the meeting of the upcoming Chuckwagon and Chariot races, and requested the blue and gold Rotary tents if possible. It was agreed that these tents would be made available for the races, which is a three day event this year - August 18-20, 2023.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Proposal for Membership:** Debbie Lane had previously been noted as a potential member for the Club. Rick Hubbs had previously read Jace Lloyd's name for the second time, and Jace will most likely join in the fall.

- b. Club 100th Anniversary.** Permanent Agenda Item – no specific discussion at this meeting.

8. Sargent At Arms Next Week:

9. Next Meeting: Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room, 12 pm on July 18, 2023.

10. Next Executive Meeting: 10:30 AM, Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

11. Four-Way Test