

**Rotary Club of The Pas**  
**Meeting of Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 12:00 pm**  
**Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room**  
**Minutes**

**President:** Jim Scott (Acting for Don McKay)

**President Elect:**

**Secretary:** Monica Cook

**Sargent At Arms:** Rick Hubbs (for Blair Patience)

**Call To Order:**

**1. Guests:** Bev McTavish and Arlene Wilson, Lee Manych and Kim Manych-Coulter and Tenille Coulter, Patti Banks

**2. Visiting Rotarians:**

**3. Make-Ups:** None

**4. Birthdays and Anniversaries:** None

**5. Correspondence:**

a. None.

**6. Committee Reports:**

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

Further meetings will be held with the Roadrunner Swim Club (Lisa Gibb) to see if they may be willing to assist with ticket sales for CTBO. There will also need to be further discussion related to on-line sales for CTBO tickets.

Peter will book The Grub Box for tickets sales once the sales begin again in September. This can be changed as needed once the next CTBO draw begins.

**7. New Business**

a. **Summer/Fall BBQ and District Governor Visit.** We are still awaiting final confirmation of a date when the District Governor will be in The

Pas. Don McKay will keep the Club posted on any updates as they become available – it will most likely be late August/early September. Rick and Fran Hubbs have kindly offered their home for the District Governor to stay when she visits The Pas and area.

**b. Opasquia Trails.** It had been previously noted that the motion related to the contribution to the Opasquia Trails had passed, but that the cheque would be presented when a representative could attend a Rotary meeting to provide an update on the project. To date, a representative has not been confirmed.

**8. 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 being involved in Canada Day events.

**9. Memorial plaques for community benches.** We are honored to have family members of previous Rotary members who have passed away present at this meeting. After lunch and the meeting, Jim indicated the dedication of the memorial Rotary benches will take place. The past members who are being remembered today include:

Sandy Banks (Patti Banks is at the meeting today) was a member of the Rotary Club for 22 years beginning in 1999. Jim recalls Sandy always in the same place at the meetings and listened intently. He would always then have an incredible story related to the meeting's events that he would tell to wrap the meeting up...and he had the best jokes!

Gene Germaine (Bev McTavish is at the meeting today) was a member for 8 years beginning in 2012. If you ever wanted to know anything about this province from Swan River to Flin Flon, you could ask Gene. There was nothing he did not know about, he was a brilliant man, and he always had great stories to tell.

Don Manych (Lee Manych, Kim Manych-Coulter and Tenille Coulter were at the meeting) joined in 1966 and was a member for 55 years – this is incredible. Don always gave good, solid advice – and he was very good at shutting down a meeting if things were going a little long. He contributed so much to the Club in his many years of service.

Mike Dickens was a member for 16 years starting in 2004, and served a term as President as well. Mike also always sat in his same place at meetings, and had great stories to share with all of the Members.

Keith McMurchy was a member for 34 years, beginning in 1980. Keith was an educator by profession, and Jim shared that Keith actually helped him to appreciate education. Keith was always helping with various Rotary events, and LobsterFest was a memorable one. The stories Keith would share were also incredible, and the Club always had lots of laughs at these various events.

#### **10.Fundraising.**

Any ideas for fundraising can be brought forth at future meetings. Ideas mentioned to date include:

- “Rubber duckies”
- “Vehicle on Ice” – lottery guess as to what date the vehicle will disappear
- Perogy making/sales

**11.Rotary Club of The Pas Banners.** Tim is not at the meeting today, but will develop and provide preliminary mock-ups to the Club for review. We will leave this on the agenda until the project is complete.

**12.Clearwater Lake Marathon.** Michael reported that the Marathon was a success, and the weather cooperated beautifully. There were 132 participants registered, the majority which were confirmed a few days before the Marathon. Thankfully no participants got lost on the trails this year. Pledges were about \$1,700 – the Running Room site is not particularly user-friendly, and next year a different site will be used. Hopefully this will make it more stream-lined for registrants to register and to gather pledges for future marathons. Thank you to those Rotary members who assisted with the tent set-up and take down for the Marathon

**13.Rotary Meeting Chair** – Kent Whaley will chair the first two meetings in August.

**14. Rotary Exchange Student.** Julia noted that our exchange student (Aria) has not yet had confirmation of her arrival date. She is awaiting her visa, so cannot determine dates until that is received. Linda is in touch with Aria, and will confirm as soon as she knows the expected arrival date.

**15. 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Permanent Agenda Item – no specific discussion at this meeting.

**16. Farewell to Jim Scott.** Rick Hubbs shared with the gathering that this is Jim's last meeting with The Rotary Club of The Pas as he is moving to Estevan, SK in August. Jim is already going to be attending a Rotary meeting in Estevan next month, and is looking forward to remaining involved. Rick thanked Jim for his years of service with The Rotary Club of The Pas, including his two terms as President, and his willingness to always help out with the various events and Executive requirements and activities. The Club applauded Jim, thanked him for his service, and wished him well in the future.

**Sargent At Arms Next Week:** Doug Long

**Next Meeting:** Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room, 12 pm on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

**Next Executive Meeting:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 10:30 AM, Wescana Inn.

**Four-Way Test**