

**Rotary Club of The Pas**  
**Meeting of Tuesday, July 4, 2023, 12:00 pm**  
**Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room**  
**Minutes**

**President:** Don McKay – Inaugural meeting as the new President

**President Elect:**

**Secretary:** Monica Cook

**Sargent At Arms:** Kristi Green (away). Ken Kelly stepped in.

**Call To Order:**

1. **Guests:** None
2. **Visiting Rotarians:** None
3. **Make-Ups:** None
4. **Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Jim Scott.

**5. Correspondence:**

- a. **Donation to School Swimming Programs:** It was confirmed that the following motion was agreed via email vote after the June 27, 2023 meeting:

Motion: Don Dunnigan/Paul Chapman

To contribute \$4,000 to Opasquia School and \$4,000 to Kelsey School for the swimming program for the 2023-24 school year.

**Passed** via email vote after the June 27, 2023 meeting.

Don McKay informed that he had received a letter from Opasquia School administration thanking The Rotary Club of The Pas for their donation of \$4,000 to the swimming program.

- b. Don McKay advised that after this meeting, he will be away until August 15. Jim Scott volunteered to chair the next two meetings (July 11 and 18). The Club will ensure that others will cover the remaining meetings while Don is away.

- c. Opasquia Trails. A donation had been requested 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.

### **Committee Reports:**

- d. **Catch The Big One:** The Club had previously agreed that the draw will begin again on the Labour Day Weekend (September 2023).

Members were reminded that Mike Connors (Inspector with Lotteries, Gaming and Cannabis Manitoba) will be here to meet with representatives of The Rotary Club of The Pas on July 6/23 at 3 PM – in the same location as our meetings take place. Any available Executive Members (and others interested) are asked to attend.

### **6. New Business**

- a. Summer BBQ and District Governor Visit. Don McKay has communicated with the incoming District Governor, Sonja Susut, to determine when she will be here, and she indicated that she could be in the North later in July or August, which she would prefer, but September would also work. Don indicated he may be away if she visits in July or August, and others noted various activities (personal and community) which already take place through the summer. It was agreed that September would be best, but that we will provide the District Governor with August 22 to September 12 for a window of dates, and we will await her reply for confirmation. The BBQ will be planned during that visit at the Clearwater Hall. Once the date is known, Don will confirm with the Club, and Michael will advise the Clearwater Lake Hall administration to book the venue.

- b.** Canada Day. Jim Scott has spoken to the Kinsmen Club and they expressed disappointment at the lack of interest and organization for the 2023 Canada Day events. As per our discussion at the last meeting, Jim re-iterated the importance of Canada Day and that this would be a key event that The Rotary Club of The Pas could be the lead on in future years. It was agreed that we will leave Canada Day on the agenda for a more thorough discussion and planning for next year (and future years), and have a further discussion about 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. They will be invited to have lunch with Club members, and then the group will make their way to the benches for the dedication, and to gather by the river.

Kent will ensure the plaques are on the benches within the week, and will also clean up around the benches (eg. garbage, graffiti, weeds). Peter noted there should be summer students working for the Town who could assist. Robin also noted that one of the benches (Jock McAree bench) requires repair. Kent and Robin will ensure it is fixed prior to the dedication.

Peter advised there will be 8-10 people (including guests) in attendance to have family members acknowledged. Peter will confirm for Linda the total number of people for lunch the week 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. Tim will prepare preliminary mock-ups and photos from Cystal's records – including Canada flag, walking path and benches, Roy H. Johnson arena work. Jim has requested a quote for 5, 7 and 10 banners/stands, and is awaiting this information. He will check further and report back once he can confirm costs. We will leave this on the agenda until the project is complete.
- f. MBCI Grad – Rotary Breakfast. Gary reported that the Grad breakfast couldn't have gone any better, and thanked the Rotary members who assisted.
- g. Clearwater Lake Marathon. Michael reported there are about 50 registrants, and they are hoping for about 85 more. The pancake breakfast will take place at the Marathon, and Rotary members can be there to assist on the morning of July 23 if available.

Michael also reminded the Club of the Clearwater Owners' Association meeting tonight at 7 pm this evening. The \$10 annual fee is owing if owners have not yet paid.

- h. Rotary Tents. Doug Long notified that we have tents going out this coming weekend. Jim Berscheid noted that this is for Swampy Cree as they are running a firefighters' competition. They are very thankful that the tents are available, and they may be at next week's meeting to provide a report on the event.
- i. Jim Berschied reminded the Club of the upcoming chuckwagon/chariot races taking place August 18-20, and that this coincides with Opaskwayak Indigenous Days (August 14-20).
- j. Don Murphy confirmed that we are in the process for consideration of the RCMP Musical Ride for 2024. There was discussion that it would be a good plan to connect this with the chuckwagon/chariot races and other events for next year if at all possible.

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

**8. Sargent At Arms Next Week:** Ken Kelly

**9. Next Meeting:** Wescana Inn Rendezvous Room, 12 pm on July 11, 2023.

**10. Next Executive Meeting:** TBA

**11. Four-Way Test**