



The Fortarian

Jan 26th, 2022

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2021/2022 Board of Directors

President: Dawn Sebesta
 Secretary: Stephen Margarit
 Assistant Secretary: Irene Sottile
 Treasurer: Erle Wheatley
 Assistant Treasurer: Sante Sottile
 President Elect: Fhara Pottinger
 Past President: Cynthia Judge
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
 Zoom: 6.30pm

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors:
 Irene Sottile
 Robert Moore
 Sante Sottile
 Mary Ann Breton
 Bev Knutson
 Stephen Margarit

Allocations Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,
 Zoom 12 noon.

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
 Zoom 12 noon.

Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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President Dawn chaired the online meeting. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests (other than the speaker).

Robert Moore played a recording of the National anthem.

Robert also proposed a toast to the Queen of Canada.

Mary Ann Breton acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional lands of the Indigenous people of this region.

This evening's meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation (Club) for the Rotary year 2020/21.

The Club Secretary, Stephen Margarit confirmed that the number of members in attendance was sufficient for quorum.

The items of business were:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes from the 2019/20 AGM
3. Election of Directors for 2022/23
4. Consideration of Club Financial Statements:
 - a. Club Treasurer's Report –Erle Wheatley
 - b. House Lottery Financial Report –Robert Moore
5. Waiving Appointment of Auditor
6. Other Business:
 - a. Approval of Board decisions for the year 2020/21
7. Adjournment

The appropriate motions associated with each of these topics were made, seconded and voted on by the members.

There was a discussion regarding sending the Club Bylaws to all members: The Bylaws were provided to Members prior to their adoption by the Members at the AGM held in January 2019, however with new members and the passing of time, it was decided that sending them to all Members would be beneficial. The Club Secretary will do this.

These brief notes do not constitute the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting. The Club Secretary will prepare the official minutes.

Paul Harris Fellows Recognition:

Joan Krisko was pleased to announce the following Paul Harris Fellows for the past year:

1. Stephen Margarit: PHF+2
2. K.S. Joseph: PHF+3 AND PHF+4 (the presentation of the first award was delayed by Covid)
3. Brian Phillips: PHF+4
4. Therese Lim: PHF+5
5. Erle Wheatley: PHF+5

Congratulations to all of these generous supporters! The transfer of the pins can be arranged by contacting Joan Krisko.

Reports:

House Lottery Report: Co-Chair Robert Moore reported that approval of the Licence was expected prior to the end of January. Any questions from the AGCO had been dealt with expeditiously and he did not see any additional issues prior to the issuance of the Licence.

Robert mentioned that Chair Robert Hookham had reminded everyone of the meeting to be held Tuesday February 1, 2022. One of the items for discussion was a list of tasks and a request for committee member volunteers. Allocations Report: Sante Sottile indicated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Announcements:

1. The One Rotary Summit will be taking place virtually February 5, 2022 between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm. Notification of this event has been sent to all Rotarians.
2. This year's District Conference has been cancelled due to the Covid situation. At this time there is no news as to whether a "virtual" alternative will be offered.
3. It is anticipated that the reopening of restaurants may allow our next meeting to be a "hybrid" type meeting. This is to be confirmed.
- 4.

Lighter side: Irene Sottile entertained the crowd with a joke about "fact checking" using a gravy ladle. The unexpected punch line resulted in much laughter.

Editor Erle

Scribe Dave



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