

**Rotary Club of Summerside**  
**Minutes of Executive Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 23, 2011**  
Silver Fox Curling & Yacht Club Members Lounge, 7:00AM

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***Present:** Paul Power, Nelson Snow, John McCarthy, Yolande Richard, John Maynard, Gerald Arsenault, Cathy Gallant, Thane Smallwood*

***Regrets:** Phil Jost, Dale Craig, Heather Matheson, Tim Hockin*

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Paul Power called the meeting to order at 7:05 and welcomed everyone.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Paul added a discussion of EPSI funding to the agenda. It was **MOVED** by John McCarthy and **SECONDED** by Gerald Arsenault that the agenda be approved as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

President Paul reported that Easter Seals has raised approximately \$100,000 this year which is a very respectable amount given that there was no telethon this year. Paul stated that we do need greater participation from our club members if we are going to continue to receive the benefits that we currently receive from Easter Seals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prior to the beginning of the committee reports, Paul raised the issue of our commitment to the EPSI organization. It was determined that the minutes of previous meetings needed to be reviewed to confirm the amounts that have been approved and how the in-kind contribution from Aliant would be handled. Paul and Yolande will review and report to the general meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - John McCarthy, Chair**

John presented the treasurer's report. Discussion was held regarding our outstanding commitments for this Rotary year and the desire to have them completed rather than carried forward to the 2011-2012 year. John also mentioned that the club often carries a relatively large balance in its operating account and that it would make sense to open a savings account that would pay a higher rate of interest.

It was **MOVED** by John McCarthy and **SECONDED** by Gerald Arsenault that the financial report be approved as circulated and also, that the treasurer be authorized to open a savings account with the same security measures as our current account. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Fundraising – Thane Smallwood, Chair**

President Paul reported on behalf of the golf committee that the Annual Rotary FitzGerald and Snow Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>. There are some new and interesting prizes for the live and silent auctions which should help increase the total monies raised. There is still room for additional sponsors, teams, prizes and volunteers.

John Maynard provided an update on behalf of the Mardi Gras Bonspiel committee. It was suggested that it might be advantageous to find a partner, similar to what the golf tournament has done with the Prince County Hospital Foundation. This would help raise the profile of the bonspiel and may build more community support. Suggestions for an appropriate partner are welcome.

Paul reported that it doesn't appear that the proposed car show fundraiser will be taking place. Thane advised that the next proposed event on his list of fundraising ideas is a dinner. It is felt that there is an opportunity to build on the charter night dinner but that the club should first proceed with the development of a strategic plan. Once goals have been identified, the club will be in a better position to determine how much money we need to raise.

### **Club Service – Phil Jost, Chair**

President Paul indicated that discussions are continuing regarding the family picnic.

### **Vocational Service – Tim Hockin, Chair**

President Paul reported on behalf of Tim that three \$500 Rotary Scholarships had been presented. Receiving scholarships were Jeremy Waugh and Katelyn Veinotte from Three Oaks and Laura Quigley from Kinkora.

### **Community Service – Cathy Gallant, Chair**

Cathy reported that there was nothing new on the request from the Ellerslie Home and School Association.

Discussion was held regarding the request from Carson Allain's family for support in purchasing an accessible van. It was **MOVED by Cathy Gallant and SECONDED by Yolande Richard that the Club commit up to \$7,500 towards this project on the condition that the family is able to raise the balance of the money needed. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **International Service – Gerald Arsenault, Chair**

Thane Smallwood reported that we are still working with the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Okotoks, Alberta to complete the sanitation project in Nigeria. Thane will update the Club as things progress.

President Paul reported that an application to participate in the Group Study Exchange was received from Nancy MacPhee of Summerside who is a reporter with the Journal-Pioneer. It was **MOVED by Yolande Richard and SECONDED by Cathy Gallant that the Club sponsor a local participant in the Group Study Exchange upon the recommendation of the GSE selection panel. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Membership – Yolande Richard, Chair**

Yolande reported that Maitland MacIssac will be proposed for membership in the club.

## **Public Relations - John Maynard/Bill Kendrick, Co-Chairs**

- No report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A request \$250 was received from the organizers of the Rotary Spelling Bee held in conjunction with the Summerside Lobster Carnival. It was **MOVED by Paul Power and SECONDED by John McCarthy that the Club provide \$250 towards sponsorship of the Rotary Spelling Bee. MOTION CARRIED.**

President Paul reminded club members that committee meetings count towards attendance. All committees are asked to submit attendance make-ups for their attendance at committee meetings.

Paul updated the executive regarding the Rotary Float. All Island clubs have committed to provide financial support towards rebuilding the float. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000. The work is expected to be complete in time for the Lobster Carnival Parade.

Paul reminded the club about the upcoming joint Rotary-Chamber of Commerce Luncheon which is scheduled for Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Tuesday morning meeting that week.

Yolande reported that PDG David Muise has begun work on the club's strategic plan. A club survey will be forthcoming and then a facilitation session will follow in the fall.

In closing, President Paul thanked all members of the executive for their contributions and support to the club over the past year

**Assuming the same schedule is kept for next year, the NEXT MEETING – Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

**John McCarthy MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT at 8:05am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nelson Snow  
Secretary  
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