

Minutes of Board Meeting D7040 Passport Club

Tuesday, 30 January 2018 from 7:00 to 8:00pm

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7 administrators present:

President: Ariane Carriere

Treasurer: David Wood

The Rotary Foundation: Curry Wood

Secretary/club administration: Jacinthe Paillé

Public Relations and Communication: Kathy Trim

Service Projects: Len Goddard

Also present: Barbara Fiske, Fred Carriere, Liliane Lalonde-McKennirey, Lynn O'Flaherty, and Yves Soumillon.

1. Approval of the agenda
Ariane Carriere, president, starts the meeting at 7:00pm.
2. Jacinthe starts off by inviting the club members to join her and a group of fellow Rotarians from around the world for a dinner on June 15. These Rotarians are members of the International Travelling and Hosting Fellowship and are doing a pre-convention tour of Montreal, Ottawa, etc. before going to the Toronto International Convention. Rotarians and spouses/friends are invited to the event. Jacinthe will send the information to Curry and Ariane.
3. Financial Report: David summarizes the finances of the club. He mentions, among other items, that the R.I. dues are paid and only some dues are outstanding (some members arranged for a quarterly payment). Our net income is \$1429.54.
4. Adventures in Citizenship (Native student): The travel arrangements have been done via Len and Ariane's travel points. There is no cost to the club. What needs to be verified is the cost of meals en route.
5. Communication survey:
Kathy shares the findings from the communication survey that was sent to all club members (15 answers were received). Among the findings: 62% of club members read Ariane's weekly e-mail (newsletter), which is disappointing to some members; 20% of members do not have a smart phone; club members all have a laptop and access to the Internet, but not everyone uses Facebook; club members are happy to be trained. Kathy's thoughts on the survey: Let's look at the technology that's available to find a collaborative platform (more interactive than weekly newsletter); room to have offline conversations; look at what other e-clubs are doing/using (Google, others?). Kathy wonders if there should be a standard technology requirement for the club. A discussion follows.
It is suggested that we have a special meeting on communication to bring us closer and to make it easier for Ariane. She does mention that the weekly e-mail is sent to avoid being bombarded by e-mails (it limits the amount of e-mails sent).

Kathy also tells the club about the Ottawa Presidents' Council, which is a group of 10-12 club presidents in the Ottawa area who meets once a month. Kathy went on January 22 and was very welcomed; found out about topics such as PETS (April 21), the Youth Forum Project; events such as the Victorian Tea (Feb. 24). As well, there was mention of an Ottawa area fundraising idea; a presentation on work done in Nairobi (funding part of a hospital); and tree planting in the city of Ottawa (re: presidential citation).

6. Nepean-Kanata bingo: Liliane tells the club that the Nepean-Kanata bingo needs help for their bingo shifts. It could be once a month or once in a while.
7. Friendship Exchange (India):
After the Toronto Convention, a group of 12 Rotarians from India will be travelling in our district. The hosting clubs will generally take care of setting up activities for 2-3 days in their area. Len suggested offering a boat ride on the Ottawa River, and also suggested that a boat ride for the club members could also be organized for our club in June/July. For more information contact Katie Burke and Fay Campbell.
8. Sonshine Cove: Len suggests that the club could participate in the May clean-up activity at Sonshine Cove (120km north of Ottawa). It could count as a service project. Dates will be suggested.
9. PETS/DTA: Ariane tells the club about attending PETS and District Training Assembly (DTA) on April 21-22 at the NAV Center in Cornwall. Ariane will have a display for Interact and there will be others. Registration will be up this week on the D7040 website, and both training days are free; there will be a Foundation Dinner on Saturday evening (\$25). Ariane asks if we find the events list helpful in the newsletter, and the answer is positive.
10. Foundation Walk (Kingston): There will be a Foundation Walk in Kingston on either May 5 or 12. Since these dates are close to our charter date (May 8), Ariane suggests that we could get together and celebrate, perhaps give a Paul Harris Fellow. Len suggests that we could do this at Sonshine Cove (May clean-up).
11. Rotary's birthday (February 23): Ariane recently saw a presentation on the Rotary Foundation (TRF) given by Bonnie Black, PDG and thought we could invite Bonnie for a webinar session on TRF (close to Feb. 23), which is more interactive than the RI presentations. Everyone agrees it is a great idea.
12. Initiatives for our club (2018-19): Ariane used next year's Presidential Citation (now called the Rotary Citation) as a guide to establish our goals. According to her, we will need to focus on increasing our humanitarian service (it is difficult to achieve considering our club's format). We will need to have a look at how to do this. Kathy asks where we can find the Rotary Citation and Ariane suggests going on the RI website (information on theme and citation). This year (2017-18), we accomplished everything for our citation!

End of meeting at 8:00pm.