

THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB – Annual General Meeting

Date: January 9, 2021
Meeting: 4:05 pm End: 5:36 pm
Place: Zoom Online – hosted by P-Elect Deb Wiggs

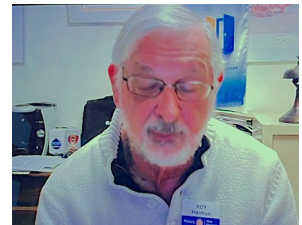
ATTENDANCE:

President	Roy Holman
President-Elect	Deb Wiggs
Membership & Engagement Chair	Pati Villhauer
Foundation Chair	Patricia Sibley
Secretary	Joy St. John

ABSENT:

Treasurer	Terry Greer
Service, Chair	Jill Greer

P-Roy: Welcome everyone it is great to see so many attending our Zoom Annual General Meeting for 2021.



I now call the meeting to order

We are required to have 15 members, I am happy to say we have more than that here today. Thanks to Pati Villhauer our Membership/Engagement Chair for reaching out to our members asking that they attend. Pati your hard work has paid off.

You will notice our treasurer Terry Greer and our Service Chair Jill Greer are absent today. Unfortunately Jill is seriously ill and Terry is with her.

RI Conference early registration has been extended to February 15, 2021.

Jim McGrandles, I motion to accept last years minutes.
 2nd Tim Villhauer PASSED



P-Roy: I will give a brief overview of our financials. We have our financial report for December 2020. We are within our timeframe for the AGM.

Questions – No

We are not a rich club but we are still doing well for a new club. We have two new fundraisers for our club FundScripts, USA

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and FundScripts Canada

<https://www.fundscrip.com/login>

With these two fundraisers and our Happy Buck we should reach our targets for 2021. I need a motion to accept the Financial Report.

Peter Kremen motion to accept the Financial Report as presented
2nd by Julie Johansen PASSED

Now with our current financials as presented. Are there any questions – I see none. We do not require a motion.

P-Roy: Our slate of officers for the year 2021 – 2022 are:

President	Deb Wiggs
Past-President	Roy Holman
Treasurer	Terry Greer
Membership/Engagement, Chair	Pati Villhauer
Service, Chair	Jill Greer
RI Foundation, Chair	Patricia Sibley
Secretary	Joy St. John

Trudy Gallant – I move to accept the 2021-22 Slate of officers
2nd Rhian Piprell. PASSED

For the term 2021 we are going to split the Membership/Engagement position into two positions. Rhian Piprell has agreed to take on the position of Membership. Thank you Rhian

P-Roy: I put out a call for nominations for board members on the Dec 12th meeting. Having received no response from anyone, we started contacting members.

I am happy to say that Drew Antrobus has agreed to be our president elect for the term 2022 – 2023. Thank you Drew

Drew: thank you to the Club for asking me to be your president. I look forward to helping the club grow even more.

P-Roy: read out his report that is included at the bottom of the AGM.

P-E Deb: The Club is going to be working on our Mission and Vision statement again this year. We started to organize the statement last Spring. The executive and a few members came to my house where we made a good start. Unfortunately due to my family situation it was never completed.

What I'd like to do right now is have you go to Break Out Rooms. I'd like you to answer the question 'What do you expect from your club?' I would like each room to come back with at least three things.

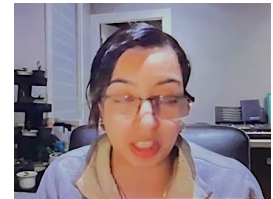
Each Break Out Room came back with great comments, that were documented by Deb for future use.

Ken Smith: Vision has a lot to do with networking. He sighted an example he recently experienced in Vernon to do with Rotary.



Navjit: said the Rotaract Club's she belongs to use app called Discord. It works well with staying connected and finding out what is happening within their group.

'Discord is an American VoIP, instant messaging and digital distribution platform designed for creating communities. Users communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers." Servers are a collection of persistent chat rooms and voice chat channels. Discord runs on Windows, macOS, Android, iOS, iPadOS, Linux, and in web browsers. As of July 21, 2019, there are over 250 million users of the software.'



P-Roy: said we would look into the application and how it would work for our club.

P-E Deb: said she was going to send out information to members on how to use ShopWithScripts. It would include an app to download and use <http://www.raiseright.com/>

Lornell: said she was going to be sending out more information for FundScripts to our Canadian members.

P-Roy: It is now time for our Happy Bucks
Happy Bucks helps the Club fund our two major projects Green Bag Projects (local project) and ARES (International).

We had many in attendance come forward with their Happy Bucks a few of the comments:

P-Roy: very happy to have such a great turn out for our AGM.

Drew: again thank you to the Club for asking him to be President 2022/23

Allen: I took a job!! Didn't think I would do that again but a good job offer came along the rest is history.

Marlene: nice to see folks

P-Roy: Thank you all for joining the Club's AGM for 2021.

I officially call our AGM to a close

Patricia Sibley, I motion to adjourn the meeting
2nd Lindagene Coyle

5:36 pm

Pati Villhauer - the PNW Passport Rotary clubs says



As our Membership/Engagement Chair and more!

Here is Pati volunteering for:

- Days for Girls

Pati also volunteers for:

- Starfish program
- Green Bag Project

And still has time to raise prized dahlias!!

Please remember to record all your volunteer hours Rotary or within your community. Feel free to send your hours to Joy St. John, Secretary.
pnwpassportrotary@gmail.com

PNW Passport Club AGM

Jan 9, 2021

Annual Review

I haven't participated in the Toastmasters program, but I will try to be brief on the annual club review from my point of view.

2019 – 2020 was to be Deb's year, her sister's passing made it difficult for Deb to cope with being President. We decided it would be helpful if I took over as President. I still consider the year was Deb's but I was glad to support her.

We had some successes and some difficulties throughout the year. We established some policies for accepting new members, and we developed some policies for club operations. These are now beginning to show positive results. We have gained some new members who quickly stepped in to help in club activities. Thank you all for being there.

We laid the groundwork for some club fundraisers and some club projects. The result of this is we have the Green Bag project up and running with the help of a District Grant. Thank you to our members Allen, Julie, Char, and Deb. We have a joint international project with North Delta and Bellingham – The ARES project in Kenya should be launching in the near future. Unfortunately, ARES will not have club members traveling to Kenya but rather associates in Kenya doing the work once the equipment arrives. Thank you Sean, for helping coordinate everything.

We also have Shop with Scrip in the US operating and Fundscrip in Canada operating. The commissions are starting to accumulate at over \$500 in the US and about \$20 in Canada. Thank you Lornell for working hard to get this program up and running quickly in Canada. We hope both of these programs will grow as time goes by. The success of these fundraisers rests with you, our members. Please support our Club fundraiser that really isn't an out of pocket fundraiser in that whatever cards you buy are at face value, whether they are electronic or physical. The difference is that the club receives a commission on each purchase

In the summer of 2019, we helped the Fraser Valley Roteractors with their corn shack at the Port Moody Ribfest, and the Langley clubs with their Ribfest a month

later. Both of these events generated some funds for the club. Unfortunately due to COVID, these functions were not held in 2020. Deb and I thank all who participated in these fundraisers. Hopefully, in 2021 these events will be held again and our Club can help out.

We are part of the Rotary World Help group, and several members have participated in the container loading days throughout the year. We have supported the Roteractors financially with a couple of their initiatives. We look forward to continuing this support. We are committed to participating in RYLA when that program starts again. We have helped both physically and financially with the Starfish backpack program in both Blaine and North Delta. Our member Celeste Mergens started Days for Girls it has been a great success in helping girls attend their goal of education. Members have helped with the Days for Girls group on Camano Island. The Club's contributions to The Rotary Foundation were significant and earned the attention of the District Leaders. We also received a certificate of appreciation from the Rotary Foundation for our contributions to End Polio Now.

2020 began normally, I even attended PETS as required in February, then the world went Virtual. Our Club quickly adjusted and too went virtual. Thanks to Deb and her partner for giving us access to a Pro-Zoom account. I appreciate that some of our members are not comfortable with the technology, this has meant the loss of their participation. Like myself, I'm sure most members miss the face to face meetings. Let's hope 2021 will find us being able to cross the border and meet once again face to face.

Some of the challenges we are dealing with include the lack of participation from some members. While one of the principles of the club is no attendance requirement, we have members who have never been to a meeting. The question is, why are you in Rotary if you do not participate? Your unique skills are what make each club stronger and certainly, there is an opportunity for friendship and involvement at the meetings. I would ask absentee members to please evaluate the benefits of being in Rotary and give everyone the opportunity to get to know you. Another challenge we face is that with the large geographic area the club covers, the travel time to meetings for remote members has been prohibitive.

Going forward, I believe we can add a virtual component to our physical meetings to allow these members to join in activities.

As my year began in July 2020, we were able to organize a couple of community service events – The Rotary Adventure Park cleanup in Stanwood Island and the Urban Waters Society box making day in Canada. It seems everyone enjoyed these events.

A significant Club achievement our treasurer, Terry, was able to obtain a US bank account. Since we are a Canadian incorporated club, this was a difficult thing to accomplish.

The District provided all members an opportunity to double their contribution to TRF in the fall and several members took advantage of this program to obtain Paul Harris recognition

Our virtual programs have been varied, we have had presentations from club members on Myanmar (thanks, Rhian) and the middle east (thanks Patrick). We also had Beijing to Paris trek with Lee Harman and others such as Izzy Edwards birdwatching presentation. We have had a fair number of funding request presentations as well. Deb and I thank Pati for her outstanding efforts to arrange these programs. Pati has already arranged some interesting and inspiring speakers for 2021.

The most difficult challenge we are facing as a club is the problem of club insurance. As we are a Canadian Club, we pay our club insurance to a private district group plan. We found out in mid-2020 that this insurance does not include coverage for US members. DG Carol and AG Joan and our board have been trying to find a solution for this problem by examining different options. Up to this point, we have not found a suitable solution. RI insurance is only provided to US clubs, and Private US insurers cannot ensure Canadians due to the Canadian policy. A separate Satellite club for US members does not qualify under RI insurance.

Our choices at the moment seem to be to split the club into 2 separate entities or to incorporate it as a US club. We are looking for other alternatives but no decision has been made. Whatever we do, we will look to the members for their input.

Finally, as we move along with the current year, Deb, myself, and the board are hoping to have the club vision and mission statement ready to present to the club for consideration in the very near future.

We are a young club, the only restrictions we have on our future will revolve around our lack of imagination. Rotary International has opened the door to creativity for all clubs, and it is up to us to use our collective experiences to make this club a unique expression of our members.

This has been an interesting unique journey for me as your President; I look forward to completing my term, thank you for the privilege of serving you.