



WEEKLY MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROYAL HUA HIN – AMARI HOTEL
TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2021

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present: 25
Members: 16
Guests: 9

A/SSA Martin Harrison opened the meeting with the National Anthem.

The following guests were introduced:

Michael Bedwell – former Rotarian - UK
Rini Busschers – Thai Voices Project – Netherlands
Khun Pornthip – Thailand
Bernard Pierre – France
Thiporn Pierre
Aaron Shaw – Canada
Em Shaw – Canada
Hans Stussi – Switzerland
Khun Koe – Thailand

President Phil Lawrence began the meeting by running through the proposed Board members for 2022-23. He explained that due to the pandemic and other considerations, he would be serving two years as President, in effect becoming IPP, P and PE!

The proposed Board for 2022-23 are:

- President - Phil Lawrence
- Vice President - Michel Zuber
- IPP - Phil Lawrence
- Secretary - Martin Harrison
- Treasurer - Albert Labermeier
- SAA - Rick Rees
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(Phil took the opportunity thank Peter Wydler for his excellent work as Treasurer over a number of years).

Nominated Positions:

- Service Projects Chairman - Napa Keawtem
- Foundation Chairman - Michael Kehnscherper
- Admin Chairman - Torsten Voigt
- Youth Services - Benjamas Uamsa-Ard
- Executive Secretary - Martin Harrison

- Website Developer - Peter Wydler
- Thai / Australia Inter Services Chairman - Alan Brown
- Assistant Governor - Gianni Battistini
- Education Advisor - Dr Keith Humphreys

No objections having been received by e mail or at the meeting the nominations were approved unanimously.

D3330 Events

Phil ran through D3330 events and was pleased to report things were beginning to move again post lockdown:

- Phil had attended PETS for year 118. He noted that in line with the Empowering Women project, approximately 60-65% of Presidents for 2022-23 were female.
- Presidents Rotary Party at Hua Hin Grand 3 Dec 21
- Vibrant Club Assembly at Hua Hin Grand 4 Dec 21 (five members had attended)
- District Conference and awards ceremony Kanchanaburi 17 – 18 Dec 21 (three members to attend)

Vision

Phil then ran through his vision as President RCRHH for the next 18 months.

Despite being the largest club in D3330 only 20% of our members are currently actively engaged. There are numerous reasons for this, RCRHH is transient, we have 17 nationalities, many are still abroad. There are work and family commitments that can prevent full involvement as well as potential language barriers due to the number of nationalities. Of course, the pandemic bleeds into each of these but most importantly with many members still abroad they are unable or unwilling to return because of the virus.

Phil is determined to increase the involvement of members and is now engaging everyone by sending out regular e mails to keep them abreast of developments and projects. However, he can only do so much and members will return when they themselves feel safe enough to do so.

Flagship Projects

The REC and Thai Voices are ongoing flagship work, but Phil wants a new project and referred to the presentation given by John Schorr on 21 Oct 21 – International Rotary Club Children’s Water Safety.

Drowning is a leading cause of death of children under 15 in Thailand. He intends setting up a Sub-Committee to work on a feasibility study for this project in Hua Hin and PKK, supported by RC Chiang Mai. They will need to look at

- Historical statistics locally and in PKK
- Consider engagement of partners such as TAT, The Mayor, business networks etc
- Financial analysis – to look at equipment needed, hire of facilities, Thai trainers
- Reputation of Rotary and Public Image
- Establish a robust business plan by 1st quarter of 2022

Public Image

- Sub-committee - Phil wishes to establish a PI sub-committee as this is a focal point within Rotary International

We currently have a very good web site that covers our activities, projects, stories, achievements of members, President’s monthly message, upcoming events and much more beside as well as a good Facebook page. Additionally, we receive excellent support from Surf 102.5 and could begin to look at Twitter, Whats App, Line as further means of getting our message across.

We need to break into both the D3330 and RI web sites with our stories and projects to let the world know what we are doing. An example being the story of the Lizzie Education Fund, linking it to Empowering Females and publicising how this has changed the lives of the two young girls who were selected.

D3330 has a great PI team who are young and extremely proactive and will help and support us with our endeavours.

Phil asked for volunteers to come forward and join the PI sub-committee.

- Year Book - We also need to really look at the year book to record our history and future plans.
- Fundraising – We have historically relied on the Golf Tournament to fund our projects annually, however this has been cancelled this year due to the ongoing situation. Need to look at other ways with a new approach. We can use Club Runner to highlight our main projects and install a link enabling people to make a donation to us online. Peter W will look at this idea in detail.

A new fresh approach is required and it is important to remember that all the money raised goes directly to the chosen organisations.

Upcoming Events

Phil then ran through upcoming events:

- 18th December - District Conference and Awards Evening
- 21st December - Board Meeting
- 2022
- 4th January - Fellowship Evening, Cool Breeze
- 11th January - Richard Buckle Surf 102.5
- 18th January - Board Meeting
- 25th January - Matsumi Adachi – Sang Foundation

A suggestion was made to create a section on CR to advise overseas members hoping to return to Thailand of the process required and to ensure it is regularly updated in the currently changing situation.

There being no further business lunch was called.



Rini Busschers and Phil Lawrence



Gusts from top to bottom, left to right
Em and Aaron SHAW – Canada
Mike BEDWELL – UK
Rini BUSSCHERS
Thiporn PIERRE
Bernard PIERRE