

**The Rotary Club of Nelson  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

**Minutes of Meeting  
7:05 pm**

Present: Norm McCarvell (via zoom link), Dave, Jen Cowan , Roland, Karen Bennett( via zoom), Jeanette McCarvell ,Tom Roy, Mark McBride, Wendy Lacroix (guest) (via zoom)

**Approval of Minutes of January 2024:** J.Cowan noted several errors and omissions with the minutes. With the amendments: accept minutes R. Daniels, seconded by T. Roy. Passed.

**New Business:**

**Meal committee (by Norm):** The committee now consists of Susan Kurtz and Tom Roy. Norm and Susan met with Shawn (Hume Hotel) to discuss meal options, and our needs. It was agreed to a fix menu consisting of four meals, which will be rotated (so you will get same meal every 2 months). There will be an item in the buffet suitable for vegetarians. Norm will no longer be on this committee, but will still do the AV and related setup for each meeting. Norm is still responsible to work with Shawn for seating and similar issues.

**Rotary Citation** – Wendy gave the Board a quick report of INTERAC activities and the state of the Club. She has noticed that there is a Rotary Citation that is available for youth activities, and would like the Rotary Club to apply for it. This would be to award the Citation to the INTERACT group for their hard work within the community, and the success of the Club, which now has over 20 members.

Motion: The Rotary Club of Nelson will complete the application required for the Rotary Citation that is awarded by the district, for our INTERACT Club. M.McBride, Seconded: R.Daniels. Passed.

**Treasurers Financial Review:**

Jeanette gave a very comprehensive review of our current financial situation. The Club is meeting it's financial obligations, but there is little extra within the budget. At this point, with limited fundraisers, we have little left for community giving and other needs. Jeanette did note the fundraising committee is meeting and has new fundraising ideas for the Club.

**Proposal: Bill All Club Members for Club Administration Charge**

Currently, each member attending a lunch is charged an additional \$5 to help the Club with costs associated with running the Club. Jeanette made the point that those that use the Zoom option, and those that are not attending, do not pay this charge. Those members do benefit from the Club, without paying for it. Jeanette suggested that we change to a format where the \$5 is not charged at the lunch, but instead is invoiced to all members of the Club on a quarterly basis. Since we meet 6 times in a quarter, the amount charged will be \$30 per member per quarter. This would be done via email, and the Treasurer would do this procedure. The advantage of this is twofold: The member will notice his/her lunch is \$5 less (thus \$30), and the Club will benefit from increased revenue (as all members are paying this fee). Also, at the same time, members can also pay forward for their meals. Thus, if a member desires, they can pay ahead for the meals for a quarter and pay \$210. If they do not attend, and have

paid ahead for meals, they will not be refunded for the missed meal. D.Buss and J. McCarvell will do a presentation to the Club on this topic in the near future, before implementation.

Motion: The Club adopt a quarterly fee, paid by all members, to cover the cost of running the Club. This fee would equal \$30 per quarter, and the Treasurer will invoice each member. An option for members will be to pay this and their meal cost for the quarter, if they desire, for a total cost of \$210 per quarter. The \$5 charged at lunch will be eliminated. Additionally, the \$25 that is charged to each member for the Foundation (at the time of membership renewal) will be eliminated. J.McCarvell, seconded by J.Cowan. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm