

## Rotary Club of Nelson

March 11th, 2024

5:30pm

Attending – Mark, Dave, Tom, Jen, Roland, Ainsley, Norm, Jeanette

Regrets - Karen

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Approval of Board of Directors Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – Dave, Roland, approved

Opening Remarks

Treasurer's Report – Nothing new to report. Paid DACdb subscription as previously discussed.

**Summer meeting proposal** – Preference would be in addition to the regular weekly meetings. Fellowship meetings/club stuff at the park instead. Keep guests for meetings at the Hume. Million dollar lunch, A & W,

Motion that for the period of June 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15 the club will adopt up to 2 additional monthly meetings at place the Lakeside Rotary Shelter. Tom, Dave, so moved.

### **New member involvement & retention**

– Great new members but concern is that we are not engaging them. Mark has met with Maureen, Bob. Will meet with Nicole next week. Dave to set up breakfast/coffee for Tanner, add Mark and one other member.

- Fireside chat held at Jen's place a few weeks ago. Jeanette, Jen, Bob, Maureen, Karen. Needs to be about getting to know the new member.

- Responsibility of sponsor to make sure new member is engaged. Sit together for 3-4 meetings, introduce to members. President/PE to committee that is active all year round.

- Take back information to Membership committee.

## **Results of questionnaire, and Club Assembly**

Mark reviewed last page of questionnaire. 20 and more responses for most responses.

## **Board and Committee structure for 2024**

Dave proposed reducing board Directorships from 5 to 3 - Directorship A, B & C. The 3 main committees under those Directorships will be Public Image, Fundraising & Fellowship, Membership & Retention Committees have Chairs and report back to the Directors. All club members are assigned to one committee for year-round participation and subcommittees are activated and collapsed as needed by Chair. Sort of like an accordion. Members may be in multiple sub-committees based on interest and activities but one year-round committee is mandatory.

Directorship A – Mark McBride

Directorship B – Jen Cowan

Directorship C – Mark McBride

Public Image – Ainsley Mackie

Fundraising & Fellowship – John Ferguson

Membership & Retention – Karen Bennett

Committee chairs to provide Dave with requested members by next week.

Motion to reduce the number of directors on the Rotary Club of Nelson from 5 to 3 with the term to remain the same. Jen, Tom, all approved.

Motion to accept Dave's proposed Committee Structure amendments for the 2024 -2025 session. See attached. Dave, Roland, approved.

## **Director Reports**

### **Club Service A**

Public Relations, Social Media – Ainsley and Jen did walk through of all the recommendations from District 5080 Todd Sheppard. Just waiting on access to the Admin side of the website. Posting to Facebook every 3 days

or so. Need members to send us photos. Jen will learn how to do bulletins. Need contend to determine how often it runs.

## **Fundraising**

**Next meeting** – Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All club members will be invited.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Shred-It Event

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day Flowers

**Canada Day** – Adding Cotton Candy sales. Friends of Rotary to run. Mark will ask Nicole and her partner Mike to run dunktank.

**Grants** – NCDU and BC Disability grant applications applied for to help fund the Mobi-mat. Susan Wallach is heading both of these up.

**Club Service B** – Jen

**Membership** – Meeting this Friday. Should have lengthy report for next board meeting.

**Nominations** - Dave still working on this. PE and Secretary.

**Attendance & Greeters** - Attendance committee no longer needed as it all tracked by meal reservation. Jen will also Colleen D to chair. Will ask Maureen Hendry to join as well.

**Sergeant At Arms** – Needs to be money maker and entertaining AND have sufficient time complete. President can override to charge everyone to met target set by treasurer. Ian Harriman is enjoying chairing this committee.

**Technology** – Dan Gatto is learning the ropes with week.

**Programs** – No update at this time.

## **Club Service C**

**International** – The international committee itself has been quiet, but a meeting is coming up in the next week. Norm has received a number of funding requests and cooperation potentials he will bring to that committee to discuss. Norm hopes to be able to travel to Honduras in September to

review the water project that was completed in person. The attendance of the committee is still a concern, as when meetings are called, few attend. This needs to change, as important business is discussed at meetings. Additionally, the Club does need to have a dedicated fundraiser for International to allow the Club to engage future projects.

**Interact** – The Interac team at the highschool has been meeting regularly and the club size has grown to over 20. While there have been a number of volunteer activities recently, attendance at some has been slim. A community project to have a clothing drive in November never materialized due to lack of organization and volunteers (Wendy was away). The recent bottle drive as well suffered from low number of volunteers, but \$400 was raised. Students helped with the Lantern festival, and Rotary International dinner. Wendy does need a second person to help with this group, as she feels quite exhausted. She was hoping Nicole Ripley will be assigned to Interact.

**Exchange Program** – Mark to host Samuel for 3 weeks.

**H.E.L.P Honduras** – Stilling looking for a few replacement sponsors. Should be able to fill within.

## **Club Service D**

**Fundspending** - \$500 to Our Daily Bread & Nelson Community Food Centre.

**Scholarships** – Only one application submitted so far. Mark will keep following up with the schools.

New Business – None

Adjournment – 9:32pm

Next Meeting – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.