**Rotary Club Nelson Board Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday September 20th at 6:30pm, 514 Nelson Ave**

**Zoom option was sent out via a separate email**

Directors: President team representative (Chris Chart, Dave Buss, Norm McCarvell, Mark Mcbride, Tom Roy) Past President Ainsley Mackie; Treasurer Jeanette McCarvell; Secretary Sadie Perlstrom; Directors Karen Bennett, Mark McBride, Roland Daniels, Jennifer Cowan

Guests: N/A

Regrets: Jennifer Cowan, Chris Chart, Sadie Perlstrom, Karen Bennett, Jeanette McCarvell

**\*\*\*Not enough for quorum so more of information session and anything requiring immediate board input to be emailed. \*\*\*\***

Call to order: 6:33pm

Correspondence: N/A

Approval of Agenda: N/A

Approval of Previous minutes of August 21, 2023 (attached): **Reviewed and no questions but should be approved at next meeting**

Treasurer’s Report: See attached as provided by Jeanette

Motion to Accept Treasurer’s Report: **Reviewed and no questions but should be approved at next meeting**

Old business:

1. **Committee Update**
   1. **Membership** – Jen & Karen

* importance of a regular location for meetings with lunch
* prepay for lunches (6 months at a time) to encourage attendance even when busy
* target some of the late 30-40 year olds that we know have strong family history of community involvement. Lots are business owners/work in businesses that should support Rotary involvement/pay for their memberships & lunches
* encourage ‘bulk’ joining so that there is an instant cohort of friends involved
* event to talk about why they should join
  + VR shorts
  + Evening at a pub
  + A lot of the names we mentioned have families, plan social events to encourage them to participate
* Also important is the late 50-early 60, newly retired age demographic
  + Have the money and time to participate
* Thinking early January timeline for ‘why Rotary social’ so that we have a solid meeting in place
  1. **Fundraising** – Ainsley
     1. **Beach Party update**
  2. **Sargent at Arms** – Jen
     1. **Ian Harriman is chairing and Norm assisting**

1. **Meeting space and food options** **at the Hume**– Norm
   1. Draft Letter to Club Members – to send out soon.  (Attached)
      1. Meal - $35 – food, taxes, tip, audio visual
      2. 1st & 3rd Friday
      3. Need to provide dessert – 1st week Ainsley apple tarts
      4. Must have guarantee of 25 so proposing phone call out plan
      5. $5 fee for club dues to cover future meals for guests
   2. Phone Committee Proposal – Jeanette is organizing a process and phone list.  I believe that it important to assertively contact club members for attendance at the two monthly meetings at the Hume.  I am concerned that achieving 25 attendees will be challenging.
   3. Tom and I will be meeting with Shawn this week to prepare for our return to the Hume.
2. **Land/Territorial Acknowledgement Options on Website** – Ainsley

* Too politically charged. Hard not to seem genuine offend. Will table for now.

New Business

1. **Meeting Calendar for Presidents** (Attached) - Norm

Suggestion to house in DACdb.  That way, those of us who are a bit computer challenged will only have to learn DACdb to view and amend the document.

Members to be provide with instructions to access public website to view calendar events. <https://nelsonrotary.com/>

Only members of the president team to edit calendar. Must update Word document in Club Files – President Schedule as well.

1. Fall Assembly – Creston – Sunday October 15th
   * + Norm to send out note to the club. Would be nice to have a number of members there. Good time to renew Foundation certification

Club Service A – Karen Bennett, Public Image

Programs: Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Dan Gatto, Wendy Lacroix, Ainsley Mackie

Public Relations Chair: Karen Bennett

Members: Marg Stacey, Eleanor Stacey, Jennifer Cowan

Website: Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Ainsley Mackie

Technology: Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Members: Ainsley Mackie, Dan Gatto, Dave Buss

Facebook and social media: Chair Karen Bennett

Members: Ainsley Mackie

Club History and Archives: Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Ken Muth, Margaret Stacey

Rotary Clothing/Banners: Chair: Ainsley Mackie

Members: Jennifer Cowan

Fundraising: Chair: John Ferguson & Ainsley Mackie

Members: John Brand, Karen Bennett, Jennifer Cowan, Nancy Hynes, Dave Buss, Maureen Kelsey, Marth Muth, Sadie Perlstrom

Club Service B – Jennifer Cowan, Club Administration

Attendance: Chair: Maureen Kelsey & Ian Muth

Sergeant at Arms: Chair needed.

Greeters: Chair: Ken Muth

Members: Yosh Tagami, Coleen Driscoll, & Al Bacon

Fellowship and Social: Chair: Ainsley

Members: Chris Chart, Colleen Driscoll

Sunshine: Chair: John Ferguson

Members: Dave Buss

Rotary Friendship Exchange: Jenn Cowan

Members: Dave Buss

Group from New Zealand wrapping up visit to Castlegar. 6 couples heading to New Zealand. Norm interested in getting the club more involved.

Membership Recruitment and Retention: Chair: Karen & Jen as co-chairs

Members: Eleanor Stacey, Dave Buss, Chris Chart, Jeanette McCarvell

Nominations: Chair: Dave Buss

Members: Dave Buss, Ed Edmondson, Susan Kurtz, Ainsley Mackie (past-president)

Alternate committees:

District Grant writing: Jeanette McCarvell

Policy & Governance: Norm McCarvell

**Club Service C - International Committee - Mark McBride**

**International committee**: Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Tom Roy, Roger Fontaine, Ed Edmondson, Chris Chart

The Honduras Water Pipeline Project is complete.  The opening ceremony was held on Sunday, August 29th, 2023.  I was not able to travel, so I could not attend.  I am hoping to travel in the new year with 1-2 others to visit Honduras.  
  
Rene and I will now be working on completing the final Progress Report, Final Expense Report and the Final Report to RI.  
  
**Peace Scholar Students**  
I would like to plan 2 Zoom presentations for the fall.  One for the student from Kenya and one for the newest student from Georgia. 

Market Children: Chair: Chris Chart

Members: Elaine Beaulac, Sadie Perlstrom, Roland Daniels, Peter Ward (back up in November-January.

Rotary Foundation: Chair: Janice Morrison

Members: Jeanette McCarvell

Interact: Chair: Wendy Lacroix

Members: Needed. Up to Wendy to decide

October 15th - Highway clean-up

Youth Exchange: Chair: Dave Buss

Members: Terry Lund (Counsellor), Chris Chart, Colleen Driscoll, Nancy Hynes

Lutherhaven took place 2 weeks ago. Great experience for all. Committee struggling with time commitment for ongoing exchanges. Would already have to start looking for students now for 2024. Committee decided Samuel will be last 1 year exchange for until 2025. Possibility of short-term exchanges. Arden thoroughly enjoying Japan. Day trip out to Ainsworth for the local exchange students this weekend.

RYLA & Mini Ryla: Needs Chair

Club Service D - Community Service - Roland Daniels

Circle Foundation

Club Liaison: Mark McBride)

Members: Norm McCarvell, Jennifer Cowan

Fund spending (includes gaming): Chair: Susan Wallach

Members: Marg Stacey, Eleanor Stacey, Colleen Driscoll, Jennifer Cowan, Chris Chart

$500 towards Nelson Music Festival Association

$500 Adopt a Senior – Fall bags, 100 seniors in the program

Family Day: Chair: John Ferguson

Members: Jennifer Cowan, Colleen Driscoll, Ainsley Mackie, Nancy Hynes. Tom Roy

Rotary Lakeside Park & Point: Chair: Tom Roy

Members: Ken Muth, Ed Edmondson, Colleen Driscoll, Cory Viala, Margaret Stacey

Scholarships: Chair: Mark McBride

Members: John Brand, Ed Edmondson, Colleen Driscoll, Kris Witt, Sadie Perlstrom, John Ferguson, Norm McCarvell

Rotary Trailer & Signage: Chair: John Ferguson

Members: Ainsley Mackie (spare key holder)

Salvation Army Kettl*e:* Chair: Al Bacon

Members: Ed Edmondson

Meals on Wheels: Chair: Corey Viala

Members:

Adventures in Music: Chair: Mark McBride

Award of Merit: Chair: Margaret Stacey

Motion to accept the Directors' reports as presented: N/A

Next meeting: TBA – Ainsley to host at her office.

Motion to Adjourn: N/A

Time of Adjournment: N/A