

**Nelson Rotary Club
Board Meeting
November 30th, 2023**

Attending: N. McCarvell (Chair), J. McCarvell, D. Buss, M. McBride, R. Daniels, C. Chart, A. Mackie.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Review of In-person Meetings at the Hume Hotel: N. McCarvell gave the Board a review of the progress on meetings at the Hume. With the meetings happening only twice a month it is critical to keep the meetings organized and on-time. Those that want to socialize need to arrive at 11:30. Seating arrangements have been adjusted to allow up to 4 extra people per meeting, chairs and tables arranged to allow good view of the President, and seating has been reserved for C. Fairbanks. Finding time for speakers is problematic due to packed schedule with meeting business. Speakers Committee will have to carefully review each potential speaker for relevance to Rotary and our goals, due to limited time for speakers. The Telephone committee is working well, and attendance at the meetings has been good. There is only limited room for extra people at meetings, so all are encouraged to book those seats when called (by the Telephone committee). Any issues with AV or food, please contact N. McCarvell, do not approach the Hume staff.

Rotary Cupboard: N. McCarvell and Tom Roy cleaned out the cupboard we use at the Hume. It was re-organized with a much less volume in it. Items of historical significance (plaques, etc.), will now be displayed at Club meetings.

Meal Price for Guests: It was noted that meal cost for guests is now \$35. For regular Rotarians, \$5 of this cost goes to the Club for administration. After discussion, it was agreed that guests be only charged \$30, as there is no need for an administration fee for them.

Treasurer's Report: J. McCarvell noted that everyone should have received a copy of the current financials for the Club in their email. The Selkirk Dinner costs are now in, and the profit for the event was \$9,291. Additionally, the Club will receive \$2000 from the RDCK to help with the project (wheelchair access mats for the beach). There is \$727 owing to the Club from members for fees paid to the curling rink. This will be invoiced to members in the new year.

Meals on Wheels: Appears all available spots are now taken.

Club Assembly: Tentatively scheduled for the second meeting in January. Will be a hands-on meeting with membership input required.

N. McCarvell has posted templates for Agenda on the DACB website.

Committee Members: N. McCarvell highlighted that it is unclear if committees are operating, and who are the members. Directors of the Board must contact their committee chairs, and ensure they are operating, who the members are, and if members are needed to bring this to the President's attention. This needs to be done before the next Board meeting.

Directors Reports:

Club Service A: No Report

Club Service B: No Report

Club Service C: M. McBride reported the Interact group under W. Lacroix is selling Save On Foods gift cards to raise monies for the Mexican Young Women's Empowerment program. All members are encouraged to purchase these cards. Additionally, the students are setting up boxes in various stores to collect hats and gloves to distribute to those in need.

C. Chart highlighted that Help Honduras is at work collecting fees for students. This must be done by January before the children start the next school session. Costs have risen 10%, so the fees for students have been adjusted by this amount.

D. Buss reported on our international student Samuel, and how he is moving to new sponsors closer to town. There may be some instability with regards to the father being away, but Dave is keeping an eye on the situation. Sponsors are also needed for after this session with the current sponsoring family.

N. McCarvell reported that the Honduras water project is now complete, and the final report is being completed. Also, he is working to have our Peace Scholarship Student visit our Club sometime in the spring or early summer. There is the potential of a second Peace Scholarship student coming on board, Norm will keep the Club up to date on this.

Club Service D: R. Daniels informed the Board that Club member K. Witt had a health issue, and that the Club did provide flowers for her.

The Scholarship Committee is busy contacting the various schools and has received responses for all except LVR. Crawford Bay school is having 4-5 graduates this year (there was none last year). These students are finished formal classes in January, so the Committee will have to figure a way for them to apply for bursaries and scholarships.

Next meeting: January 8th 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



Norm McCarvell, Presiding President