

**The Rotary Club of Nelson
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8th, 2024**

Agenda

Present: Norm, Sadie, Dave, Jen, Roland, Karen, Ainsley
7:05pm

Regrets

Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2023: Ainsley, Sadie, Mark

Opening Remarks:

Dave PETS: Typically shared hotel room, Dave to book his own room

Treasurers Report:

- General fundraisers for projects
- Youth Exchange won't be active next year
- Norm, hoping to go to Honduras in next few months. Requesting 2K to International Committee Line Items. Seconded by Dave
- \$5 per person at meetings is helping, N/A for guests
- Curling Club owing \$727.00 a. charge members to attend or b. take from general operating. Motion for b. Karen, Dave

Funding Request:

- Burger Night at Finley's - Nelson Friends of the Family & Women's Center
- Dragon Boat Shelter Meal Request – Anniversary Party
- No cost to club, 3-6 people needed to cook and clean tables at the shelter. Norm has signed up for food safe course, one more would be great. Will send email out
- Renal Hemodialysis Request and Letter of Support - (See Below and Attached)
 - Letter approved
- Membership Satisfaction Survey to Club Members (see Attachment)

Club Assembly:

- Membership satisfaction survey, can this be paired down? Sadie to convert to Word and email Norm
- Late April, early May

Programs Update:

- No change to suggested presentations
- Members to bring program and bring to committee for scheduling

Other New Business

- Karen: Invoice and prepay lunches add as topic to club assembly. Lower incremental cost encourages members to attend. \$210 quarterly

- Mindful of time limits during meetings. Telephone committee can remind folks that they can come at 11:30am

Club Service Reports:

Club Service A – Karen Bennett, Public Image *** Karen wants to be off this Directorship ASAP.
Membership co-chair takes up a lot of time

Public Relations, Website, Facebook, and Social Media:

Chair: Ainsley Mackie

Members: Karen Bennet, Norm McCarvell, Jen Cowan

- **Website** – Norm adding donation button and improving Meta tags. Requested that Ainsley email Christmas pictures. **DONE** and Beach Party photos

Fundraising:

Chair: John Ferguson & Ainsley Mackie

Members: Karen Bennett, Jennifer Cowan, Nancy Hynes, Dave Buss, Maureen Kelsey, Susan Wallach, Theresa Lund, Alice Sanchez, Grant Ackney, Terry Lund

- Meeting first week of February, laying out 2024 events
- Revisiting Scotch, cosponsored beer with Torchlight – John to organize meeting

Club History and Archives:

Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Ken Muth, Marg Stacey

Rotary Clothing/Banners:

Chair: Ainsley Mackie

Members:

Fellowship, Social and Sunshine

Chair: Ainsley Mackie

Members: John Ferguson (Sun), Dave Buss (Sun), Chris Chart (F&S), Colleen Driscoll (S&F)

Fellowship

- January 22 – Burger and Beverage at Finley's to support Dragonboat team and two great charitable organizations – Nelson Friends of the Family and the Women's Shelter. Club receiving \$1,000 from Nelson Circle Foundation and board agreed that \$250 can be allocated to each.
- February 24 – Coldest Night of the Year

Sunshine

- Recommendation to add Sunshine question to attendance call tree script
- Need to review Sunshine parameters
- Current Sunshine – Chris Witt, June Nuyens (Ainsley to get card), Janice Morrison (hip surgery)

Club Service B – Club Administration – Jennifer Cowan

Membership Recruitment and Retention:

Chair: Karen Bennett & Jenn Cowan & Eleanor Stacey as co-chairs

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

- Monthly meetings, plan to increase membership to be presented to board soon
- Prospects in the works – Maureen Hendry, Kristi Nicholls, Chrysler staff (Dave B leading), Troy (former Rotarian)
- Guest expenses
 - Ongoing cost for members bringing guests
 - Perhaps reduced cost for prospective members, ex) \$20/meeting

Nominations:

Chair: Dave Buss

Members: Ed Edmondson, Susan Kurtz, Ainsley Mackie, Marg Stacey

- Need to have meeting before January 18th
- Need to add at least 1 new director and secretary, PE

Meeting Room & Meals (including Dessert if needed)

Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Tom Roy

Attendance and Greeters:

Chair: ?

Members: Call Tree of Marg S, Jeanette, Alice and Theresa. 3 or more greeters needed to cover all meetings

- Averaging 28 + guests, call tree going very well
- Need to revamp greeter committee, maybe rotate between president and board members

Sergeant at Arms:

Chair: Ian Harriman

Members: Tom Roy, Norm McCarvell, John Ferguson, Susan Wallach

Technology:

Chair: Norm McCarvell

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

Programs:

Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Dan Gatto, Wendy Lacroix, Ainsley Mackie

Ad Hoc Committees:

District Grant: Jeanette McCarvell, Cibylla Rakestraw

Policy & Governance: Norm McCarvell Members:

Club Service C - International Committee - Mark McBride

International committee:

Chair: Norm McCarvell

Members: Tom Roy, Roger Fontaine, Ed Edmondson, Chris Chart, Mark McBride, Dave Buss

Global Grant Certified Members:

- The Honduras water project has submitted all documents, including banking information to RI. They are reviewing the information. The community is very thankful to have local potable water. Norm hopes to travel to Honduras in early spring 2024.
 - Bit of an issue with insufficient bank statements and water tests not being submitted when the project scope change. Everything submitted now.
- A request from Castlegar Club regarding partnering with them or another water project in Peru. We have not made a decision yet
- New Peace Scholarship from Georgina – We will continue to act as an “International Club” for the student. She has arrived at the University of San Diego. A second Peace Scholarship from Georgia has been funded and approved. She will arrive in San Diego in August 2024.
- The recent successful Global Grant Scholarship Student has graduated with a Master’s and her Rotary Global Grant has been finalized and closed.

Market Children:

Chair: Chris Chart

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

- Sponsorship drive is going well, with the majority of the sponsors having agreed to sponsor for the 2024 school year. We are looking for a few more sponsors to replace some that have decided not to continue

Rotary Foundation:

Chair: Janice Morrison

Members: Jeanette McCarvell

Interact:

Chair: Wendy Lacroix

Members: Needed. Wendy and Dave are looking.

- Warm clothing report – 6 bags of clothing were dropped off at the Nelson shelter last week. Two other bags will be dropped off at the Women’s centre and transition house
- LVR Interact helping out the group going to Mexico in February by hosting a bottle drive on Feb 4th 10-3, drop off bottles at Selkirk Vet clinic or put out your bottles out on the curb & someone will pick up.
- New members will receive their pings and t-shirts this week
- New volunteer opportunities are coming up. Balfour Tea, Coldest Night of the Year, helping with

the Daybreak's International Dinner

Youth Exchange:

Chair: Dave Buss (Youth Exchange Officer)

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

District Youth Exchange Officer: John Ferguson

- Samuel moved to his new family. Karen and John Bellan on December 27th. We still need a family for April through until he goes home

RYLA & Mini Ryla:

Chair: Needed

Members: Needed

Rotary Friendship Exchange:

Chair: Jenn Cowan

Members: Dave Buss

Club Service D - Community Service - Roland Daniels

Circle Foundation:

Club Liaison: Mark McBride

Members: Norm McCarvell, Jennifer Cowan

- AGM happening this month
- \$1,000 being given to club to allocate in the community

Fund spending (includes gaming):

Chair: Susan Wallach

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

- Nothing new other than the \$1,000 from the NCF, board agreed that \$250 can go towards Nelson Friends of the Family & the Women's Centre

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, Colleen Driscoll, Margaret Stacey

Scholarships:

Chair: Mark McBride

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

- Meeting tomorrow night
- Need to figure out how to deal with students that grad early

Rotary Trailer & Signage:

Chair: John Ferguson

Members: Ainsley Mackie (spare key holder)

Meals on Wheels:

Chair: Ainsley Mackie

Members: Past Rotarian Corey Viala

Adventures in Music: Chair: Mark McBride

Award of Merit: Chair: Margaret Stacey

- Need to reassess if this has value in the community. Does it have a level of prestige to warrant?

Committees Review (See Below and Attached for Current Committees and my Proposed Modest Change)

Updated directly in Club Service Directorships listed above now. Ainsley to be the master list keeper so as committees update chairs need to let her know. Master will be added to DACdb.

Other Director Reports – N/A

Adjournment: 8:35pm

Next Meeting – February 12th at 7pm – Jen’s place. Mark to chair meetings going forward.