

Port Hope Rotary Club

2007-2008 Board Minutes – January 14th. 2008

Present: Ron Tuttle, Jim Hunt, Rolly Dalla Rosa, Ron Coleman, Jamieson Ross, Ken O'Neill, John Mowat and Merv. Richards.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Ron Coleman, seconded by John Mowat.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jamieson Ross, seconded by Jim Hunt.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: John Mowat reported that we do not have a Club camera at present. Ron Coleman said he intended to purchase a new digital camera while he was holidaying in Florida and offered to donate his old one on his return provided Elaine did not want it. He also suggested that we arrange to have reports on the activities of the H.B.Stevens' Fund made regularly to the Club.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was received and adopted on a motion by Jim Hunt, seconded by John Mowat.

In a discussion on his report Treasurer Ron Coleman pointed out that the Club lost \$400 on our Xmas Dinner Party due to the fact that we had 7 guests and two no-shows who did not pay. He suggested that next year we set the cost of the dinner to cover 10 extras. Past President Rolly suggested that, as a friendly reminder, it be announced at the Club meeting and in the Bulletin that someone has not paid for the dinner - without any particular names being mentioned.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Merv. Richards reported that a request for Leave of Absence from Feb. 11 to April 7, 2008 had been received from P.P. Rolly Dalla Rosa. The Board agreed unanimously that the request be granted.

President's Report: President Ron reported on the recent Board decision to review our Director/Avenue of Service structure. Ron Coleman stated that the responsibility for any change should rest with the Governance Committee and that he would communicate his ideas for discussion with the other members of this committee – Ken O'Neill and Jim Hunt. After some discussion it was agreed that we should at least consider reducing the number of Directors to four, giving the Board a reduction of one member. Ron Coleman agreed to submit a complete design for a new structure to our Board meeting in March.

Discussion took place on the agenda item regarding the display boards and the ground features surrounding these boards outside the Tourism Office. This project had been originally proposed by Ron Coleman as a discussion for our January meeting. Following the discussion it was moved by Jim Hunt, seconded by Rolly Dalla Rosa that the Club approve the project in principle to an approximate cost of \$1500. Treasurer Ron agreed that on his return from his Florida holiday he would, following discussion with Uwe Meyer, Andrea Patterson and Jom Gilmer, present a firm outline of the proposal.

The President's report was accepted on a motion by John Mowat, seconded by Jim Hunt.

Directors' Reports: With the exception of a Service Projects Report all other reports were submitted in writing and have been appended to the Secretary's copies in our files.

John Mowat (Club Administration) reported that our Feb. 18th. meeting would be a Fireside/Membership Meeting at the residence of Will Ryan on County Rd.#10. This being Rotary Awareness month Jamieson Ross (Public Relations) reported on the newspaper articles in the local press underlying Rotary's contribution to the world and the community.

Ken O'Neill (Foundation) reported that, as yet, no date had been finalized for our Foundation/Paul Harris dinner.

Jim Hunt (Membership) spoke on the Perpetual Calendars exhibited by our speaker last meeting and suggested that they might prove an effective tool for increasing membership and also a suitable gift for either our speakers or new members. He moved, seconded by John Mowat that we purchase 25 of them and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Sylvia Binkley (Fund Raising) submitted a report on the success of our hams and mustard sales. Sylvia apparently had offered to pay for the cost of our advertising brochures regarding the "Ham it Up With Mustard" campaign and the Board expressed the thanks of the club to her for this offer.

Other Business: Discussion took place on the feasibility of paying for meals in advance and it was agreed that we consider instituting a "payment card" good for 10 meals. President Ron undertook to design a suitable wallet size card for consideration. It was agreed that the cards, if adopted, would be paid for only by cheque. The initiative to move to this manner of paying for meals, if agreed upon following further Board discussion, would be announced by the President in advance of its adoption so that the Club members could have some input before being finally put into place.

Treasurer Ron Coleman suggested invoicing Club dues semi-annually and the Board agreed that this might be done.

Treasurer Ron spoke on the requirement of those members on door duty to see that the form he supplied regarding members and guests present be completed so that our monies collected would balance. In this regard Ken O'Neill suggested designing an envelope rather than a form.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by John Mowat, seconded by Ron Coleman.

Merv. Richards – Secretary.