

Port Hope Rotary Club

2008-2009 Board Minutes – 14th. July, 2008

Present: Jim Hunt, Sylvia Binkley, Ron Coleman, Roger Ingram, Ken O'Neill, Doug. Bourke and Merv. Richards

Agenda: The Agenda as submitted by President Jim was accepted on a motion by Roger Ingram, seconded by Sylvia Binkley

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Merv. Richards, seconded by Roger Ingram. Roger Ingram intimated that the only business arising from the previous minutes would be dealt with in his report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ron Coleman reported that he was holding the amount of \$10,000 in reserve. In a discussion on his operating budget certain changes were put forward and Treasurer Ron indicated that once he had incorporated these into a final document he would e-mail a copy to each Board member.

He moved and Ken O'Neill seconded that the financial report be adopted.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Merv. reported that he would e-mail John Mowat the names of those with 100% attendance for the year July 1st. 2007 to June 30th. 2008 in order that John could have certificates ready for presentation at the next available opportunity.

He also read a letter sent to the Ganaraska Conservation Authority pointing out that the Rotary Club would provide the sum of \$10,000 over a five year period towards the construction of the fireplace in the Great Hall of their new facility with the proviso that the Club would be involved in the final placement of our logo in the stone fireplace.

President's Report:

Following a discussion on the up-coming District Conference at the Deerhurst Inn it was decided that the Club would not pay any of the expenses of attendees. President Jim did indicate however that he hoped for a full attendance from Board members.

President Jim asked about our club song books which apparently are somewhere in our storage shed. Doug. Bourke agreed to make a search.

Estival – Ken O'Neill suggested, with all agreeing, that our donation of \$2000 would be the limit of our involvement and Roger Ingram agreed to talk to Kelly Morgan-MacKenzie and explain our position to her.

500 Club – further discussion took place on the suggestions put forward by Doug. Bourke in his e-mail to all Board members and it was agreed that this year would be the final year of the 500 Club in its present form and that 2009 would see the finalization of this fund-raising format.

The following changes were made to the original list promulgated by President Jim. The Historian will now be Jamieson Ross. "Health Beginnings" is to be removed from the childrens' services list. Wilf Quigley was suggested as Ken

O'Neill's replacement on the Foundation –President's Walk –Benefactors program.

Standing Committee Reports:

Both Ken O'Neill and Sylvia submitted written reports which have been appended to the Secretary's copies of the minutes .

At this early stage in the year the Club Service Committee (Doug. Bourke) had no report. Roger Ingram (Community Service) had no official report but Roger spoke of the lack of media reports of our Club's service achievements. World Service (Ken O'Neill) – Ken suggested the name be changed to "International Service – World Community Projects.

Fund Raising (Sylvia Binkley) - Sylvia reported that we would be involved in the "Octoberfest" to take place on September 28th. It was agreed that Doug. Bourke make a presentation to the Club once a format for our fundraising efforts after 2009 had been agreed upon.

Other Business: President Jim announced that he would be in Ottawa for the meeting of July 28th.

The Board approved an application from Eric Wright, a retired teacher residing at 49 Highland Drive, Port Hope. His application was recommended by Jamieson Ross.

Ken O'Neill announced that the Foundation Walk would take place on September 7th.

In a discussion on the budget Ken also announced that our Club would be hosting the Group Study Exchange team and that we would need \$500 which had not been included in his budget. It was agreed to take the \$500 from the Local Giving budget.

It was agreed that the amended budget be accepted.

Ken also suggested that there be more decorum during our meetings as at times it is difficult to hear the speaker because of conversations taking place between members.

Next Meeting: Due to the combined meeting at Brighton on the usual night of our Board meeting it was agreed to hold the next Board meeting on Tuesday, August 12th.

Mervyn J. Richards,
Secretary