

Port Hope Rotary Club

2007-2008 Board Minutes – 10th.June, 2008

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

The meeting was called to Order at 1905 hours.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the May 12th. meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by John Mowat, seconded by Roger Ingram.

There were no changes in the agenda as presented by President Ron Tuttle.

Treasurer's Report: Following the presentation of his report Treasurer Ron Coleman suggested the purchase of a short-term GIC for \$10,000 with some of the balance in our "Bequests Account" to which the Board agreed following a motion by Jim Hunt, seconded by Sylvia Binkley. Ron pointed out that an adjustment would be made to the Operating Budget with the removal of the \$5000 amount from both the Hospital and Keystone House expenses. He also requested that the Directors inform him by e-mail of any budget changes so that he could finalize the budget before his next presentation.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Merv. presented a request from both Susan and Ted Rafuse for a Leave of Absence from June 22nd. to August 22nd. The Board agreed to this request

President's Report: Following on a previous request for a financial donation towards the upcoming Estival it was agreed, on a motion by Ken O'Neill, seconded by John Mowat, that we make a donation of \$2000 to this event. In a discussion on the use of a small marquee during Estival it was agreed to await a decision on this until we were able to ascertain whether the Club would be able to have total use of the marquee.

Jim Hunt agreed to check with Andy Haynes as to whether his "Mustang" would be available for the Canada Day and Estival parades.

Following a discussion on Bob Wallace's e-mail passed on from a Tanya Perry (the local ambassador for ShelterBox Canada) regarding the "Shelter Boxes" for Myanmar (Burma) it was agreed that as so much time had elapsed since the disaster we would not involve the Club any further.

In a further discussion on the request from the Ganaraska Forest Centre it was agreed that John Mowat obtain further information before making a final decision, although Ron Coleman moved, with Jim Hunt seconding, a motion that we attempt to obtain the rights to the "Fireplace Request" with a five year term of \$4000 annually following Club approval.

Standing Committee Reports

Following the presentation of reports by the various Directors which have been filed with the Secretary's copies of the minutes the following matters came up for discussion.

1. the suggestion from Jan Boycott that we change the speaker's gift to a donation in the speaker's name to a specified charity was reviewed and it was agreed that we do not make such a change. President Ron was to contact Jan on our decision.
2. Jamieson Ross (Public Relations) through President Ron sent notification of a flyer from Northern Publishers and President Ron agreed to look into the format for it.

3. Ken O'Neill (Foundation) reported that he had received the sum of \$850 for the Foundation and that as a result we had built up enough credits to purchase two Paul Harris Fellowships. Ken also suggested that the Club fund-raise for our annual commitment rather than his having to go around asking individual members for a commitment.
4. Roger Ingram (Service Projects) submitted a request for the Club to consider applying for a Trillium Grant to assist in the construction of a "Dream Playground" in the downtown area. On a motion by Roger, seconded by Ron Coleman it was agreed that we make this application.
5. During the discussion about the recent Lobster Dinner and other fund-raising efforts Sylvia Binkley (Fund Raising) reported (a) that the costs for the dinner were a little higher than anticipated (b) that there was nothing on the tickets to suggest that attendees were able to have a choice between lobster and chicken (c) we need to have a better breakdown on the bar expenses and receipts and (d) we need to have an expanded advertising campaign and not rely entirely on newspaper advertising.
6. It was agreed that we sell mustards at our booth at the Fall Fair.
7. Continuing our long-standing discussions on the 500 Club Ron Coleman suggested that we perhaps should consolidate several of our fund-raising events and Doug Bourke agreed that his committee would attempt to come up with a proposal upon which the Board could make a final decision. It was suggested that as there were many emotional considerations among Club members on the 500 Club then, if we were to make a final decision before it was time for tickets to be printed, the Board should make the final decision.

Other Business: Incoming President Jim Hunt suggested that he would need some input from Board members to complete the 2008-2009 RI "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs." He announced that the District Governor for 2008-2009 – Mike Phelan – would be making his official visit to the Club on Monday, 22nd. September. 2008. Ron Coleman asked that Roger Ingram give a breakdown on the H.B. Steven's Fund to the Club. Outgoing Club President thanked the present Board members for their assistance during his year of office.

It was agreed that we continue to meet on the second Monday of each month following the Club's regular meeting and incoming President Jim Hunt offered the use of his home for the meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by John Mowat, seconded by Roger Ingram.

Reminder: July 14th. – next Board meeting.

Mervyn Richards,
Secretary.