

Port Hope Rotary Club

2007-2008 Board Minutes – March 10th. – held at the O'Neill residence
21 Centennial Drive, Port Hope.

Present: Ron Tuttle, Jim Hunt, Sylvia Binkley, Ken O'Neill, Roger Ingram, Jamieson Ross, Ron Coleman and Merv. Richards.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Ron Coleman, seconded by Jim Hunt.

Agenda: The agenda, with the addition of a discussion on a proposed Poverty Reduction Conference, was accepted as presented on a motion by Roger Ingram, seconded by Ron Coleman.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: The only business carried over from the previous meeting was the suggestion that the H.B.Steven's Fund might consider contributing to the Special Olympics being held in Durham. It was agreed that any decision be left to that committee.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report as presented was adopted on a motion by Ron Coleman, seconded by Jamieson Ross. The Treasurer thanked John Mowat for his assistance in conducting the financial affairs of the Club while the Treasurer was away on vacation.

President's Report: President Ron reported on the up-coming "Earth Day" and announced that both the Municipalities of Cobourg and Port Hope and Rotary District 7070 were committed to support this initiative.

He also reported that there is apparently some problem with 'our' bridge over the Ganaraska River but it is not known at this time if the problem is a major one. He and Jim Gilmer will meet with the Municipalities Engineer and the Director of Parks and Recreation to address this concern.

On the matter of our Riverfront Walkway project he reported that George Harvey, the chairman of that project has called a meeting of his committee for March 19th.

Ben Currelly submitted a request that the Club consider donating money to the Capitol Theatre so that a star could be placed in the theatre indicating that the Club was a donor. It was pointed out that the Club had, in the initial stages of the theatre's renewal, contributed some monies but the actual amount was unknown. Jamieson Ross and Jim Hunt agreed to investigate what had been done and to see if this could be counted as part of a \$3000 donation. They would report at our next meeting so that a final decision could be made on the amount of our actual donation.

On the matter of the New Members' Recognition Dinner with RI President wife Wilkinson it was agreed that the Club would pay the amount of \$40 for those new members eligible to attend plus the cost of Ted Lacey's dinner as the dinner would also provide a venue for recognition of Ted's fifty years of membership.

On the matter of a Club camera President Ron reported that Ted Rafuse has offered to make his available on occasions when he was not able to be present.

Discussion then took place on the restructuring of the Club's officers and committees as suggested by Treasurer Ron Coleman. It was finally agreed that we adopt the suggestion for a Board consisting of 8 members – President, Vice-President (Pres. Elect), Treasurer, Secretary and four Directors. It was moved by Merv. Richards and seconded by Roger Ingram that we adopt this structure for the 2008-2009 Club year.

President Ron also suggested that, as we are members of the Chamber of Commerce, someone from the Club could perhaps attend their meetings.

Standing Committee Reports

All of the Directors submitted reports with the exception of Club Service (John Mowat) In his absence his report was submitted by President Ron Tuttle.

The reports have been appended to the Secretary's copy of the minutes as part of the Club's records.

John reported that as well as the presentation of the 50 year pin to Ted Lacey by RI President Wilf there would be a presentation of a certificate to Ted by Past District Governor Lars Henriksson.

Jim Hunt suggested a donation to the Read Centre – Northumberland.

In her report Sylvia detailed suggested changes to our fund raising projects which would involve only two main fund raising functions – the Lobster dinner with extra concentration on the silent auction and a Cabaret type night encompassing mardi gras and the 500 club. It was agreed that in view of the increased costs of a dinner, then for the Cabaret night we merely serve a light supper. Following a suggestion by Ken O'Neill it was agreed that we should ask both Joyce Best and Andrew Haynes to a meeting for input and that, in view of the fact that the 500 Club was of a fairly longstanding nature that all relevant material be placed before the Club for discussion at our next Club Assembly on March 31st.

New Business: It appears that in order to obtain a lottery licence certain pertinent information must be supplied and President Ron undertook to attend to this matter.

A request had been made for representation at an up-coming Northumberland Poverty Reduction seminar on April 4th. and it was agreed that we would not be represented at this conference.

President Ron also reported on the up-dating of our web-site. It appears that on completion it will be much more secure than previously. The full report is attached to the Secretary's minutes along with the Directors' reports.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Roger Ingram, seconded by Ron Coleman with the next meeting scheduled for April 14th. following our regular meeting.

Mervyn Richards,
Secretary.