

## **Port Hope Rotary Club**

2006 –2007 Minutes – March 21<sup>st</sup>. 2007

**Present:** Rolly Dalla Rosa, Ron Tuttle, Roger Ingram, John Mowat, Ken O'Neill, Paul Tait, Merv. Richards and by invitation Jim Hunt, Sylvia Binkley and Jamieson Ross.

**Regrets:** Jan Boycott, Bob Wallace.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by John Mowat, seconded by Roger Ingram.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** No stipulated date having been mentioned in Rhonda Cook's request for Leave of Absence, President Rolly indicated that he would contact Rhonda regarding this so that the Board could then grant the requested Leave of Absence. In the absence of a file on the BioSands project the matter of the Club's financial commitment to this project was held over to next meeting.

**President Elect:** President Elect Ron Tuttle presented information on the District Assembly to take place on April 28<sup>th</sup>. and requested that those intending to go to this training session advise him before the registration date of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**President Rolly:** In the absence of Past President Jan Boycott President Rolly submitted her report on the membership drive which has resulted in three new members. Jan suggested holding a further drive in late May and the Board agreed to this proposal.

**Merv. Richards:** Secretary Merv. submitted the necessary certificates to be completed when holding a function to which the public were invited and where liquor was served. Paul Tait indicated that this had been done in the past and he undertook to complete the necessary paper work in this regard in time for our upcoming Lobster Night.

Secretary Merv. also pointed out that the poor attendance on the meeting nights of the 7<sup>th</sup>., 12<sup>th</sup>., and 19<sup>th</sup>. of March would, as we guarantee 25 persons for meals at Dalewood, involve us in a loss of a considerable sum of money.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that a temporary fix might be to reduce our guaranteed attendance to 20 and John Mowat, Club Service committee chairman indicated that he would contact Susan Rafuse to see if this could be done.

**Standing Committee reports:** John Mowat ( Club Administration), Roger Ingram (Service Projects), Ken O'Neill (Rotary Foundation) all submitted written reports with Paul Tait ( Public Relations) to forward his report to the Secretary by e-mail. These reports will be appended to the Secretary's copy of the minutes.

Paul brought up the matter of Rotary bookmarks which would be distributed to locations such as the Library and the Board agreed that he present a final mock-up of the proposed bookmark along with costs to the next meeting

**General Business:** Discussion took place regarding the contents of an e-mail from Past President Jan. With reference to her remarks regarding the length of meetings it was agreed that we restrict the time for the Sgt.-at-Arms to ten minutes and that we have the chair of the Program Committee notify the person running any particular program that they are to time their presentation to run no longer than 15 minutes. With regard to her suggestions regarding new members it was agreed that the Membership Committee appoint a panel to make them conversant with our web-site and that of RI., to acquaint them with our programs and their obligations to the Club and to see that they are made known to all members.

Jamieson Ross distributed a financial statement for the pre-Xmas ham and truffle sales.

It was reported that Joyce Best might need some help with the upcoming Lobster Night .  
Rolly and John agreed to contact her and learn of any concerns she might have.

There was a short discussion on the projects which had been put forward for a community service effort for the Club and it was suggested by President Rolly that we hold a special Board meeting to deal with this matter alone. President Elect Ron suggested that this issue be tabled until after the presentation by Past District Governor Lars on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Rogram Ingram, seconded by John Mowat , the meeting was adjourned at 20434 hours. with a decision to hold our next meeting on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mervyn Richards,  
Secretary.