

## Port Hope Rotary Club

2007-2008 Board Minutes – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007-09-13

**Present:** Ron Tuttle, Jim Hunt, Ron Coleman, John Mowat, Roger Ingram, Ken O’Neill, Jamieson Ross, Rolly Dalla Rosa, and Sylvia Binkley. Ron Tuttle called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented by a motion from Ron Coleman, seconded by Jim Hunt. A request was made that Merv attach the directors’ reports to the minutes. There was no business resulting from the previous minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Moved by Ron and seconded by Roger that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. As Ron Coleman will be absent from Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> to Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, John Mowat has volunteered to assist Ron during this time.

**Secretary’s Report:** Ronda Cook’s resignation letter was regretfully acknowledged – moved by John Mowat, seconded by Rolly. Ron Tuttle announced that Hugh Parker would be re-joining the club and that Merv would circulate the required literature regarding his return.

**President’s Report:** Ron Tuttle read a request to support Rotary District 5300’s float in the Rose Bowl Parade on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is “Passport to the World” Our members voted unanimously to decline.

Ron also reminded us of the meeting with District Governor Linda Ryder at his home on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. prior to our regular weekly meeting.

A brief discussion then followed regarding a contribution to Keystone House for handicapped adults. The H.B. Stevens committee will be reporting back to the board in reference to using this fund for this cause. Currently tax receipts are issued for donations over \$10. and at this point club members may donate on an individual basis.

**Directors’ Reports:** The directors all submitted written reports which will be appended to the Secretary’s copy of the minutes. (Unfortunately after I printed these reports, I deleted them from my computer and therefore could not attach.)

**Discussion arising from the Directors’ Reports:** John Mowat (Club Administration) mentioned the transition and learning curve with the software program used to produce “the Beacon”. He is going to order a new gavel along with a dozen sponsor pins (new this year) to be given to members who sponsor a new member. Our supplier for Rotary items is retiring this year so John will be looking for a replacement at the convention this fall.

Jamieson Ross looked into hanging a banner on Walton Street and the schedule is booked for this time, but he will make sure we have the opportunity next year. Jamieson circulated a sample of the ¼ page ad that will be submitted to both Port Hope and Cobourg papers promoting our participation at the Port Hope Fall Fair this coming weekend at a cost of \$203 for the ad.

Ken O'Neill encouraged all of us to attend the Foundation Walk on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Various comments were shared regarding fundraising. The 2008 500 club tickets will be available next week. Doug Burke will be reporting back to the board with his final suggestions for the 500 club, but Jamieson reported that there will be no changes for a couple of years. Sylvia will be meeting with Joyce Best this week to discuss and report back to the board plans for the Mardi Gras and Lobster Dinner. It was suggested that Diane Pendock make a complete report encompassing her ideas for a variety night including estimated costs and what she thinks the evening might generate in profits. Ken O'Neill questioned whether we were taking on too many projects as our membership numbers and time are limited – rather than new projects, try to develop and drive the historically successful venues. A brief discussion of the hams and truffles fundraiser resulted in the suggestion of possibly only selling the hams and eliminating the truffles. It was also suggested that we might possibly try to sell hams again at Easter.

**New Business:** It was reported that 2008 would be Ted Lacey's 50<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary and that this should be recognized at an appropriate time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from John, seconded by Sylvia.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.