

Port Hope Rotary Club

2006-2007 Board Minutes – July 4th. 2006

Present: Rolly Dalla Rosa, Jan Boycott, Ron Coleman, Bob Wallace, John Ross, Andrew Haynes, Joyce Best, and Mervyn Richards.

Apology from John Mowat.

The meeting was called to order and President Rolly Dalla Rosa welcomed Joyce Best to the Board.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: On a motion by Ron Coleman, seconded by Andrew Haynes the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Business arising from previous minutes: President Rolly indicated that there had been little response from club members with regard to the District golf tournament proposed for July 26th. The District Governor had requested that the teams be arranged by July 7th. and at this stage only two of our members could be regarded as definite players. It was agreed that the possibility of arranging a foursome be left in the hands of the two definite players – Bob Wallace and Jim Gilmer.

President Rolly again stressed that Bill Harris, as noted in his letter to Past President Jan, had resigned not only from his office of Vice President but from the Club.

Remarks from President: President Rolly reported that Will Ryan had offered his resignation from the Board and on a motion by President Rolly, seconded by Bob Wallace the resignation was accepted. Will has indicated his willingness to chair a sub-committee looking into the feasibility of a Hydro Project.

Discussion also took place on who might fill the vacant Directorship of the Service Projects committee with several names suggested to President Rolly for not only this office but the vacant office of Vice President.

The Board then discussed the up-coming visit of the District Governor and what we might have to put in place before that visit on the 24th. July. Bob Wallace pointed out that the DG would expect a completed Planning Guide which we do not, as yet, have in place. The DG would also need some idea of the possibility of our earning either a District or a Presidential Citation.

Remarks from President Elect Ron Coleman: Ron suggested deferring our commitment to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation to the current year's budget. It was mentioned that there was no definite commitment to finalize our total commitment of \$10,000 over a short term and that even a yearly payment of \$1000 for ten years would be acceptable.

We have already agreed to set aside the sum of \$3000 for our Pure Water project and Ron suggested that both this item and the hospital commitment should form part of this year's budget.

Directors' Reports: Club Administration – John Mowat – submitted his report to the Board electronically and it will be attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes. In this regard Secretary Merv. reminded the Board members that their reports should be forwarded electronically to all the other Board members if possible on the day before the Board meeting and if this was not feasible they should bring sufficient copies to distribute to all Board members at the meeting.

Public Relations –John Ross- tabled a letter asking that the Club name a representative to the Camp Enterprise committee and it was agreed that he contact Ted Harp to ascertain if he could provide a name or if he was willing act in that capacity himself.

The matter of appeals from various organizations was discussed and President Rolly stated that at least 'local givings' would be attended to by Susan Rafuse as previously.

Membership – Andrew Haynes – Andrew presented a number of suggestions for encouraging new members to make application to join the Club, particularly stressing the cultivation of younger members. As the year progresses he will have more specific suggestions for our discussion and members input.

Fund Raising – Joyce Best – Joyce gave a final overview of the Lobster Dinner and suggested a new fund raising idea – that of having a Bordello night somewhere in early February. It would include gambling, a magician and a psychic. Several venues were suggested and it was agreed that we try to keep the venue in our own area and to keep the cost to \$50 per person.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported that at the end of our 2005-2006 year only one member had failed to maintain a two-thirds attendance average.

He also read a letter from Ted Harp requesting a Leave of Absence until October 1st. The Board granted the request following a motion to that effect by Secretary Merv, seconded by Andy Haynes.

Treasurer's Report: It was moved by Bob Wallace, seconded by Ron Coleman, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. In a discussion following the report the Treasurer presented each Board chairman with a detailed form for completion of their budget requirements. It was pointed out that we should have this in place before the DG's visit and President Rolly indicated that he would call a special "budget" meeting of the Board within the next two weeks.

As we are hosting the "Rural/Urban" night this year it was agreed that John Mowat should meet with Ben Currelly to see if we could come up with a better and considerably shorter program.

Other Business: It was stated that the recipient of our Paul Harris award was away at present and the suggestion was made that we confer this honour on the occasion of the 500 Club evening.

It was agreed that we ask the District Governor, Bill Patchett to present the certificates and 'wings' to those persons who had made the Foundation a bequest in their wills. He would do this on the occasion of his official visit.

Bob Wallace, our present Webmaster, pointed out that some material on the website was very old and that requests for updates had not been successful. It was suggested again that we cancel our website but no definite decision was forthcoming as far as this suggestion was concerned.

Bob Wallace also suggested that we look into making Foundation Night a combined effort with Northumberland Sunrise and thus recognize those persons who had contributed in some way to both communities.

It was pointed out that six persons who had indicated that they would attend President's Night did not show and the Club was therefore charged by the caterer for these persons. It was agreed that unless there were exceptional extenuating circumstances those persons should be asked to pay.

In a discussion on finding a Director for Service Projects, Past President Jan suggested that perhaps we could appoint a newer member to this position but also ask a more senior or knowledgeable member to act as mentor without expecting such a mentor to attend Board meetings regularly.

A motion to adjourn was moved by John Ross, seconded by Jan Boycott, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st.

Mervyn Richards
Secretary.

