

Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Minutes of the Meeting, 8 August 2023

Thirsty Moose

Attendance: Marion Reilly, Kathy Cousineau, Dave Cousineau, Mike Jeays, Shelley Smith, Amanda Burke, Carman Carroll.

Regrets: Pat Clark, Ken Clark, Deen Dudding, Randy Dudding, Tim Campbell.

Guest: Sherry White (prospective new member!)

1. **Welcome:** Chair Dave Cousineau opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed Club members and guest Sherry White. Sherry explained that she had been a Rotary Exchange Student in high school and spent an amazing year in Australia.
2. **Land Acknowledgement:** Dave read the land acknowledgement: *We acknowledge that the land on which we live and are meeting tonight is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe People who have lived on this land since time immemorial.*
3. **Happy Dollars:** As usual, Rotarians were thankful for various things over the past several weeks.
4. **Chase the Ace:** Dave's number was drawn for the second meeting in a row, but he did not pick the winning card. The deck is down into single digits and the jackpot around \$900!
5. **Two Truths and a Lie:** Sherry agreed to tell her story at the next meeting.
6. **Adoption of Consent Agenda:** The following items were offered for consent:
 - Agenda
 - Minutes for 25 July
 - President's Report - nil
 - Secretary's Report - nil
 - Chamber of Commerce - nil
 - Treasurer's Report: - nilMike moved and Shelley seconded to approve the above. All members agreed.

7. Nevada Ticket Sales: Marion reported that Deb Shaw has left the Club which leaves a void in our Nevada rota and helping organize it. Volunteers are welcome for these duties!

8. Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

Bridge Street Summerfest: We had sufficient Rotarians to cover our time very well. We all felt the event was a success and worth doing. It gave us an opportunity to chat about Rotary with a good number of people.

Locker Storage: The locker is now available and is being used as we clean out our various personal storage areas of Rotary materials!

9. Request for Support: The request for support from the young local paddler had been discussed through an email thread earlier. Club members generally felt that our club policy of not funding individual requests should stand. We receive many worthy requests for funding from individuals and groups each year that we simply cannot fund.

10. Date to walk the Rotary Trail: We discussed options to walk the Rotary Trail as a club outing and to check on the condition of the trail. We discussed the need for better signage to show where the trail begins. Our walk could be in place of a regular meeting while another option is to do it on a weekend day. The Chair will check with club members closer to our next meeting date (22 August).

11. Current and Future Activities: During our meal break and at the end of the meeting club members took time to talk to Sherry about our main club projects and activities, changes in our membership, impact of Covid, etc. We also had a useful short discussion on potential new projects, perhaps a signature project that would be a good fundraiser but also profile builder. More discussion should take place over the next meetings when more members are in attendance.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 22 August at 6:00 pm, subject to a decision on walking the Rotary trail as per Item 10 above.

13. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm on a motion by Shelley Smith.

Carman Carroll
A/Secretary