

Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Minutes of the Meeting, 22 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

- 1. Welcome:** Chair Dave Cousineau opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed Club members and a special welcome back to Sherry White who is attending her second meeting.
- 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:** Carman's number was drawn, but he did not pick the winning card. The deck is down into single digits and the jackpot now \$880.50!
- 5. Two Truths and a Lie:** Sherry had volunteered to speak about her early experience as a Rotary Exchange Student, her career with the railway, her years working with the LCBO. She also responded to questions from members.
- 6. Adoption of Consent Agenda:** The following items were offered for consent:
 - Agenda, 22 August
 - Minutes for 8 August meeting
 - President's Report (Marion): The District requires Clubs in contact with youth to submit the requisite District consent application each Rotary year. Carman volunteered to submit the relevant compliance documentation to the District as both he and Mike have completed the requirements. *Action:* Carman will submit needed documentation to the District before the next Club meeting.

- Secretary's Report: Carman reported that the Club received a very lovely thank you card from Jennifer Armstrong, wife of Past President Brian Armstrong, who recently passed away.
- Chamber of Commerce - nil
- Treasurer's Report: Mike reported there has been little change in our fiscal position since the last meeting. He noted that the CP Girls Hockey Association had not yet cashed our cheque for their work in our compost sale. Carman will get in touch with Steve Scott about the cheque.

Shelley moved and Marion seconded a motion to approve the above. All members agreed.

7. Rotary Women's Fair: Shelley noted that she had sent out the call for tables and had received some vendor responses already for the 4 November event. The banner which hangs across Bridge Street the week before the event needs a couple of changes which she will attend to later in September, along with other signage that is needed. Dave volunteered to approach the Town about waving the fee for the space at the arena, as per the practice in previous years.

8. Nevada Ticket Sales: Marion has prepared a new rota for the Giant Tiger sales.

9. Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

Date to walk the Rotary Trail: It was decided we would walk the Rotary Trail later in September.

10. Lanark County Interval House: LCIH will come to our next meeting on 5 September and present on their most urgent funding needs for the next year. Club members will consider LCIH's request and then decide a course of action

11. at a subsequent Club meeting.

12. Other funding possibilities: Members spoke about possibilities for supporting youth programs in our community. There are several initiatives in the works and the Club should look at various ways to help out, be that going on our own with a project or working with other organizations on a meritorious project. As always, we must do our due diligence for all funding requests as the need is great and our capacity limited.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 5 September at 6:00 pm, at the Thirsty Moose.

- 14. Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm on a motion by Kathy Cousineau.

Carman Carroll
A/Secretary