***Rotary Club of Carleton Place & Mississippi Mills***

 

 **Meeting of June 10th, 2008**

Marion chaired this evening's meeting, and welcomed Doug Heyland from one of the Ottawa clubs.

Alan noted that the votes last week were not really unanimous; there were some abstentions. No one voted against the motions.

Marion announced that Mike has agreed to be President-Elect, and continue with the duties of Secretary for next year.

The banners will be ordered from the official manufacturer. The existing design is approved subject to a widening of the river. Mike will circulate a revised copy, and order them if there are no objections.

The October 25th committee will meet next week at 7:30, following the regular meeting.

Allan will chair the Calendar project.

Several District events were announced. Members should have received emails directly; if anyone is not getting them, Mike will have them put on the 'everyone' list.

There will be a Treasurer's report next week.

Brenda introduced Doug Heyland, who gave a talk about the playground at Brewer Park. He recommended the following:

* Form a Technical Advisory Committee
* Form a Fund-Raising Committee
* Form a partnership with other service clubs, and have written agreements with them
* Appoint both a fund-raiser and an accountant
* Engage an architect who specializes in playgrounds
* Build a close relationship with one person on the municipality staff, and use her/him as a champion
* Avoid the play season for construction
* Be very careful with language – say 'people who have disabilities', not 'disabled people', for example
* Build a model to show to potential contributors
* Write a professional brochure to describe the project, and have letterheads and business cards
* Be aware of the number of users of the park, including number of people with disabilities
* Communicate!

Doug showed slides of the Brewer park facility, and his detailed model.

The Donations Committee is to meet soon, and needs a new member.

Gordon will organize a time for retirees to clean up the trail. David McGlade has a new “Bush Hog”, which will make the job easier.

Brian Turner will organize the 50/50 draw for the Riverside Jam, and has a number of ideas to maximize the club's profit.

We mourned the premature death of Dale Scott, and conveyed our condolences to his family.

**Club Activities**

* June 24th – handover meeting at Gordon's house. A potluck/barbecue
* July 8th – visit by new District Governor and induction of new officers.