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

**Minutes of the Meeting, 2 April 2024**

**Thirsty Moose**

**Attendance**: Mike Jeays, Marion Reilly, Amanda Burke, Kathy Cousineau, Dave Cousineau, Sherry White, Judit Marican, Ken Clark, Carman Carroll.

**Regrets**: Pat Clark, Deen Dudding, Randy Dudding, Shelley Smith, Tim Campbell, Sue Millette, Rick Millette, David Krayden.

1. **Welcome**: Chair Mike Jeays opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed Club members.
2. **Land Acknowledgement**: The Chair 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 since our last meeting.
4. **Chase the Ace**: Ken’s number was drawn, but he did not pick the winning ace. The jackpot is growing!
5. **Adoption of Consent Agenda:** The following items were offered for consent:

* Agenda, 2 April
* Minutes of 19 March meeting: approved with a slight change in date for next meeting (2 April).
* President’s Report (Marion): Nil
* Secretary’s Report: Nil
* Chamber of Commerce: Nil
* Treasurer’s Report: Mike had circulated our financial statement prior to the meeting. Dave suggested that we should walk the Rotary Trail to see if it needs any upgrades. If so, he noted we could use the Trail GIC for any necessary improvements. We decided to walk the trail immediately after our highway cleanup on Saturday, 27 April.

Amanda moved and Marion seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1. **Nevada Ticket Sales:** Marion reported that things are going well but sales are slightly down.
2. **Compost Sale, 4-5 May:** Carman reported that the compost, bags, and portapottie have been ordered. Carman will also pick up some additional twist ties for the compost bags. Dave indicated that we have permission to use the current site on Highway 7 at the Mississippi River. The committee will meet soon to work out additional details for the event.
3. **Adventure in Citizenship**: Mike reported that he has received a request from a second student to fill our spots. He is now waiting for the student’s application.
4. **Business Arising from Previous Meetings**:
   1. Highway Cleanup: Date is set for 27 April at 9:00 am. We will meet in the usual place, the parking lot of the CP Pentecostal Church on Highway 29.
5. **New Business**:

* **Chamber of Commerce:** Judit is interested in attending the upcoming CP Chamber of Commerce event.
* **High School bursaries:** Mike noted that we will be providing $750 bursaries to a deserving student in each of the three high schools in Carleton Place and Almonte as we have been doing for some years.

1. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 16 April** at 6:00 pm.
2. **Motion to Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm on a motion by Amanda.

Carman Carroll, A/Secretary