

OKM Rotary Board Meeting

24th August 2015

Agenda:

1. **Call to order and confirmation of agenda**

2. **Treasurer's report: Monika**

Monika circulated the preliminary budget for our 2015-2016 year – a result of extremely hard work and dedication by both Monika and Ken Firkins. The club accounts are still in the process of being transferred to a new software program. We will review the budget at our leisure and discuss their recommendations at the next formal Board meeting.

3. **Secretary's report: Ross**

No new correspondence to report. Ross was recognized by the Board for all his excellent hard work in sending out minutes etc. Well done Ross!

4. **Trivia night event organization: Lois**

The organization of our Trivia night event is well advanced with 24 tickets already sold and 96 issued to club member and guests at our regular meeting tonight. Monika and Ross will be taking care of the bar service/supplies and Daniel will provide the meal. Decorations and set-up will be organized by Rita with Irma, Lizann, Lois and Cliff, Ross and Monika and Shad all volunteering to help – with the prospect of other club members being ready to help if and when asked. The question of tablecloths was discussed and it was decided to allow the Mission Hall to charge us for tablecloths rather than be responsible for having them commercially cleaned after our event.

We need to push our ticket sales as we would like to have a sell-out of 160. Iain asked for support from the other clubs at the Area President's monthly meeting, but we might consider visiting the other clubs to sell a table or two. Silent Auction items need to be excellent and members are to be encouraged to contribute or encourage local merchants to contribute to ensure our success.

5. **Club Goals for 2015 – 2016: progress in establishing our goals.**

Iain is still working on it. He will have a club financial plan etc ready for the DG's visit in September.

6. **Club Growth strategy – "internal marketing": Iain to report on questionnaire**

Iain and Ross met to examine the questionnaire (Preparing your Club to Grow) results and outlined the immediate changes enacted at tonight's meeting and further changes we might consider. Ross sent out a report with the minutes of our last meeting which were an excellent summary of the club's responses and collective goals.

We also had a New Member request – Iain has been contacted by Marie-Yvonne Cleaver who wants to return as a member of our club. Dennis Gablehouse is sponsoring Marie-Yvonne.

7. Fellowship on the Fifth event 31st August: Options??

The club will have a purely social evening on 31st August and will plan to visit KGH on Tuesday afternoon 1st September. IH was unable to honor their invitation to have us visit on the 31st August as promised.

8. “Guess who’s coming to dinner” event in October

Chris and Howard to organize in early November or at their first opportunity, as we are already very busy in October. Chris will report back at our next Board meeting.

9. Festival of Lights – Ross

Nothing to report.

10. Speaker recognition – donation to project literacy: Laurie

Diane Groffen spoke to our club tonight and gave us good reason to support her organization. We agreed to a \$20 per speaker donation to Project Literacy. We will get a book with recognition for the speaker and our Rotary club with each book purchased on our behalf. If the purchase price of books is less than \$20.00 then any excess will be committed to general expenses of Project Literacy. Iain to contact Diane Groffen to organize the details.

11. Community Garden Project: Iain

Iain reported on the practicality of adopting a Community Garden project. It would be a big commitment of time and effort and quite impractical for a club of our size. After discussion it was decided to shelve this project until our club had grown to at least 35 members before considering it again.

12. Central Okanagan Bursary: Ross

Iain to contact John McCormack to get a report on the financial status of this project

13. Additional projects: “Get to Know” and “Stove Team International” Laurie

We agreed to shelve our interest in the “Get to Know” project as there were many concerns expressed by Board members. Iain will monitor the Capri club’s progress and report back to the club at a future Board meeting. Laurie hopes to move forward with the Stove Team project although we will be looking to endorse an alternate organization with the goal of providing safe cooking stoves to Ethiopia or some other African country, perhaps in conjunction with a UK Rotary club.

14. Foundation: Steve

Nothing to report

15. Matching Grants:

Iain to contact Kathy Butler to ensure we have an opportunity to qualify for a matching grant to enhance our planned \$2000.00 contribution to Restor.

16. Interclub projects

Shoe Bank: Bruce Falkins visited our meeting to make a plea for support for the Sunrise club's project with Shoe Bank Canada. Chris is to arrange a collection box for future meetings and we hope our club members will support the September 12th "Barefoot on the Boardwalk" event on 12th September.

Members are to be encouraged to support other club's events otherwise why should they support our projects? Together, as a Rotary community in Kelowna, we can be so much more successful.

17. Area Presidents meeting: Iain

Iain reported on his first Area president's meeting with several very positive impressions: great support from other clubs including a strong interest in our Trivia night, several very good references for speakers, and advice on making sure we get our club report for Vern Nielsen's Courier column by the third Monday of every month (Lois and Laurie). Also opportunities for Interclub opportunities – Sunrise has an excellent Social night planned with an African theme that our members should be encouraged to attend.

18. Club Awards

The Service above Self award will be shelved until next year when Vern Nielsen is to be DG. Irma and Iain are to determine who should be our nominated "Unsung Hero" for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

19. Date of next meeting

The DG has asked that we have a special Board meeting where he will be presiding prior to his visit on the 14th September. Time will be 3.45 and location probably to be in our meeting room in the Creekside Pub. Our regular Board meeting will be held on the 28th September after the regular meeting has finished. Board meetings will be held every month as determined by the Board.

20. Adjournment