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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>5th Monday meeting with entertainment programme at DRTC, (Nepal Squash Club), Sat Dobato, Lalitpur</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>6 Jan. 2020: Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1689

Date: 7 Poush 2076 / 23 December 2019

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1689 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker S.P. Rajkumar Baidawar, Prof. Dr. Ek Raj Ojha, Er. Sirish Pokhrel/Prabhav Nepal, Capt. P.N. Nepali, and Rotaract Secretary Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for having 3 guests in the today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy New Year' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for the successful Eye Camp organized by Inner Wheel Club of RCP at Bandipur led by his spouse Gunu Shrestha, President of Inner Wheel Club.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for having Prof. Dr. Ek. Raj Ojha as guest today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey– for being awarded PATA/Nepal Chapter 'Personality of the year 2019' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for today's talk programme (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' and attending Rotary Institute at Indore, India (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for granddaughter's wedding (NRs. 1,000), for India tour (NRs. 500) and for today's good attendance (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for today's talk programme on 'Traffic and Road Safety' (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha briefed on the initiative related to Animal Welfare for Public Health. He visited Sneha Care at Bungamati where 150 street dogs and 10-15 injured cows are given shelter. The centre has NRs. 2 lacs of budget for its activities and he will be visiting the Centre next week again.
 - President Rtn. Lalita Thapa reminded that interested candidates for 2022-23 DG Nominee should be submitted to the District by 7 January 2020.
 - President Rtn. Lalita Thapa also reminded about 'New Member Orientation' being held at Maxim Banquet, Kopundole on 28 December 2019. The RCP participants will be Rtns. Sita Gurung and Suraj Pradhan.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed that WASH project programmes in 12 schools are almost complete. Feedback is requested from the members for improvement. He also requested coordinators and other members to make field visits for monitoring.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha briefed on the successful Eye Camp at Bandipur organized by Inner Wheel Club of Patan from 3 to 5 Poush 2076. Eye check-up was conducted on 503 persons and cataract operation was done on 63 patients with the help of two doctors and many helpers. Again on 2 Poush 2076, training for making sanitary pads was given by Inner Wheel members to school students and local women. About 200 caps made by Inner Wheel members were also distributed during the programme. Village Development Committee also helped to conduct the programme. As the programme was supported by the RCP, it could be published in Rotary News.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the planned trip to Pokhara and Dhampus for the District Conference.

- Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on Rotary Institute event with excellent speakers at Indore during 6 to 8 Dec. 2019 where 25 Nepalese Rotarians had participated.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed that next Monday (5th Monday) will be 'Entertainment Meeting' that will be held at the hall of Development Resource and Training Centre (DRTC) at Nepal Squash Club, Satdobato, Lalitpur.
6. Election of Club Officers/Directors for RY 2020– 21: On behalf of the Nominating Committee consisting of President Elect. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, President Rtn. Lalita Thapa and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang presented a consensus proposal with following members:
- President: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, IPP: Rtn. Lalita Thapa, PE: Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, PN: Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan, VP: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Secretary & Joint Treasurer: Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Treasurer: Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi, and Sergeant-at-Arms: Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha.
- Directors/Chairs - Club Administration: Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, Membership: Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha, Public Relations: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, TRF: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, Service Projects: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, and Youth Service: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – RC Tunis Doyen, Tunisia; Chartered: 1969; & Members: 28. District: 9010, Clubs: 75, & Members: 1371.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 8,500 (NRs. 2,600 for attendance and NRs. 5,900 for sunshine fund), attendance: 3 guests, 1 Rotaract, 25 members, and 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

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| Q. Final authority to give interpretation of the District By-laws | A. District Governor/Council of Governors. |
| Q. Minimum number of charter members to form a new club | A. 20. |
| Q. Venue and time of the RI Convention of the RY 2021-22 | A. Houston, Texas, USA. 4 to 8 June 2022 |

Summary of 'Talk Programme' by Guest Speaker S.P. Raj Kumar Baidawar from Traffic Mahasakha, Baggikhana, Singha Durbar.

S.P. Raj Kumar Baidawar was introduced by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. Mr. Baidawar is from Palpa and now lives in Dhapashi. He was in Dhading before his transfer to Kathmandu. He has served in most of the districts of Nepal and was awarded 'Excellent Police' award on the Police Day. Mr. Baidawar has published 7 books related to Traffic.

SP Raj Kumar Baidawar started the talk with updates on traffic accidents in Kathmandu and in all of Nepal. Mr. Baidawar gave alarming figures like 12,087 cases with 2,789 deaths in FY 2075/76 in Nepal with 8,000+ cases and 200+ deaths in Kathmandu valley.

Mr. Baidawar highlighted the various measures taken by Traffic Police to minimize such traffic accidents. For example, Traffic Police has increased the number of check-points for drivers and implemented the rule of having two drivers in long distance public vehicles. Drivers are found to have problems with vision, knees, and driving with alcoholic drinks.

Traffic awareness programme for road users is aired in Metro FM which started today (23 Dec. 2019), which talks about use of footpath, zebra crossing and sky bridges for pedestrians, and to drivers regarding 'Drink and Drive', lane discipline, etc. Mr. Baidawar informed about orientation classes on traffic being carried out every day for 45 minutes and so far 44,000 persons have taken the classes during this fiscal year.

Mr. Baidawar also stressed that volunteers are welcome in traffic management and traffic awareness programme from all sectors such as social organizations, schools and others. He can be contacted in Mobile: 9851122135 in case of necessity. Mr. Baidawar also welcomed possible collaboration with RCP in awareness raising programme in the RCP's 12 schools supported by WASH project.

Following several interesting comments, suggestions and Q/A, Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of RCP family and President Rtn. Lalita Thapa concluded the session with the presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' and RCP's Souvenir to SP Raj Kumar Baidawar.