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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Talk programme by former Ex. Chairman/GM of Nepal Airlines Mr. Sugat Ratna Kansakar</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 21 Sept. – Briefing on RNLN/TEACH programme by PDG Tirtha M. Sakya 28 Sept. – Classification talk of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1722

Date: 22 Bhadra 2077 / 7 September 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked everyone for making the District Governor's official club visit and the RCP's Charter Day celebrations a success, and called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1722 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: PP of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500) - for a successful District Governor's official club visit, 4th club assembly, and the RCP's Charter Day celebrations.
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for his whole family testing Covid-19 negative (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for being happy to complete 10 years of service at KMC as Chairman and resign (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for being live on TV (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's good attendance (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
 - Alerted all about a fake message in the name of RI President soliciting information to claim large funds won.
 - Highlighted important changes in the RI rules for Rotaracts, e.g. Rotaract clubs may now sponsor another club without a Rotary club sponsorship, apply for global grants directly and anyone 18 years or more is eligible to become a Rotaract and also to become a Rotarian with discounted membership fees.
 - An interesting three days' RYLA held virtually the day before with very good speakers.
 - Information received from the District on the process of application for District Grants of US \$1,000 per club. As preference for these grants are given to smaller and new clubs and those without global grants, the RCP has not been applying for these funds.
 - Several interesting virtual talk programmes organised in the District last week – by RC Bhaktapur with Chintamani Yogi as the speaker and by RC Bharatpur on Covid-19 with several renowned Doctors from Nepal and abroad.
 - 23rd Charter Day of RCP sponsored RC Patan South (GSR Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya).
 - Programme and speakers for the coming weeks.
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the communication received from the District on RNLN/TEACH - 'Back to school – leave no child behind' and literacy and quality education by 2030 plans. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya added more details on District's plans. All guidelines including a manual and MOU sample to be signed with adopted schools are being completed by the end of September 2020. To provide consolidated information on this important initiative, it was agreed to have a session by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya during the regular weekly meeting of 21 September 2020.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on an excellent and participative 'Club Officials Training Seminar' held by the District on 30 August. From the RCP, he participated together with Rtns. Lalita Thapa and Jeevan K. Shrestha.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the PEEF Committee meeting held on 6 September in preparation of this year's scholarship distribution, KEEA and Graduate Studies programmes as soon as the schools reopen. Detailed minutes of the meeting are being shared separately. In addition, he also briefed on RCP's pledge to support the Bayrouth emergency (Total US \$1,000 by RCP members), which has been greatly appreciated by the Rotary Club of Bayrouth; and on RCP's pledge to support Khokana Women's Awareness Society (Kwas) run child care centre with two toilets and drinking water facility, for which pledges of the estimated budget of NRs. 280,000 has already been received.

- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the plans of the public image committee to have a public awareness programme on Covid-19. He was pleased that the RCP is allocating a budget of NRs. 500,000 for this purpose. In the fast-evolving situation of the pandemic, which is believed to stay for a long time, the RCP plans to have the awareness campaign through a video spot, FM radio broadcast and scripts in news portals. Members have also been requested to suggest suitable short scripts for the campaign. Professional help will be sought pro-bono or with minimal charges for the production and distribution of the messages.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – RC Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan; Chartered: 1957; & Members: 60. District: 2840, Clubs: 47, & Members: 1986.
 7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: total contributions of NRs. 9,500 (NRs. 9,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the operational fund of the RCP), attendance: 1 Rotaract and 31 members. **She also reminded those who have not yet settled the RCP dues to settle it as soon as possible.**

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan

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| Q. Number of Rotary Action Groups globally. | A. About 25 |
| Q. Meaning/Full form of WASRAG | A. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group |
| Q. Number of members in District 3292 on 1 July 2020 | A. 4,945 (As per RI's official records) |

2nd Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 28 August 2020

Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The virtual Board meeting was conducted via 'Zoom' application on 28 August 2020. Thirteen Board members and one guest participated in the meeting.

The minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 1st Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Board reviewed the plans for the District Governor's official club visit, 4th club assembly and the RCP's Charter Day celebrations being done virtually on 29 August 2020.
3. Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the statement of income and expenditures of the RCP for the month of August 2020.
4. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (invited to the Board meeting) briefed on the progress of two projects:
 - Support to mental health self-help organisation 'KOSHISH' for peer support necessitated due to Covid-19 pandemic. This club to club support worth US \$4,500 is sponsored by the RCP's international partner - Rotary Club of Lakewood, USA.
 - Progress on planned WASH support to two schools in Chepel, Solukhumbu District where we had successfully implemented a Global Grant Micro-Hydro project. This is planned with our international partners 'Friends of Chepel' in Germany led by Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte. One school is being supported by Boehringer Ingelheim from Germany under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme, and the other through a Rotary District Grant from Germany.
5. Board approved a budget of NRs. 500,000 for the RCP's planned public awareness programme on Covid-19 as per the recommendations of the Public Image committee. For this purpose, NRs. 400,000 would be allocated diverting RCP's planned budget for Charter Day celebration and hotel cost of weekly meetings, which are not being spent due to Covid-19, and NRs. 100,000 from Club Service Fund interests.
6. Board noted the updates on the Lalitdhara Souvenir publication. While launching of the cover page would be made during the Charter Day, publication would have to wait due to the current Covid-19 shut-down.
7. As agreed in the last Board, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa presented a concept note for an internship programme through RCP to contribute to a priority thrust of Rotary to support the youth. She will be sponsoring a one-year internship of a Rotaract to the UN or another multilateral organisation.
8. Rtn. Preeti Khemka agreed to host the next virtual Board meeting (possibly on Friday, 2 October at 5 p.m.).
9. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey for his pledge.