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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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<u>Today's Programme:</u> 3rd Club Assembly - Preparation for District Governor's official club visit	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
<u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 16 Aug. - District Membership Coordinator Rtn. Sushil Rijal as a speaker during the Rotary month of 'Membership'.	<u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1766**Date: 18 Shrawan 2078 / 2 August 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1766 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Siba B., Rajbhandary – for daughter Jasmine's being a member of the panel of Kantipur TV on social issues, and grandson Grijesh's receipt of US Visa with planned travel next week (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Padam L. & Kamala Maharjan – for participating in RC Patan West's meeting, being a member of 'National Dalit Ayog' on Health/Education (details shared by viber) and participating in tree plantation (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for the fun of 'savings due to baldness' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for participating in the intensive course of WHO's Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) guidelines committee for four days as a member (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for receiving the PHF Certificate and the PHF Pin (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa handed over the PHF Certificate and 'Pin' to Rtn. Preeti Khemka virtually.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed about the first meeting of RY 2021-2022 of the Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (NRCL) wherein Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary gave a very good briefing on the history of NRCL.
 - Jt. Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka mentioned that 8 members still need to pay the RCP dues due by 30 June 2021. It was agreed to remind them individually to settle their dues as soon as possible.
 - **Membership and New Club Development month of August in Rotary:** Membership chairperson of the RCP, Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, talked about the importance of membership in Rotary without which clubs would not exist. He briefed on RI President Sekhar Mehta's suggestion of 'EOBO' meaning each one brings one with a target to increase the overall membership of Rotary from 1.2 to 1.3 million. This need not be in one's own club as long as one brings in new members. He also talked about the RCP's target of 5 new members and retention of 100% and requested all to propose prospective members. It was also suggested to look for younger members and female members with priority given to unrepresented classification fields of journalism and legal profession. Proposal of two new members were also discussed. It was suggested to share the CV and completed invitation forms with all members for approval in the next weekly meeting.
5. Salutation: by PP Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya - Rotary Club of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Chartered: 1984; and Members: 44. District: 9100, Clubs: 107, and Members: 2984. He also gave a short briefing about this country in West Africa.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 3,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund and the attendance of 28 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha

- Q.** What is the Rotary monthly theme for the month of August? **A.** Membership and New Club Development.
- Q.** What is a Satellite Club?
A. A satellite club is a transitional step on the way to becoming a full and independent new Rotary club.
- Q.** How many members are needed to form a Satellite Club? **A.** A minimum of 8 members.

1st Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 30 July 2021

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa presented the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Kiran Thapa (in absentia due to his sickness). The virtual Board meeting was held at 5 p.m. on 30 July 2021 with the participation of 11 Board members.

Following further elaboration and clarification on several points, the minutes/decisions of the Board below were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

The minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 12th joint Board Meeting were reviewed with follow-up actions where required.
2. The Board reviewed the proposal to have a virtual meeting coordinator. It was agreed to give this responsibility to Secretary Rtn. Kiran Thapa.
3. The RCP's enrolment for 'Zoom' facility is expiring and available till 31 July with a 25% discount costing US \$150. It was agreed to request Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka to renew it and the RCP to reimburse him accordingly.
4. As August is the 'Membership' month of Rotary, as proposed by the Membership Committee Chair, it was agreed to invite District Membership Coordinator Rtn. Sushil Rijal (last year's District Secretary) as a speaker for 16 August 2021 meeting.
5. New Members Proposal: Membership Committee Chair Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya proposed to invite Mr. Nabin Bikash Maharjan and Mr. Kul Deep Tuladhar from Anandakuti Alumni Association (AKAA). As they have worked in partnership with the RCP and attended the requirement of attending the RCP's weekly meetings, the Board welcomed the proposal. It requested that due process be followed with sharing their CVs with all the members of the RCP for concurrence during the 'House' meeting. This process should be followed for all proposals for new members.
6. Charter Day of the RCP – 29 August: The President informed that the District Governor has confirmed his availability for Sunday, 29 August 2021. Preparations should be made accordingly. Whether the celebrations would be virtual or physical will be determined depending upon the evolving situation of Covid-19 pandemic. Coordinator for this event Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha will be assisted by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha as required.
7. Lalitdhara Souvenir: Coordinator Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the preparatory work and requested all to provide the articles as soon as possible as the deadline for these was suggested to be 31 July 2021. It was also suggested to remind all to provide colour photographs of members and spouses.
8. The second Board meeting will be hosted by Membership Chairperson Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya on Friday, 3 September 2021 at 5 p.m.
9. It was agreed to review the modality of the RCP's weekly meetings (virtual vs. physical) at a later date considering evolving Covid-19 pandemic situation.
10. Vice President and Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of July 2021 with a summary income and expenditure. **It was noted with concern that ten members have not paid the RCP dues which was already due by 30 June 2021.** The Board suggested personal follow-ups and note the need for early action on this in the future years.
11. Club Registration Renewal: Board suggested a committee of Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Shiva K. Pradhan and Jeevan K. Shrestha to manage this as soon as the Audit Report of RY 2020-2021 is finalized.
12. The Board noted that there is no need for a specific Rota Quiz committee for now as the RCP is not participating in the competition since its winning of the first prize for three consecutive years till 2019-2020.
13. The President shared the district's format for the monthly report of the committees. It was suggested that instead of each committee reporting on this, the President and the Secretary should coordinate and submit the required minimum information.
14. District Grant from RC Bingen, Germany for WASH in schools in Chepel area (Maskarkhat and Sotang schools in Solukhumbu District) as agreed in the RCP's 28 August 2020 Board: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty confirmed that one District Grant and one grant with their Rotaract Club have been approved with funds being transferred to the RCP. The first transfer of NRs. 726,180 (Euro 5,200) has been received and the second is expected shortly. Board approved earlier suggested contribution equivalent to US \$500 from the RCP's club service fund for the District Grant project.
15. Ambulance Project GG for Dolakha Community Hospital in Mirge agreed in the RCP's 2 October 2020 Board: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the status requiring finalization of the Global Grant with RC Altadena, USA. Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka had been nominated as the Primary contact. Board endorsed the proposal to have Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Gabriele Mallapaty as secondary contacts for this project and move forward with the project planning. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang pledged to contribute US \$1,000 through the RCP for this project.
16. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship. Therefore, host Rtn. Kiran Thapa who was unwell and could not join the meeting, had communicated a pledge to contribute NRs. 25,000. He will confirm later where his contribution should be used.
17. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya wished Rtn. Kiran Thapa a quick recovery while giving a 'Vote of Thanks' to him in absentia for hosting this virtual Board meeting and for his pledge to contribute NRs. 25,000.