

Issue No. 1511

Date: 29 Jestha 2080 / 12 June 2023

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2023-2024 with a presentation by President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthday:</u> Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary-11 Jun., Rtn. Ramesh L. Kaskay-12 Jun., & Rtn. Sharada Prasai-14 Jun.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
--	--

Minutes of Meeting No. 1857

Date: 22 Jestha 2080 / 5 June 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1857 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for earlier ha.ba. and for brother's son Paribesh's wedding (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the completion of granddaughter's engagement (NRs. 1,000 to the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed the payment of his earlier pledge of NRs. 10,000 for Interact Club activity.
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan reminded that this year's PEEF distribution/selection is starting as briefed earlier.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal shared information on his and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht's participation in the RC Mahaboudha organised seminar on planning.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the tree plantation event participated by himself and Rtns. Jamuna K. Tamrakar, Maheswari Bisht Rawal and Khadak S. Bisht from the RCP. He also informed about a survey done at the Mangal Siddhi School, which will be shared electronically later.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya - RC Sandys, Bermuda; Chartered: 1972; & Members: 50. District: 7230, Clubs: 49, & Members: 1,559. He also shared some key information about Bermuda.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 2,000 (Excluding NRs. 1,000 pledged to the RCP Members Fellowship Fund) to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 20 members with 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

- Q. What minimum percentage of meetings are Rotarians encouraged to attend? **A.** 50% of meetings.
- Q. Name the first five Rotary Clubs in the world? **A.** Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles.
- Q: How much were annual dues at the first Rotary Club? **A.** No dues.

11th Board Meeting of RY 2022-2023 held on 2 June 2023

Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 2 June 2023 at Bakery Cafe, Pulchowk. There was a participation of all 15 Board members.

Following an extensive review and agreement on the Board's decision under point 2 below, the 'House' suggested to close the GG Project once the remaining activities are completed, and have the proposed committee manage the planned additional support to the Hospital.

The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 10th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. The following was agreed on the Global Grant Project for Laligurans Hospital, Mirge:
 - Form a committee in consultation with all concerned for the oversight of project support with the membership of Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang representing the RCP, CEO of the Hospital, Chairperson of the Ward from the local government, and a Representative of the International sponsor.
 - Request the Hospital for a permanent signage of Rotary's support in the hospital and in all the equipment provided with Rotary support.
 - Suggest sending future support (proposed US \$ 1,000 for maintenance of the ambulance) from Altadena Rotary Club directly to the Hospital.
 - A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be signed by all the four parties mentioned above, which would outline the oversight structure of the Rotary support as well as the modalities for the transfer of additional support pledged by the RCP members during their last visit for a physiotherapy equipment fund for the hospital.
3. The Board agreed to adopt an additional PEEF supported school – Shree Siddhimangal Secondary School, Sano Gaun. This will make the RCP's adopted schools among the PEEF supported schools to four. The other three are - Mahendragram SS, Tikathali; Lubhu SS, Lubhu; and Balkumari SS, Sunakothi.
4. Board noted the start of this year's PEEF scholarship distribution/selection. President Elect is sending the letters from the President to the schools and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha would be giving the forms and cash to the group coordinators. Group coordinators could then arrange to visit the schools in consultation with the respective headmasters.
5. As per past Board decision, 2023-2024 President would be sending a letter nominating the RCP's representatives to Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital.
6. 2023-2024 Budget: Following a preliminary review, the Board noted further work required to finalise the total budget for its approval in the next Board meeting. However, noting an estimated shortfall of about NRs. 375,000 in the operational costs of the RCP due to continuous increases in the RI dues, District dues, and devaluation of Nepalese Rupees and high tea costs over the past several years, the Board approved to increase the membership dues from the current NRs. 25,000 to NRs. 30,000 per year from 1 July 2023. The Board also approved to increase the meeting attendance fee from NRs. 100 to NRs. 200. The rates for guests and Rotaracts will remain unchanged at NRs. 500 and NRs. 100, respectively.
7. The Board noted the need to (i) continue to explore a better venue for the RCP's weekly meetings, and (ii) to review the membership dues every year taking into account inflationary increases.
8. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end May 2023, which was noted by the Board.
9. The Board noted the need to urgently establish the next Lalitdhara Souvenir Publication Committee and requested the President Elect to consult and communicate it to members electronically as quickly as possible.
10. The Board was pleased to note that TRF has approved the RCP's GG on RHD training (GG2347069).
11. New Member: Membership Chairperson Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar and sponsor Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the candidature of Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel, Arts and Social Activist, for membership of the RCP with effect from 1 July 2023. Rtn. Tamrakar will be sharing his candidature with all electronically. The Board agreed to endorse it for House approval.
12. It was confirmed that the next Joint Board Meeting will be hosted by President Elect on 30 June 2023.
13. The Board noted the programme of tree plantation on 'World Environment Day – 5 June', with the RCP's participation in collaboration with Lalitpur Metropolis, Ward 22 and other stakeholders. From the RCP, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, will sponsor and coordinate this event.
14. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Host Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi took the opportunity to say a few words and thank all for the enjoyable participation.