

Issue No. 1520

Date: 29 Shrawan 2080 / 14 August 2023

Today's Programme:

- Annual General Meeting of the RCP
- 3rd Club Assembly and 1st Birthday Fellowship of RCP members in Rotary Year 2023-2024

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1866

Date: 22 Shrawan 2080 / 7 August 2023

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1866 on Zoom 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. Lalita C. Thapa – for completing the RCP's PEEF distribution/selection of this year in two schools together with Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for completing the RCPs PEEF distribution/selection of this year in two schools together with Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (NRs.500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for hosting the RCP's 1st Board meeting followed by a fellowship of this Rotary Year last Friday NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for having a family gathering in Boston, USA and celebrating the 'coming of age' of children (NRs. 500).
4. Other Contributions:
 - Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute US \$50 each to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund.
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Informed about the delay in PEEF distribution/selection in Mahalaxmi Nagarpalika till Bhadra.
 - The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being signed on 21 August 2023 with the Organisation of Women Scientists in Nepal (OWSN) for collaboration in the RCP's adopted schools with PEEF support.
 - The start of 6th batch of training to 11 people with disability on organic farming and poultry training by the project among TRIFC, ADSoN, and the RCP.
 - Coordinators for the RCP's PEEF scholarship support Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on this year's distribution/selection in four schools. Rtn. Thapa was joined by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and Rtn. Rajbhandary was joined by his spouse Mithila Rajbhandary and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam. They reported a very good response from the schools and made positive observations on the RCP's support in those schools.
 - Suggestions were made to have a joint meeting with all the Rotary clubs sponsored by the RCP; reviewing of all the Interact clubs and RCCs to make them active.
 - Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha reminded all to participate in the invitation of Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at the Himalayan Hotel at 6:45 p.m. on their 'Janko'; and the RCP's first Birthday Fellowship of this year on 14 August 2023 at Yala Maya Kendra.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht - RC Evora, Portugal; Chartered: 1979; & Members: 34 (including 7 honorary). District: 1960, Clubs: 72, & Members: 1423. He also gave updated information on the club statistics and on club functioning.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 2,000 (50% or NRs. 1,000 each for the Sunshine Fund and the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of, 24 members and 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya

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| Q. When is the World Polio Day annually? | A. 24 October |
| Q. When did Rotary adopted the 4 Way Test? | A. 1943 |
| Q. What is the term for the exaggerated concern about one's own health? | A. Hypochondria |

1st Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 4 August 2023

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting, hosted by himself from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 4 August 2023 at Square Hotel, Lalitpur. There was a participation of 11 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting as follows:

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

1. The minutes of the 12th Board meeting were reviewed.
2. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal provided the Board with an overview of the key club activities and developments since the start of the new Rotary Year.
3. President Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end July 2023. Membership dues from two members are due, which need to be collected with necessary reminders. She also informed that from this Rotary Year, the RCP is starting to use the accounting software 'Odoo'. This Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) will automate all the accounting records. She also noted the need to manage and monitor expenses in the contingency category.
4. Rotasia, an international convention of Rotaract Clubs in South Asia is being held in Bengaluru during 29 Feb. to 3 March 2024. The Rotaract Club of Patan requested for possible sponsorship of one candidate from their club to participate in this convention. The Board deliberated on this and decided not to sponsor for this event this time and give priority to other activities of the Rotaract Club of Patan.
5. District Grant proposal for KOSHISH, a mental health self-help NGO supported by the RCP, with sponsorship of Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye, Australia, presented to the RCP by Rtn. Sandra Fiedeldy (also MD of Sarangi Social Enterprise Inc., Nepal) during 10 July 2023 meeting: The Board endorsed to move forward with the District Grant proposal in support of KOSHISH's sustainable food production project. While the RCP would manage the grant project as a host club, it was suggested to request fund transfers directly to KOSHISH.
6. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal presented preliminary plans of women empowerment activities. The Board requested to formalise the proposals with budget to the next Board for review and approval.
7. Lalitdhara Souvenir Update – The Board noted that the preparations are moving ahead within the time schedule and within the allocated budget.
8. Audit of the RCP for 2022-2023 – Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the audit report from the RCP's new audit company that was just completed and shared with all the RCP members. From this Rotary Year, the RCP's fiscal year will follow the Nepal Government fiscal year, i.e., mid-July to mid-July as suggested by the audit company. The Board endorsed the audit report for presentation to the AGM of the 'House' on 14 August 2023.
9. District Governor's visit and Charter Day 2023 (29 August) of the RCP: Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha updated the status of preparations for the events being held at Yala Maya Kendra. The RCP sub-group to manage these events is working to finalise all the detailed plans. Work is also being finalised on the documentation for this.
10. MOU with Organisation of Women Scientist in Nepal (OWSN) – President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the draft MOU received. The Board endorsed the collaboration in principle and requested to finalise the MOU, which would formalise the understanding of collaboration at a high level. Specific proposals with activities at the RCP's adopted schools and funding details will need to be submitted for approval by the Board.
11. The Board approved and welcomed the rejoining of Rtn. Som Paneru to the RCP.
12. Membership Chairperson Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon presented the candidature for a new member of the RCP of Prof. Krishna Hachhethu, Professor of Political Science and writer, whose membership application form has been shared with all. The Board welcomed and endorsed his application for membership, which needs to be presented to the House for approval following the RCP By-Laws.
13. The Board endorsed the request of Youth Services Director, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, to revive the Interact Club of Godavari, which has been dormant.
14. The 2nd Board meeting of RY 2023-2024 will be hosted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on Friday, 1 Sept. 2023.
15. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated & Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka for hosting the meeting in a nice new venue followed by an excellent fellowship dinner.