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Date: 25 Bhadra 2080 / 11 September 2023

Today's Programme:

Talk programme by Mr. Hikmak Singh Ayer, Senior Director of Nepal Tourism Board on 'Present situation and prospects of Nepal's Tourism Sector'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Mukti N. & Praveena Shrestha – 19 Sept.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1870

Date: 18 Bhadra 2080 / 4 September 2023

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1870 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. Rabendra R. Pandey – for joining the 'Zoom' meeting of the RCP today from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – for all family get-together after a long time (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the very successful DG's club visit and specific recognition of his contributions to Rotary by the DG (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the very successful DG's club visit & Charter Day, and the 'Blood Donation' programme organised by the Rotaract Cub of Patan to which he also donated blood (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for being able to celebrate the RCP's 38th Charter Day celebrations as its charter member (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the start of the RCP's Global Grant Project on RHD with the inauguration of the training programme (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the very successful DG visit, Charter Day, Blood Donation campaign, RHD project start, and the 2nd Board meeting of the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for all family gathering in the USA last month, India's successful launch of Chandrayan-3 and Sun missions, and the RCP's successful Charter Day (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for an excellent start of the international cricket match against India (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Briefed on the serious accident involving Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya's family at the swimming pool of Square hotel In Lalitpur. His son is being treated at Mediciti hospital with updates provided by the President to all the RCP family. The RCP family passed a motion of best wishes for Rtn. Shakya's son's quick recovery.
 - Informed about the GG project on RHD training that started on 3 September 2023.
 - Requested TEACH committee members of the RCP to join a half day seminar on TEACH/RNLM being organised by the District on 8 September 2023.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the recent tree plantation of 200 various fruits and soil stabilising plants done together with RC Himalaya and the Ward Chief at Bungamati. From RCP, himself, Rtns. Jamuna K. Tamrakar and Pushkar M. Shakya contributed to this event that was attended by over 90 participants. He appealed for contributions from the RCP members to expand and further plan for this kind of activities in the Rotary focus area of environment in the coming days. He also informed about the plans of vermi-compost training.

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal added the possibility of waste management in PEEF supported schools. He also informed about the planned start of training on art from next week to people with disabilities under the ongoing KPAD project of organic farming and poultry training project.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya - RC Grenada, Grenada; Chartered: 1968; & Members: 27. District: 7030, Clubs: 69, & Members: 2026. He also gave a brief on this Caribbean country.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 5,000 (50% or NRs. 2,500 each for the Sunshine Fund and the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of, 22 members and 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka

- Q.** When is the 'World Interact Wek' observed? **A.** 4-10 November 2023
- Q.** How many regular weekly meetings a club can cancel? **A.** A maximum of 4, but no more than 3 consecutives
- Q.** How many words are there in '4 Way Test' of Rotary? **A.** 24 words

2nd Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 1 September 2023

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 1 September 2023 at The Lawan by Nanglo restaurant, Lalitpur. There was a participation of 11 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting as follows:

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

1. The minutes of the 1st Board meeting were reviewed.
2. District Governor's official club visit with his team and the Charter Day celebrations of the RCP: The Board was very pleased with the District Governor Rtn. Rajendra P. Dhoju's appreciation and congratulations on the high quality of the RCP's presentations and the excellent report of the club's achievements and plans.

The comments and suggestions made by the District Governor during the club assembly are captured in the Lalitdhara. President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka further elaborated on the key points made by the District Governor and his team during the confidential meeting with the RCP President and his team prior to the club assembly. The Board deliberated on them and noted to act upon them during the Rotary Year and also for the next year's presentation.

As requested by the DG, the Board agreed to propose the RCP's Global Grant project on RHD implementation site for a visit during the trip of RI's Ms. Laura Bradly to Nepal in November 2023.

3. President Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end August 2023. Membership dues from only one member is due, which need to be collected.

4. The Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha updated on this year's PEEF distribution/selection and noted that 90% of the schools have already been covered with the remainder being completed shortly.

5. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the RCP's Global Grant Project on RHD. The project was inaugurated with our implementing partner, Nepal Heart Foundation, at their office today with the participation of their management team, the RCP's team, and the selected trainees. The 6 weeks training begins from 3 September 2023 with all the key activities of procurement, screening and treatment duly planned together with the implementing partner.

6. Reinforcement of attendance requirement rule for RCP members: The Board noted the need to remind members whose attendance have been less than 50%, without any explanation, on the Rotary International's policy in this regard through individual messages by the President.

7. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the recent tree plantation programme competed in collaboration with several Rotary and non-Rotary partners. The Board noted the need to do additional fund-raising to continue this important environmental activity, which was also emphasised by the District Governor during the club assembly.

8. The Board noted the following re Global Grant Project (GG2129083) for Mirge Community Hospital:

Noted the closure of the project approved by The Rotary Foundation

Approved the closure of the bank account 'Rotary Club of Patan GG2129083' No. 3017087926800368 with Prabhu Bank, Man Bhawan.

Transfer of the small balance of the fund in the bank account to the RCP's operational account for the plaque of the project and for two monitoring visits to the project during 2023-2024.

9. The Board approved an increase in the budget for Lalitdhara souvenir printing from NRs. 128,000 to NRs. 133,340 due to the addition of some extra pages.

10. The Board approved the use of the RCP points for 'PHF Pin' to Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and members who have not yet pledged to obtain the 'PHF Pin' subject to availability of points. An amount equivalent to US\$ 300 each would be charged with credits going to the PEEF and KPAD funds as earlier done.

10. The 3rd Board meeting of RY 2023-24 will be hosted by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty on Friday, 29 Sept. 2023.

11. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for hosting the meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner.