

**Issue No. 1551**

**Date: 26 Chaitra 2080 / 8 April 2024**

**Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1896**

**Date: 19 Chaitra 2080 / 1 April 2024**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1896 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for 'Happy Landing' from Cambridge, U.K. (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for participating in the golf tournament in Pokhara (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for participating in the meeting after some time (NRs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions: Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Preeti Khemka pledged to contribute NRs. 5,000 each for the additional 'Blood Donation' campaign in honour of the RCP's late Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat being organised by the Rotaract Club of Patan on 1 Baisakh 2081 (13 April 2024).
5. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on a proposed joint meeting of four Rotary Clubs under the Assistant Governor's responsibility sometime in April 2024. As the three other clubs are meeting on Sunday mornings, it was proposed to join them on a Sunday in lieu of our regular weekly meeting of the following Monday. This was agreed in principle with the date/venue to be communicated later.
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed that the membership information for the District Directory has been revised with the support of Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, and reminded all to provide any final correction within the next couple of days as required by the District.
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka also informed that the final draft of the Strategic Planning Document for Rotary Years 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 shared with all is now considered final for the RCP.
  - Peace on Earth promotion from the Moon: It was agreed to postpone the photo session for this to the RCP's meeting of 15 April 2024.
6. President Elect's Training Seminar (PETS) being held in Chitwan during 6 to 7 April 2024: Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey will be participating in the above seminar in various capacities. Rtn. Preeti Khemka requested all to provide her any advice/suggestions for her participation as the President Elect of the RCP. Members appreciated the pro-active approach of Rtn. Khemka and wished her success during the PETS. Several members provided their views and suggestions to her.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – RC Amritsar South, Punjab, India; Chartered: 1970; & Members: 50. District: 3070, Clubs: 113, & Members: 3387. He also briefed on the significance of the Golden Temple in Amritsar.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 3,000 (50% of NRs. 1,500 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 26 members, and 11 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan**

- Q.** Where & when was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held to launch Nepal's first Rotary Club? **A.** Royal Hotel, Kathmandu in 1957.
- Q.** What is the main function of the Club Administration Committee? **A.** Effective operation of the club.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 29 March 2024

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 29 March 2024 at the Mallapatys' residence in Bhaisepati Awash, Lalitpur, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting with some language edits as follows:

1. The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed.
2. Vocational Awards: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the progress to hold the award ceremony. Due to a lack of sufficient recommendations and scheduling difficulties, it is now planned to have this event during the RCP's weekly meeting of Monday, 15 April 2024. Members are encouraged to submit candidates as soon as possible.
3. MOU with B.P. Eye Foundation on eye screening: The Board agreed to the KPAD committee's recommendations to revise the MOU to have the following provisions:
  - Up to NRs. 1,500 per student for eyeglasses.
  - Other treatment of eyes to be agreed on a case-by-case basis considering available funding; and
  - The total financial support limit for above from the RCP's KPAD Fund to be up to NRs. 150,000 per year for two years in one of the RCP's adopted schools starting from 1 Baisakh 2081 (13 April 2024).
4. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal updated on the status of work with the Organisation of Women Scientists in Nepal (OWSN), with a needs assessment being done by OWSN in Baisakh 2081. The zero-plastic campaign in schools is included as part of the environmental aspects of the MOU with the B.P Eye Foundation.
5. KPAD Committee minutes dated 14 March 2024: The Board noted the minutes and deliberated on the specific recommendation to have a District level matching fund to support Rotary clubs for projects on people with disabilities. The Board agreed in principle to provide NRs. 100,000 per year from the RCP's KPAD Fund to support this programme once agreements of the District and partners TRIFC and ADSoN are formally confirmed as proposed.
6. Partnership with the Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), Canada: On behalf of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the progress on possible partnership with this organisation. Detailed mechanisms/conditions for obtaining their support to get the sleeping kits have been received and shared with all Board members. The Board agreed in principle that there would be a great utility of this kind of support in poor regions of Nepal. This kind of partnership would require an implementing partner and, therefore, the Board suggested to approach Nepal Youth Foundation (NYF) to see if they could be the implementing partner, for example in their project of supporting Musahar children in Tirhut, Saptari.
7. Utilisation of the balance of funds of the closed RCP's GG Project 2129083 for Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge: The RCP Team looking into this suggested that the funds (about NRs. 77,000) be provided to the Hospital to procure physio-therapy equipment and/or medical consumables-.. The Board agreed and suggested contacting the hospital to obtain their specific request in this regard.
8. Girls' empowerment and activities in the RCP's adopted schools: In addition to the needs assessment mentioned under point 4 above, Rtns. Preeti Khemka and Maheswari Bisht Rawal updated on the progress. It was noted that Futsal activity was a preferred one, and plans are underway for Quiz contest, career counselling from grade 10, and self-defence training activities.
9. Financial Status Report: Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented an overview of the club's financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end March 2024. The Board noted that all the contributions for the advertisements in the RCP's annual Lalitdhara Souvenir publication have been received. It was suggested to have a summary of all RCP's funds on a quarterly basis.
10. Additional 'Blood Donation' campaign being carried out by the Rotaract Club of Patan: Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa had indicated her willingness to sponsor this event. The Board suggested contributions from Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and the RCP of NRs. 10,000 each totalling NRs. 20,000 for this activity. (During the 'House' meeting, Rtn. Preeti Khemka also pledged to contribute to this campaign. Therefore, the sponsors will now be NRs. 10,000 RCP, NRs. 5,000 each Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Preeti Khemka.)
11. Hosts of remaining Board meetings of Rotary Year 2023-2024:
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – A meeting on cost-sharing basis to be organised by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht & Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha on 4 May 2024 in further consultation with Board members.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – On 31 May 2024 Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheswari Bisht Rawal.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Board meeting – On 28 June 2024 by President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka
12. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal gave a 'Vote of thanks' to the Mallapaty family for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Several members also added their words of appreciation and thanks.