

Issue No. 1568

Date: 28 Shrawan 2081 / 12 August 2024

<u>Today's Programme</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
3 rd Club Assembly	Birthdays: Nil Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1913

Date: 21 Shrawan 2081 / 5 August 2024

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1913 to order on Zoom 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 Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Delhi, India; successful hosting of the 1st Board meeting of this year; and receiving the 'Best Club Secretary' award from the district (Rs. 2,000).
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for meeting and spending time with Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan during their visit to New York (Rs. 500 each).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for an excellent 1st Board meeting of RY 2024-2025 with enjoyable fellowship in a great venue (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for the excellent Board meeting/fellowship and the second successful international meeting on Zoom (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Som Paneru – for the RCP's plans to support Ganga Lal Hospital in improving its communication/support to admitted patients/care takers there, and for his social daughter's successful completion of 12th grade examination (Rs. 500). He also briefed on NYF's successful programme of transit home for patients' care takers from outside Kathmandu. This experience could be very useful in finalising the RCP's efforts.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the excellent family reunion with the children visiting from the USA (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), and Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500) – for the receipt of 'Best Club Secretary' award from the District by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's salutation of the RC in Maseru, Lesotho, where he had worked for 6 years (Rs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions: The following additional members pledged to contribute to support the families of the two staff of the Department of Forestry who sacrificed their life while putting out the wildfire in the forest of Badikhel, Lalitpur recently. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey has pledged to cover any balance to meet the total amount of Rs. 200,000 pledged by the RCP.
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – Rs. 20,000 each (Total Rs. 40,000).The above contributions bring the total pledged so far to Rs. 152,000.
5. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed sending 6 RCP Lalitdhara Souvenirs and 2 RCP flags to Rtn. Lila B. Baniya in the USA for the RCP's public image.
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka confirmed the approval of the revised By-Laws of the RCP by the 'House' following its posting for over 3 weeks as required.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed that following the 3rd Club Assembly meeting, the RCP will be celebrating its first 'Birthday Fellowship' of this Rotary Year coming Monday, 12 August 2024. All members with spouses are invited to participate.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – RC Maloti – Maseru, Lesotho; Chartered: 1994; & Members: 18. District: 9320, Clubs: 49, & Members: 1126. He also briefed on the key highlights of the country.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 7,500 (50% of NRs. 3,750 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 25 members, and 10 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht

- Q. Which RI zone does RID 3292 fall under? A. Zone 6.
Q. In which city was the second Rotary Club chartered? A. San Francisco, California in 1908.
Q. Who was the Chartered President of the First Rotary Club in Nepal? A. General Kiran Samsher Rana.

1st Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 2 August 2024

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 2 August 2024 at Dewachen restaurant, Baluwatar, Kathmandu, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting as mentioned below. The House also noted further clarifications on the budget, offer of experience sharing of NYF on a transit home for patients' caretakers on point 5 below, and possible further collaboration with the Ward Office on tree plantation.

1. The minutes of the 12th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on the follow-up actions taken and required.
2. Financial Reports – Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the overview of the financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end-July 2024. It was noted that membership dues have been paid by all but three members with whom follow-ups will be made to settle the dues as soon as possible.
3. Proposed budget for 2024-2025 shared electronically by Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty was reviewed. The Board approved the budget with the following additional changes to be made:
 - Include the earlier approved \$350 for the District Grant for Koshish.
 - Include the budget for tree plantation activity of Rs. 30,000.
 - Add a separate line item of Rs. 500,000 for social activities during 2024-2025 for which fund-raising based on approved activities will have to be done. The humanitarian support of Rs. 200,000 to the families of the two staff of the Department of Forestry who sacrificed their life while putting out the wildfire in the forest of Badikhel, Lalitpur recently, for which funds are being raised from RCP members, will also be part of this budget line item.
4. The Board noted a need to have criteria on dealing with ad hoc requests for support being received. It was noted that except on humanitarian grounds, only sustainable projects with availability of funding should be supported. To formalise this, the Board requested Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam to propose draft criteria for its review and approval.
5. Following his recent personal experience, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal suggested support to the Ganga Lal Hospital in improving its communication with the patients and their caretakers when they are admitted to the hospital. The Board agreed that efforts in this regard would be very useful and suggested that a collaborative effort among Ganga Lal hospital, Nepal Heart Foundation, Mrigendra Samjhana Guthi and the Rotary Club of Patan should be made. To develop a proposal in collaboration with these four institutions, the RCP Board established a committee under the coordination of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and the membership of Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Mahendra S. Rawal.
6. Quiz Contest on Heart Health Awareness in four adopted schools of the RCP: The Board reviewed the proposal from The Heartclub Nepal to collaborate with the RCP with a pledge of Rs. 10,000 as prize money for the winners. The Board agreed that such collaboration would be useful with the winners to be awarded during the World Heart Day celebration of the RCP in the third week of September. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht was requested to coordinate this event with the support of Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam. The RCP's budget for this activity should be up to Rs. 10,000.
7. Global Grant Project on Mental Health of children: The Board reviewed the outline of a proposal submitted by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang to support Aasha Kiran Kendra, Birgunj in strengthening children's mental health. The Board agreed, in principle, on the possibility of such a project and made the following preliminary suggestions:
 - Rtn. Sunil Gupta of Aasha Kiran Kendra could not be the Primary Contact of the proposed project in order not to have a conflict of interest. Suggestion was made to have Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang as the Primary Contact with Rtns. Bishwa B. Sharma and Sandhya Regmi as secondary contacts.
 - As a first step, a community assessment would need to be done following Rotary's criteria.
8. Request for WASH support from Mahendra Adarsha School: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the request received and estimated budget of Rs. 285,150 proposed by our partner on previous WASH projects 'Prabhav, Nepal'. The Board suggested to request the school on what funding is available from their side. As the RCP does not have any budget for this, no commitments from the RCP were made. It was noted that this could only be taken up if specific fund-raising is done.
9. For a grand Charter Day celebration of the RCP, a committee was formed with Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha as the coordinator and Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Ganesh R. Shrestha as members.
10. The Board noted the proposal to have the RCP's 3rd Club Assembly on 12 August 2024.
11. Next Board Meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on Saturday, 31 August 2024.
12. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all present to the host Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi and Rabendra R. Pandey added their appreciation for the choice of the special venue with its history and an excellent atmosphere. Host Rtn. Khemka also added with words of thanks to all for their participation.