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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting followed by the 2nd Birthday Fellowship of the RCP Family</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – 12 Feb. & Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – 13 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Suraj and Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam & Madhavi Ghimire – 10 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1937

Date: 21 Magh 2081 / 3 February 2025

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1937 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. Mahendra B. Thapa – for having granddaughter (son's side) (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for younger son's school graduation ceremony in Bangalore (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for good views of Machhapuchre mountain from Pokhara (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for successful hosting of the RCP's 7th Board meeting and fellowship (500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
 - Informed about the NRCL event with a talk programme on 'Prostate Health' at Himalaya Hotel on 28 February 2025 during 2 to 5 p.m. The event is also sponsored by the RCP and members are encouraged to participate.
 - Shared the invitation to all RCP members by PDG Rtn. Tulsi Maharjan from Friends of Nepal New Jersey, USA to participate in their 2025 USA Nepal Service Award ceremony wherein Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary will be honoured for his Humanitarian Service. The ceremony is being held at St. Xaviers school at 5 p.m. on 8 March 2025.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed about the planned PETS (President Elects Training Seminar) being held in Birgunj during 7 and 8 March 2025.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed about Nepal Heart Club's planned support for quiz contest in schools through the RCP and Rotaract Club of Patan as was done earlier this year.
 - Following the endorsement of the Board meeting decisions/minutes (see next page), several members made suggestions for follow-up actions on the RCP's planned activities.
5. Salutation: By Ganesh R. Shrestha – RC Amman-Philadelphia, Jordan; Chartered: 1980; & Members: 23. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members: 4499.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 2,000 to the sunshine funds, the meeting attendance of 16 members & 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty

- Q.** Which was the first Community Service project by a Rotary Club in Nepal? **A.** Month long Mega eye camp at Tundikhel, serving more than 3000 patients organized by RC Kathmandu immediate after its inception
- Q.** Which is the first club in Nepal admitted to RI after it had a separate District - 3292? **A.** Rotary Club of Baneswor Chartered on July 30, 2008
- Q.** What is the theme of RI President 2024-2025? **A.** Magic of Rotary

7th Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 31 January 2025

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 31 January 2025 hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal at Satkar restaurant in Bakhundole, Patan, with the participation of 10 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting as mentioned below:

1. The minutes of the 6th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on the status of follow-up actions taken.
2. Financial Report - Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the RCP as of end Poush 2081 (mid-Jan. 2025) including a summary of income and expenditures.
3. The Board agreed to contribute up to Rs. 25,000 for the two forthcoming events: District Conference and NRCL's hosting of a talk programme.
4. The Board noted the proposal to have the RCP's 5th club assembly during the second weekly meeting of March to review progress of the RCP's activities of this year.
5. Support to Birgunj Schools: Total funds raised so far is Rs. 212,000. Actions agreed: (i) For the Janjati Adharbhat School, provide the cushioned floor carpets at the cost of Rs. 27,350 as per quotations already obtained by Rtn. Sunil Gupta. (ii) For the Secondary school's WASH improvement, review proposal and estimates requested from Prabhav, Nepal, to determine RCP's support including contribution from the school, and (iii) If possible, utilize planned visits of Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on 6 February and 8 March respectively to Birgunj for handover/reviews with the schools. Rtn. Gupta is requesting for a school-based management committee with local government participation to oversee RCP's support of item (ii).
6. Vocational Award: It was suggested to have the Vocational Award Programme of this Rotary Year on Monday, 17 March 2025.
7. Animal Welfare for Public Health: It was agreed to have the President, Secretary, Coordinator of Animal Welfare for Public Health, and Service Projects Chair to review the status of the MOU with 'Dr. Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation' to plan this year's activity accordingly.
8. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the progress of:
 - (i) Formation/revision of the RCP's Committees for the Rotary Year 2025-2026, which will be completed and presented by the end of February 2025.
 - (ii) Discussions held with local government (Ward No. 18) on possible collaboration with them for the Animal Welfare for Public Health activity this year.
9. As per contacts made by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, the Board agreed to collaborate with the College of Applied Food and Dairy Technology (CAFODAT). CAFODAT has offered to do free baseline surveys in one or two communities suggested by the RCP. The RCP will choose the area where it has been active or around its four adopted schools in relation to its plan to have a Rotary Community Corps (RCC),
10. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the plans to establish Student Quality Circle (SQC) in the RCP's four adopted schools in collaboration with the school managements.
11. Next Board Meetings: 8th Board meeting on Tuesday, 25 February 2025, to be hosted by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, and the 9th Board meeting on Friday, 4 April 2025, to be hosted by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Several members and invited guests spoke appreciating and thanking the host for the fellowship. Host Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal appreciated the participation and enjoyment by all.