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Date: 26 Jestha 2082 / 9 June 2025

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Joint Meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 16 June – 1st Club Assembly of RY 2025-26 & Birthday Fellowship 23 June – Talk Programme (To be confirmed) 30 June – 5th Monday entertainment programme</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – 11 June Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – 12 June</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1954

Date: 19 Jestha 2082 / 2 June 2025

- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1954 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness..
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the successful hosting of the last Board Meeting and fellowship (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for his forthcoming trip to St. Andrews, Scotland, to participate in a Rotary Golf tournament, and the meeting of the committee of four partners on organic agro project for PWDs (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka - for the excellent Board meeting & fellowship hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500).
- Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka confirmed the contribution to the RCP's KPAD funds of Rs. 10,000 by Mr. Ajay Kedia and Mrs. Sarita Kedia in their father Girdhari Lal Kedia's name.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey matched the above contribution of Rs. 10,000.
- Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the completion of this year's Animal Welfare for Public Health activity of in Harisiddhi area during 29 and 30 May 2025 with the participation of several RCP members. Our partners 'The National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene Research Centre (NZFHRC) conducted the activity professionally with the active participation of the local government and the community. A total of 105 dogs were vaccinated, spayed and/or castrated (38 females and 67 males). The RCP contributed Rs. 300,000 for this activity.
 - Rtn. Bisht also informed about an invitation from RC Bagmati to have a joint training course of club officers in June 2025, if the RCP were interested.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the meeting of the committee of four partners (RCP/ADSoN/TRIFC & Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha) on organic agro project for PWDs held in Bandipur as reported to the Board (see next page). On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka again thanked Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha for generously providing the land and infrastructure support for this project in Bandipur and hosting the meeting there.
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed about the planned joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan on 9 June and the 1st Club Assembly followed by the RCP's Birthday Fellowship on 16 June 2025. For the Birthday fellowship, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha emphasised the participation of the Birthday couples and maximum participation of the RCP family.
- Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty - RC Kampala North, Uganda; Chartered: 1988; & Members: 63. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, & Members: 3981.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution pledges of Rs. 2,000 to the sunshine funds of the RCP, and attendance of 19 members & 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka

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| Q. Who was the first Secretary of Rotary International? | A. Chesley Reynolds Perry from 1910 to 1942. |
| Q. When Nepal joined Rotary International, which serial number was Nepal given? | A. 111 th Nation. |
| Q. When (Month and year) did RI announce that it was forming a separate District for Nepal? | A. March 2006 |

11th Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 30 May 2025

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting, held from 17:45 to 18:45 hrs. on 30 May 2025, which was hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, with the participation of all 14 Board members.

The 'House' deliberated extensively on the measures of economy and particularly encouraged the sponsorship of meetings and contributions to the operating funds to retain the membership fee at the current level, and endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 11th Board meeting, with a revision under point 2.(iii), as follows:

1. The minutes of the 10th Board meeting were reviewed with the status of follow-up actions taken.
2. Financial Report:
 - (i) Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the RCP as of end Baisakh 2082 (mid-May 2025) including a summary of income and expenditure. These were also shared electronically in advance. The Board deliberated on the current financial health of the Club and noted a tight but satisfactory situation despite the trend of drastic reduction in the interest rates.
 - (ii) A separate summary of estimated annual expenditures in operational funds for the next Rotary Year was also shared by the Treasurer. Because of the mandatory increases in the RI Dues, decrease in interest rates and other inflation, it is estimated that the membership fee needs to be increased to Rs. 35,000 per member to cover the operational costs. Following extensive deliberations, the Board agreed to the following:
 - (a) Keep the membership fee to the current level of Rs. 30,000 per member for the time being and review the situation after six months of the new Rotary Year following some measures mentioned below.
 - (b) Try to economise on the operational costs, where possible, specifically in tea/snacks/hotel costs. Currently, this cost is Rs. 650 per person (Minimum Rs.13,000 up to the attendance of 20 persons). This rate has not been increased since March 2023 when the RCP moved to Yala Maya Kendra.
 - (c) Retain the subsidized participation fee for guests (Rs. 500) and Spouse/Rotaract/Interact (Rs. 100) and members (Rs.200) to encourage participation. When club has guest speakers, limit the number of guests without fee to 3 including the guest speaker. Members may invite additional guests at the subsidized fee of Rs. 500.
 - (d) Retain the weekly meeting with one meeting per month on Zoom and continue to combine a few other meetings from separate fellowship/events meeting funds.
 - (e) Encourage members to sponsor individual weekly meetings. A couple of members already mentioned their intention to sponsor specific meetings on their birthdays or special personal occasions to reduce the administrative cost of the club. This needs to be advocated with all RCP membership.
 - (iii) The fee of the parttime office assistant/accountant was reviewed and an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month was agreed upon. The House reviewed it further and approved to revise the amount to Rs. 2,000 per month.
3. Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue of next Rotary Year: To encourage sponsorship for advertisements, it was agreed to retain the current year rates, which will again be shared separately.
4. 1st Club Assembly of RY 2025/026 – This will be held during the weekly meeting of Monday, 16 June 2025.
5. PEEF Meeting – the PEEF committee meeting minutes of 29 May 2025 was reviewed and noted by the Board. The Board endorsed the increase in the scholarship amounts by Rs. 500. Therefore, the new rates will be Rs. 4,000 for grades 7 to 10 with the retention of Rs. 1,000 for merit students, and Rs. 6,000 for grades 11 & 12.
6. KPAD Organic Agro Project in Bandipur – The Board appreciated the support and sponsorship of the planned project by Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha in Bandipur. RCP's KPAD committee representatives met with the representatives of the four partners (RCP/ADSoN/TRIFC and Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha) in Bandipur recently. The committee's work will be coordinated by Co-coordinators Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal from RCP and Mr. Kobid Dahal from the TRIFC.
7. Next Board Meeting: The 12th joint Board meeting will be hosted by President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on Friday 27 June 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The venue will be communicated later.
8. On behalf of all the participants and special guests of the host, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka initiated and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (with a dedicated poem), Bishwa B. Sharma and Prakash R. Regmi added their words of appreciation. Several members and special guests also spoke briefly with the host Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha thanking all for their participation.