

Issue No. 1619

Date: 26 Shrawan 2082 / 11 August 2025

Today's Programme: Regular Weekly Meeting	Congratulatory Events <u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1963

Date: 19 Shrawan 2082 / 4 August 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1963 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 approved.
3. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for participation in the meeting from the USA via Zoom, and for enrolling back to a technical school in the USA for a 'Reviewer on Tax' course (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for engaging in the social activity for 'Ama Ghar' through fund-raising with a music video production of Shiva Pariyar (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for her interview on Sagarmatha FM on Women's Empowerment (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for participation in the last Board meeting and the Rotaract Club of Patan installation programme (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for starting a new practice of briefing on the month's activities of the RCP for July 2025 during the business meeting (Rs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on his talk to the 9th and 10th grade students of the RCP's adopted school in Lubhu on 'Technology Addiction Prevention' together with Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Briefed on his participation as Chief Guest, together with Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka and Mahendra S. Rawal, in the Rotaract Club of Patan's installation programme.
 - Informed about his participation in the installation programmes of RC Kathmandu Height and RC Himalayan Golfers where he gave briefings on the RCP.
 - Reminded all to send their articles for Lalitdhara Souvenir to Editorial Team Coordinator Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam as soon as possible.
 - Presented a summary of major activities/achievements of the RCP during the month of July 2025. He is starting this practice during the monthly business meeting of the RCP where all the members outside Kathmandu could also join the meeting on Zoom.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on the completion of this year's PEEF scholarship support selection/distribution at Saraswati School, Thecho.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – RC Badin, Sindh, Pakistan; Chartered: 2010; and Members: 21. District: 3271, Clubs: 78, and Members: 1418.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 3,000 to the sunshine funds and the meeting attendance of 24 members & 9 make-ups.

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

- Q. When was Rotary established? **A.** In 1905.
- Q. What are the 'Four Way Test' of Rotary? **A.** 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? and 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- Q. How is Rotary Month of August observed/called? **A.** Membership and New Club Development Month.
- Q. In which city & dates, the RI Convention is taking place in 2026? **A.** In Taipei, Taiwan, during 13-17 June 2026.

1st Board Meeting of RY 2025-2026 held on 1 August 2025

Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 1 August 2025, which was hosted by himself at Alice Conference, Lalitpur, with the participation of 9 Board members.

The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting as follows:

1. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam reviewed the minutes of the 12th Board meeting with the status of follow-up actions.
2. Update on DG visit and 4th Charter Day Celebration: Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha and Khadak S. Bisht updated on the progress on these. The Board agreed to prepare a video clip of up to 5 minutes for the RCP's 40th anniversary celebration with a budget of up to Rs. 25,000. A committee led by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka with the membership of Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Rabendra R. Pandey was requested manage the production of the video clip.
3. Lalitdhara Souvenir preparation: Coordinator of the editorial team, Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, updated on the progress so far. Good progress was noted with about 85% of action completed and moving forward as planned.
4. New Membership of Ms. Sikha Prasai: As recommended by the Membership Committee of the RCP, the Board endorsed the membership of Ms. Prasai for the 'House' approval if no objection is received within a week.
5. PHF Pin: The Board approved the subsidised PHF Pin to be issued at an increased rate of US \$500 with effect from 15 August 2025. The RCP or its members would subsidise the issuance of the PHF Pin from its accumulated points with the proceeds to be credited - \$200 each to the RCP's PEEF and KPAD funds and \$100 to TRF Annual Fund.
6. KPAD Fund: Coordinator of RCP's KPAD Fund, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, briefed on the meeting of the KPAD committee held on 31 July 2025 that reviewed the 2024-2025 activities and plans for 2025-2026 activities. The Board endorsed the committee's plans (detailed notes forthcoming) in principle, including its recommendation of budgeting Rs. 17.65 lakhs for the year 2025-2026 that includes the remaining committed activities of RY 2024-2025.
7. TEACH – Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the plans for RY 2025-2026 recommended by the TEACH committee. The Board endorsed its plans in principle, within the earlier agreed budget, in the RCP's adopted schools on the following: Student Quality Circle (SQC) training, Creative Essay Writing on Heart Health (In collaboration with Heart Health), ICT training (In collaboration with the District), Boot camp for 32 students, Awareness raising programmes, Student/Teacher relationship workshop, Eye check-ups (In collaboration with B.P. Eye Foundation, Futsal competition and Exploring school gardening. In addition, a seminar for the headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported 24 schools with the KEEA programme.
8. Audit Status: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the status of 2024-2025 audit, which is being completed by the auditors. The RCP's use of 'ODOO' software has greatly facilitated the preparation of the Financial Reports.
9. Financial Reports: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the financial status at the end of Rotary Year 2024-2025 as of 16 July 2025 and presented the final budget for 2025-2026 (Shared electronically in advance). The Board approved the 2025-2026 budget of Rs. 37.74 lakhs plus estimated budgets of the RCP's PEEF and KPAD Trust Funds totalling Rs 35.65 lakhs. The Board approved the budgets noting that in the operational budget, there is a projected shortfall of Rs. 233,670, which needs to be reviewed in the mid-year for possible increases in the membership fees if fund-raising efforts do not cover this.
10. Bank Accounts – Following earlier Board decisions on the changes in the bank accounts and signatory panels, the Banks require a more detailed Board decision to implement those. Therefore, a separate Board decision (3 pages attached) in this regard was approved by the Board as required by the Banks.
11. Next Board Meeting: The 2nd Board meeting of RY 2025-2026 will tentatively be hosted by Rtn. Preeti Khemka on Friday, 5 September 2025.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam added his words to the vote of thanks and host Rtn. Sharma thanked all for their participation in the enjoyable evening.