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**Date: 8 Asadh 2083 / 22 June 2026**

**Today's Programme:** Celebration of lives of late RCP members  
**Forthcoming Programme:**

29 June – Last meeting of this Rotary year with reflexions of the year by the President and RCP Members' Birthday Fellowship

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
Rtn. Jeevan & Gunu Shrestha – 23 June

**Minutes of Meeting No.2005**

**Date: 1 Asadh 2083 / 15 June 2026**

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 2005 to order online from Taiwan (RI Convention venue) and requested IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka to conduct the meeting. Rtn. Preeti Khemka continued the meeting with a call for 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. Ramesh L. Maskay – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the successful 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly meeting last week (Rs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
  - On behalf of Fellowships & Events Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha informed that the RCP Members' last Birthday Fellowship of this Rotary Year will be held on 29 June 2026 following the President summary of the year.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the plans for the RCP's meeting of 22 June 2026, which will be 'celebrating late Rotarians lives'. Further details on this will be shared electronically. Rtn. Sandhya Regmi added that she will be talking about the late PDG Rtn. Tirtha Man ji's book recently released by his family.
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the plans for the last Heart Health Camp of this Rotary Year with Nepal Heart Foundation during 19 to 21 June in Bandipur and requested interested members to confirm participation with him as soon as possible.
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
    - Informed about planned Health Camps in 3 of RCP's PEEF supported schools and Tree Plantation activities before the end of this Rotary Year. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha added that the health camps are planned in Balkumari, Chapagaun and Lele schools.
    - Briefed on his and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal's ongoing participation in the RI Convention being held in a grand manner in Taiwan with the participation of some 37,000 participants from over 120 countries. A detailed briefing will be provided upon his return.
5. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contribution pledges of Rs. 2,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 22 members and 8 make-ups.

**11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2025-2026 held on 29 May 2026**

The RCP Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the minutes/decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 29 May 2026, which was hosted by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal at Kathmandu Coffee, Bhaishapati, Lalitpur, with the participation of 11 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, with review & comments on the fees under point 10, as follows:

1. Secretary Rtn. Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma reviewed the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
2. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht confirmed the completion of this year's Animal Welfare for Public Health activity of stray dogs' vaccination, sterilization, and deworming at Bhattedanda.
3. The Board approved to be one of the host clubs for this year's RYLA District programme, which will include sponsorship of one participant at the cost of Rs. 10,000. In addition, Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Shiv P. Khemka will be sponsoring two and one additional participants respectively, with a contribution of Rs. 5000 per participant. Therefore, a total of four participants from Interact candidates will be sponsored. Other interested members may sponsor additional participants at the cost of Rs. 5,000 each. (Cont'd ... on Page 2)

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4. The Board approved to support the Interact Club of Patan to organize a charity 'Run for the Environment' event on World Environment Day to promote sustainability & community engagement with a contribution of Rs. 7,000.
5. Publication of 41st Lalitdhara Souvenir – The Board agreed to use the same rates for the advertisements as last year. Coordinator Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam will be providing more details on the planning of the publication in due course.
6. The Board endorsed the PEEF Committee meeting report dated 25 May 2026 presented by Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka and Bijaya Mallapaty noting the following key decisions:
  - New Application form with detailed information of students to allow for impact monitoring of PEEF's support. Graduation of 2 supported schools - Pragati Shiksha Secondary School, Kopundole; and Patan Secondary School, Patan Dhoka. Students currently receiving scholarship support will continue to receive it till they complete grade 12. Therefore, it would take 5 years to phase out.
  - Increase in the amounts of scholarship support - Rs. 5,000 for grades 7 to 10 (An increase of Rs. 1,000 from the current Rs. 4,000), Rs. 1,000 for merit students in grades 7 to 10. (Same as current), and Rs. 7,000 for grades 11 and 12. (An increase of Rs. 1,000 from the current Rs. 6,000).
  - Two out of six students interviewed by the RCP team but not selected for scholarship support in grade 7 will be given Rs. 1,000 each for their school supplies.
7. The Board approved a budget of Rs. 5,000 (in two remaining adopted schools for refreshments) to support the cyber-crime awareness activity in collaboration with the secretariat of the Inspector General of Police.
8. Financial Status Report: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty shared the status as of mid-May 2026 (Baisakh 2082), which was noted by the Board.
9. Signatory changes in bank accounts including corporate pay for RY 2026/27 – The Board approved the proposed annual changes as shared by the Treasurer in all the RCP bank accounts with various banks. Duly signed change requests addressed to the banks individually will need to be sent as required.
10. Rotary membership fee for 2026-2027 – Treasurer Rtn. Mallapaty presented a detailed analysis of estimated costs. Due to the increases in the RI dues, devaluation of Nepalese Rupees, and increase in the meeting venue costs (From current Rs. 650 to Rs. 800 per person), the cost per member is estimated to be in the range of Rs. 38,000. Following extensive deliberations, on possible reductions in operating costs, the Board decided as follows:

Propose to the 'House' an increase of the membership fee for RY 2026-2027 from the current Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 35,000. At the same time, discuss with members if there are other options to further reduce the proposed increase in the fees, such as:

  - Having 2 Zoom meetings instead of the current one per month.
  - Firm commitments from sufficient members (about 20 needed) to sponsor the cost of a club meeting (on average, each meeting costs about Rs. 16,000).

***'House' Review of this point:*** Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele presented to the 'House' possible scenario elaborating on the mandatory increases from the RI, exchange rate fluctuation, and venue cost increases. She also provided an analysis of possible fiscal impact of reducing the meeting numbers and /or sponsorship of meetings by members.

***Following extensive deliberations, the 'House' unanimously decided that the membership fee for RY 2026-2027 will be Rs. 35,000 as recommended by the Board.***

*In order to encourage participation in the meetings, it was agreed not to increase the attendance fee and retain the current frequency/mode of the meetings. In addition, as further cost cutting measures, the 'House' encouraged members to sponsor individual meetings (Estimated at Rs. 16,000 per meeting currently). It was also suggested that the RCP Board may review and consider annual inflationary increases in the membership fees or any other suggestions made by the members such as having a fund for operational expenses with voluntary contribution from members.*
11. Confirmation of hosts for upcoming Board Meeting: President Elect Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka will host the 12th Joint Board meeting on Friday, 3 July 2026.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Prakash R. Regmi added their words of thanks and appreciation, and the hosts appreciated the participation and the enjoyable fellowship.