

Issue No. 1675

Date: 29 Bhadra 2083 / 14 September 2026

Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting and Annual General Meeting with the Audit Report of 2025-2026

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No.2017

Date: 22 Bhadra 2083 / 7 September 2026

1. President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka called the meeting no. 2017 to order on 'Zoom' with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: At the end of the business meeting, President Rtn. Khemka welcomed the team from ADSoN, RCP's partner, for a presentation.
3. The last weekly meeting minutes issue number 1674 of the RCP were reviewed and approved.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtns. Preeti and Shiv P. Khemka – for son Pranav's 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the very successful '41st Charter Day' of the RCP (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for 'Happy Landing' from Vietnam and Thailand (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the start of the 7th batch of training under the 'STAR' project for people with disabilities (Rs. 1,000).
 - President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka informed about the receipt of Rs. 100,000 contribution from PP Prasai Foundation to the RCP's PEEF Trust Funds. He also briefed about the annual PP Prasai Foundation Awards event to which the RCP had a very good participation. On that occasion he also handed over a copy of the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir to the Chief Guest former Rt. Hon. President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav.
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed the payment of all the pledges to the RCP made as of to date.
 - Dr. Dinesh R. Siwakoti (Spouse of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi) paid a contribution of Rs. 20,000 to the RCP's Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Fund.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht switched his pledge of Rs. 10,000 made earlier for an environmental activity to the forthcoming activity on animal welfare for public health.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka pledged an additional contribution of Rs. 10,000 to the forthcoming activity on animal welfare for public health.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka:
 - Informed about the link of the Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue No. 41 shared electronically with all members.
 - Informed about the forthcoming AGM for the approval of the audited financial statements of the RCP on 14 September 2026.
 - Briefed on the approval of the RCP Board, shared electronically on 5 September 2026, of two prospective members to the RCP – Mr. Peshal Bhattarai and Ms. Parbata Raut Dangol. If no objection is received from any member by 12 September 2026, they would be welcomed as new members upon payment of the Rotary dues.
 - Reminded all on the request for pledges to the RCP's Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Fund.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey informed on his participation in the RC Himalayan Golfers and Nepal Golf Association's charity golf event on 5 September that raised a total of three million Rupees including the matching.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht reminded of the planned animal welfare for public health activity of the RCP for this year on 28 September and requested contribution pledges from the RCP family as soon as possible.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed about a fund-raising musical event by 'Ama Ghar' to support twelve children affected by the recent floods. From the RCP, Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty and Rtn. Sandhya Regmi contributed.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the 7th batch of training from the STAR project for people with disabilities on mushroom farming. He also informed about the steering committee (TRIFC, ADSoN, RCH and Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha) meeting that confirmed the budget of Rs. 300,000 from each partner for this year's activities.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, Learning Facilitator, briefed on several aspects of learning in Rotary including the role of the facilitator, resources available in Rotary's website, and broad application of learning both within and outside the club emphasising the ownership of the learner/practitioner to create an interesting learning environment.

7. The RCP's STAR Project partners from ADSoN and the executing team from Bandipur made a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the STAR project (full presentation being shared electronically) vision, objectives, plans, and actual implementation status.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu announced happy news contributions of Rs. 3,500 to the Sunshine Fund, and the attendance of 4 guests, 24 members and 7 make-ups.

On this national 'National Day of Mourning' for the significant loss of lives and property by the August 26 devastating floods, the RCP observed a minute of silence in memory of the victims.

2nd Board Meeting of the RCP of the Rotary Year 2026-2027 held on 5 Sept. 2026

The RCP Joint Secretary Rtn. Sandhya Regmi presented the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board Meeting of the RCP, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 4 September 2026, which was hosted by Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, with the participation of all 15 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting as follows:

1. Joint Secretary Rtn. Sandhya Regmi reviewed the minutes of the 1st Board meeting followed by updates on the status on actions required.
2. District Governor's official club visit: The Board reviewed key observations from the DG and his team. This included possibility of charging an admission fee to new members, discount on District dues offered to former Rotaractors joining Rotary, participation, and presentation in the Club Assembly. The Board noted that the DG's visit, Club Assembly, and the Charter Day were all highly successfully.
3. The Board commended the successful publication of the RCP's annual 'Lalitdhara Souvenir', 500 copies of which were printed backed by excellent sponsorship contributions.
4. Financial Updates: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty
 - Presented the RCP's financial status with income and expenditure statements (shared electronically) as of 18 Bhadra (3 Sept.). All members have paid the RCP dues. Advertisement sponsorships reached a high of Rs. 388,000. Expenses for the Charter Day totalled Rs. 224,000 excluding the cost of drinks.
 - Shared the final audited financial statements for the 2025-2026 Rotary year electronically. The Board approved these statements and agreed to present them for final approval at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 14 Sept. 2026.
5. Disaster Response: The RCP has collected approximately Rs. 700,000 to date. Fundraising efforts will continue, and members are requested to submit their pledges by 14 September 2026. The Service Project Chair briefed on potential contributions from international partners, including Friends of Chepel (Germany), Rtn. Ewerhard Engels and WMF Mercy eV (Germany), and former Rotarian partners in Italy. The District has requested government approval for Rotary to receive contributions from abroad as an exception for this emergency. Following deliberations on possible ways for the RCP to contribute and noting large cash and in-kind contributions have already been received for the relief phase, the Board agreed that the RCP should focus on a targeted contribution towards rehabilitation rather than rushing into immediate spending.
6. Interact Clubs:
 - Board approved the recommendation of the Youth Service Committee to establish an Interact Club of Siddhi Mangal School and to proceed following standard Rotary procedures.
 - Board approved the cancellation of the inactive Interact Club at Pragati School and requested that this change be reflected in official Rotary records.
7. World Heart Day: The Board agreed to have this programme on Tuesday, 29 September (World Heart Day), replacing the regular meeting of Monday, 28 September. The Health Committee was requested to coordinate the event.
8. The Board agreed the proposal made by Coordinator Rtn. Khadak Singh Bisht to have this year's Animal Welfare for Public Health activity on 'World Rabies Day (28 September). The event will tentatively be held with the same implementing partners in collaboration with Mahalaxmi municipality. RCP has a total budget of Rs. 130,000 for this activity, which includes pledges already made by members. Further pledges are requested as soon as possible.
9. New Members: The Board approved the recommendation of the Membership Committee to accept Mr. Peshal Bhattarai and Ms. Parbata Raut Dangol for submission to the 'House' for final approval. If no club member objects within seven days following their presentation to the 'House', they will be welcomed as new members of the RCP upon payment of their membership dues.
10. Lalitdhara Souvenir Editorial Team: The Board discussed matters concerning the communication and coordination of the Lalitdhara Souvenir Editorial Team. Following deliberations, all members agreed to put the matter behind them and move forward with better communication, mutual understanding, and coordination, with a shared commitment to maintaining harmony and unity within the Club.
11. Next Board meeting: Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon agreed to host the 3rd Board meeting planned for Friday, 2 October 2026. Rtn. Sandhya Regmi will be hosting the following meeting.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Vice President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa extended a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host, Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu, for an excellent Board meeting and fellowship dinner. Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht, Sandhya Regmi and Prakash R. Regmi added their appreciation. The host thanked everyone for their active participation and enjoyable fellowship.