



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



February 8, 2010

Text by John Stuart

Our meeting opened with the singing of O Canada.

David Spears gave the invocation.

Guests

We welcomed Neil Creighton's guest, Liane McKenna.

Announcements

President Norman announced that there would be no announcements at the normal time since the executive could mention issues during their part of the program.

Sergeant-At-Arms - (Peter Taylor)

It is amazing how reliable "No name tag" is at producing fines. And cell phones not turned off is good revenue. Whosoever had not participated in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" was fined. Norm Binion drew the 4 of Clubs, therefore the pot is still alive.

Neil, Bob and Fred expressed happiness with Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Riet expressed happiness at being with her friends in N.V. Rotary and promises to be back regularly. Peter was happy that Riet was here, however a sad note is that Peter recently lost his aunt. Bryan demonstrated how to flip a coin and be able to predict the result.

Program - Club Assembly

The following members were proposed and accept for the 2010-2011 club executive:

President	David Spears
President-Elect	Opportunity Available?
Past President	Norman Thomson
Secretary	Deborah Sommerfeld
Treasurer	Riet Carter
Director of Administration	Brian Hooshi
Director of Public Relations	Deneka Michaud
Director of Rotary Foundation	Babak Shahbazi
Director of Membership	Norm Binion
Director of Community Services	Laurie Porter
Director of Club Archives	John Stuart
Sergeant at Arms	Alec Wallace

Treasurer (Riet Carter)

Riet presented the club's financial statements including both the operating and projects budgets. As in past years, some funds are being retained as start up funds for future projects. The Wine Festival, Operation Red Nose, Duck Rentals and Salmon Sales have been successful fund raising projects so far this year. Donations made include those to Shelterbox, Canadian Cancer Society, Klahanie Park Residence and the Rotary Circle.

Acceptance of the financial statements was moved (Peter Taylor), seconded (John Ward), and passed.

International Affairs (Terry McGauley)

The first Tanzania container should be out of customs within a week. \$400,000 of supplies and equipment were sent. A second shipment is being assembled and waiting customs clearance of the first prior to shipment. The Tanzania Project requires personnel support in the form of doctors and administrators. BC Cancer Agency has indicated some interest in this project.

Little has been done regarding the joint NS club Liberia Project. Each club on the North Shore intended to put \$10,000 toward the effort to augment further monies from RI. Project financing should amount to \$70,000-\$100,000. The potential Liberia Project has a champion, Ian Rose's son who is living in Liberia 9 months of the year. The aim of the project is to develop a school for 150 kids.

Fund Raising

Bob McKilligan proposed a simple way to raise funds internally by guessing how many medals Canada will win at the Olympics. Many Rotarians entered at \$5.00 cost. Deadline for entry is next Monday. Proceeds of the 50/50 to go to Shelterbox.

David Spears has a Mason staying with him whose club raises money internally by guessing the number of timeouts in a hockey game.

Alec Wallace expressed a need to set priorities. The Duck Splash, Wine Festival, Operation Red Nose, Canada Day, Terry Fox Run, etc. is a lot of responsibility. It is difficult to get support from all clubs and Rotarians to run all these events.

Norman Thomson proposed an idea that involved a giant jigsaw puzzle cut into 256 pieces 4 inches square. We sell each piece, and then invite these persons to an event to assemble the puzzle. Each piece could be numbered to establish a winner. The fun is the social aspect and finding what the puzzle depicts.

Riet Carter suggested that every project, prior to implementation, needs a beneficiary. Laurie Porter would like to see a plaque at Lion's Gate Hospital to recognize Rotary contribution. Neil Creighton pointed out that, with some of our projects such as Duck Splash, we are controlled by the Lottery Commission on the dispersion of funds. Terry McGauley mentioned that other clubs are involved in very large value projects by teaming up with other clubs all over the world.

Beneficiaries

Norm Binion proposed that monies be provided by the club to put towards more equipment for VASS. We have a perfect opportunity in this Olympic year for publicity. The VASS Corporate Cup takes place on Grouse on March 4. Laurie, John and Norm will be participating and donating \$150 each. It was moved and passed that the club donate up to \$2500 for the purchase of a piece of equipment to be identified. Norm will contact VASS and report back to the club on the identified equipment. Norm also reported that our ducks could be used for "Chuck a Duck". Participants could purchase a numbered duck and throw it at some object at the Grouse skating pond. This project requires some assistance from volunteer Rotarians. The money would go to VASS.

Chris Offer provided his congratulations for the Shelterbox effort. We have sent one Shelterbox and it was moved (John Ward), seconded (Fred Sverre), and passed that we send a second Shelterbox.

It was moved (Neil Creighton), seconded (Brian Hooshi), and passed that \$1000 be provided for the Afghanistan Project.

Terry reported that funding is needed to send the second container to Tanzania.

Norm Binion reported that 45 business students in a class he is teaching could be encouraged to provide their efforts towards community projects. It would be part of their learning experience as we would be their mentors.

Adjournment

After the Toast to Rotary International and the Four Way Test, the meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings / Key Dates

February 15	Club Member - David Spears
February 22	Club Member - Deneka Michaud

Wheel Squeals -

February 15
February 22

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