



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS

August 30, 2010

by Jeff Pearce



Joy was at the desk, signing us in and taking our money, in her usual friendly manner. Bryan led us in *O Canada* and Bud gave the invocation. There were 17 members in attendance.

Guests:

Member in waiting Wendy Law; visiting Rotarians from the Yaletown Rotary Club, Mathew Asher, and from Meadow Ridge Rotary Club in District 5050, Lindsay Hendy and David Riddel.

Announcements:

President David welcomed our newest member, Rotarian Rick Mitchell, who has transferred in from his previous club in Saskatchewan.

David reminded us that there are still three spots to fill on this year's executive: Administration Director, Foundation Director and Public Relations Director. The club also needs someone to co-ordinate participation in RYLA South.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute event is on Sept. 25th at the Delta Town & Country Inn.

Terry Fox Run is on Sept. 19th at Inter River Park; Norman is looking for some members to man the information booth at Lynn Valley Mall on Sept. 11th.

RI President Ray Klinginsmith is the keynote speaker at the Rotary Foundation dinner Sept. 29th at the River Rock Casino Resort.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Sergeant-at-Arms Alec Wallace levied fines to those who did not know that there are 733 Rotary Clubs in Canada.

A number of Happy & Sad dollars from Neil Creighton for Liane, who has been elected President of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, has just retired and is a brand new grandmother.

Jeff is happy that the Howe Sound Marine Rescue Group's first annual Duck Race was completed successfully on Sunday. All the ducks, booms & equipment are back in storage. Jeff mentioned that there are 5,000 duck waiting to be de-tagged in the storage locker. John Ward is happy that his son is engaged to be married next June. Alec Wallace had the lucky ticket but missed drawing the elusive Ace of Spades.

Minutes of Duck Splash 2011 Meeting:

Tonight's club assembly on Duck Splash 2011, planned for April 10th, 2011, was chaired by Norman Thomson.

Motion from Norman Thomson: That the club approves of proceeding with Duck Splash 2011. Passed unanimously

Motion from David Spears: Confirmation that all Directors appointed and inducted effective July 1, 2010 were approved by the club. Passed unanimously by a majority quorum of seventeen club members. The approved Directors are:

President:	David Spears
Past President:	Norman Thomson
Secretary:	Deborah Sommerfeld
Treasurer:	Riet Carter
Director of Administration:	To be announced
Directors of Public Relations:	Jeff Pearce and Neil Creighton
Director of Rotary Foundation:	To be announced
Director of Membership:	Norman Binion
Director of Community Services:	Laurie Porter
Director of International Projects:	Terry McGauley
Director of Club Archives:	John Stuart
Sergeant at Arms:	Alec Wallace

Prizes - Bud Fast is busy lining up this year's prizes that include a trip for two on a Holland America cruise, a BBQ from Johnstone's Barbecues & Parts, a dinner and golf package for 4 people at Furry Creek. Bud has also arranged for donated ticket printing by Contact Printing and has sold advertising on the back of the tickets to the North Shore White Spot restaurants. Deadline for having all of the Prizes arranged is October, 11th.

Sponsorship - Jeff Pearce reported that letters and sponsorship packages have been mailed. It is still early in getting back to everyone but it is looking good. Deadline for having cash sponsors is Dec. 20th. Anyone who has contacts at North Shore businesses that may be interested in sponsorship, please get in touch with Jeff.

Financial & Govt. Liaison - Norm Binion is looking after the license application and needs confirmation of the specific beneficiaries and the percentage of Duck Splash net proceeds that each beneficiary will receive as donation. He also needs a copy of the prize voucher, or letter, from every supplier confirming the prize details, including value. Deadline for license submission is Nov. 11th

PR & Advertising - Alec Wallace discussed the great relationship we have had with the North Shore News, having received advertising for the last Duck Splash at a value much greater than our cost. The committee is looking at new on-line types of advertising and promotions that we may be able to use.

Logistics - Neil Creighton has been in touch with Burrard Clean Operations, who have confirmed they will handle the boom placement, and with Talon Helicopters regarding the Duck Drop, and is awaiting confirmation. Next up, Metro Vancouver to arrange for the helicopter landing / duck loading site.

Start/Finish Line - Deborah Sommerfeld asked for the club's approval of a \$2,000.00 expenditure to proceed with arranging professional entertainment on Splash-down day. This was approved unanimously. Peter Taylor has received approval from West Van Parks for use of Ambleside Park & beach on April 10, 2011. Peter has also been in touch with the retriever club and arranged for the dogs.

Ticket Sales - Strategies are being formulated and will be the topic of a dedicated meeting soon.

Toast:

Deborah Sommerfeld led the toast to Rotary International and Fred Sverre led us in the Four-Way-Test.

Future Meetings / Key Dates:

- Sept. 13 Tour of Newalta and dinner at the Bridge Between Pub & Club
- Sept. 19 Terry Fox Run at Inter River Park
- Sept. 25 Rotary Leadership Institute at Delta Town & Country
- Sept. 29 Foundation Dinner at River Rock Casino Resort