

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, BC HELD AT THE VICTORIA POLICE STATION 9 JANUARY 2008 AT 1400 HOURS

Present

Board Members Terry Toone President
Dorothy Johnston
John MacKenzie
Keith Walker
Doug Calverley
Allan Singleton-Wood
Larry Forster
Stu McGowan

Special Task Force Norm Bradshaw Chair
Gus de Jardin
Pat Crofton
Allan Neale
Gordon Greeniaus Car Raffle

The President thanked all those for attending and especially thanked the members of the Task Force. The Task Force was struck to study all aspects of the activities and problems facing the Rotary Club of Victoria.

The Task Force has completed its deliberations resulting in an outstanding comprehensive report which was table at this meeting. Chair Norm Bradshaw spoke to this report throughout the proceedings presenting contents and recommendations to the Board.

This paper is a summary of recommendations and points to be considered. It needs to be reviewed in conjunction with the Report and is not, in any way, a replacement for same. This summary is a checklist only – no specific decisions were made by the Board.

1. Union Club – need to negotiate the minimum number of luncheon attendees down to 60
2. Union Club – need to enter into discussions to improve the quality of the meals (at the same cost). At the same time, we should try to arrange to have coffee put on the tables.
3. Thursday vs Monday. Need to investigate the possibility of moving the weekly luncheon to Thursday
4. Breakfast, lunch or dinner luncheon – possibilities

5. Purpose and goals of the Club as well as a Club Leadership Plan need to be clear.
6. Pat Crofton: The Club needs meaningful tasks and goals. We need to generate more enthusiasm to keep young people involved. We need a sense and commitment toward achieving specific targets within our Club.
7. Perhaps we need a major specific activity to support. Homelessness in Victoria was suggested.
8. Committees: Dorothy Johnston recommended that we review the extensive committee structure with a view to dramatically reducing the number of committees to a workable, meaningful level.
9. 'Fun and Fellowship": We need to strike a committee.
10. Attendance: We need to constantly call members who have poor attendance.
11. Attendance: Some members feel that it does not seem to make any difference if they attend or not.
12. Membership: Suggest one VP oversee membership recruiting and the other oversee membership retention.
13. Membership: One free lunch for potential new members.
14. Membership: New member should not pay dues until after 3-4 meetings.
15. Car Raffle: Report pending. Should be reduced to a manageable level of activity.
16. Rotarian of the Week: bring back.
17. Entertainment: bring back talented artists/entertainers.
18. Wallet: reduce the continuous requests for members to dig into their wallets for donations.
19. David Stocks: The President expressed the desire to ask David Stocks to facilitate a Club strategic planning session. This would take place after Pres Elect Peter Norman returns from leave.
20. Allan Singleton-Wood suggested that a letter be sent to a sizeable selected citizens leading to new membership recruitment.
21. Dr Keith Walker suggested that we consider paying for lunch with our dues. Payment could be annually, semi-annually, quarterly or as decided.
22. The following is a summary from Norm Bradshaw of his comments during the wrap-up of the meeting:

Suggest an early meeting with the DG and ADG for consultation on our problem and to solicit their ideas as they have the advantage of knowing what works in other clubs.

Recommend the Board start meeting every two weeks-meeting one to discuss proposed changes and results to date while meeting two would be on normal club business.

Suggest Pres.meet weekly for an hour before our regular meeting with the two V.P.s and Pres-Elect.to discuss results of any changes.

Consider having newly elected directors sit in on all future Board meetings not only to get their ideas and help but to keep them abreast of why we have to move on.

Since Maury has had to be absent a lot in the past year because of business problems you are really operating with only one arm and I suggest you bring Peter Norman into the fold NOW as an acting VP with real responsibilities.This way you should have 3 VPs to draw on.

Are we going to have a Car Raffle or not? We must decide quickly as it takes about six months to get a got license.

How about a Suggestion Box for our members to voice their opinions.

And lastly my favorite-contact the Union Club ASAP for the changes we suggested. As mentioned to Stu an immediate improvement would be to put a coffee urn on each table with of course cream and sugar which would be gratefully rec'd by our senior members. The server could then go around with a container of tea for the few who prefer the latter.

Addressees are reminded that this paper is a check-list only. No decisions have been made. Since it has been discussed by the Board, I suggest most of the items could be approved by executive decision with the more important items going back to the Board.

Submitted by:
Stu McGowan
Secretary

Reviewed by:
Norm Bradshaw
Chair Task Force

Approved by:
Terry Toone
President