Rotary Club of Wiarton

Minutes

September 28/23

Chair: Nora Walden- President Glenda Jamieson is on vacation.

Land acknowledgement

Moment of silence before our meal.

General Meeting: 6:45 p.m.

1. Update on Maple Magic: Eric Robinson

Eric spoke candidly about an issue that has arisen regarding his maple syrup operation that will undoubtedly mean that Maple Magic will not take place in the future. Eric and Dale have been instructed by the N.E.C. to remove the buildings related to their maple syrup production operation including the dining hall, store, and sugar shack and to return the area to its natural state. Eric was visibly upset and received overwhelming support from the Club members. Maple Magic has been a major fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Wiarton and a wonderful local event. Eric has asked that we do not write letters or contact government officials on their behalf at this time.

1. Financial Update: Scott Elliott -Statements in Members Corner: Please see the financial reports in the members section of our website. The Club is in a strong financial position due to the prudent handling of Club money in the past. The loss of our major fundraisers- Village Fair and Maple Magic will mean that the Club must be quite cautious in managing current funds. That being said, the Club will move forward with the September 2023 Appeals with a budget of $5000.

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1. Introduce Speakers – Scott Elliott and Glenn Beacock of the Appeals Committee

Appeals presented the six appeals.

* Wiarton Nursery School $1,500
* 4 H Club $500 - $1,000
* R & R Rescue Resort $4,200-Note that we will lower the dollar amount for this appeal, as the original project has been completed since the time of the original request.
* Bruce County Library – Bookmobile - $2,000
* Please Bring me Home -$500
* Legion. Cenotaph Revitalization - $200 (request is low for a $100,000 project). -Note that we will vote to give more that this minimum amount requested in our survey.

Process: The six appeals will be ranked by the Club members. The appeals will be voted on by on-line survey in the order of their ranking. The members will be presented with 3 levels of financial support for each appeal as well as the option to not support the appeal. This will take place over the next two weeks. Please watch your emails!

1. Thank Speakers –Nora thanked the appeals committee for their work.
2. Shore to Shore: Rebekah Larter has graciously offered to take the lead in organizing our Shore-to-Shore Run. Thank you!
3. Wine Survivor 10: Tickets are available from Ron Balsdon on Monday, October 2nd. Contact Ron for tickets.
4. Wine Survivor 11- Nick Torra: Wine Survivor 11 will be February 12-16, 2024.

ALL NET PROCEEDS TO GO TO WIARTON HOSPITAL AUXILLIARY.

WIARTON. HOSPITAL AUXILLIARY TO SELL UP TO 50% OF ALL TICKETS AFTER ORDERS FROM WIARTON ROTARIANS ARE FILLED.

. Moved by Mike McMillan, Seconded by Nora Walden. Carried

1. Tiny Forest Grand Opening September 18/23-Hope you watched the video!
2. Scenic Bus Tour of Leaves: Nick Torra- Wednesday, October 18/23 9:30 departure from Wiarton (Limpert Lodge and St. John’s United Church) Drive to Kettles for 11:30, Return by Grey Road 1 to Wiarton at 3:00. Bus will hold 48 people. The local Sandpipers already have 26 people who would like to attend, and Limpert Lodge has 5. Seniors to pay for their own lunch at Kettles-Rotary Club to cover the cost of the bus.

$522.00 + HST = $589.86 (First Student Bus Co). Glenn and Nick to attend. One more Rotarian would be welcome! Moved by Mike McMillan, Seconded by Mike Mason. Carried.

1. Dates to Remember:

a. Corporate Membership Event, October 19/23, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the office of Teri Hastings, Berford Street, Wiarton

b. Fireside Chat for New Members/Guests-November 16/23, 7-8 p.m. at the home of Pat Cavan

c. World Polio Day: October 24/23

d. Socktober: Gay Ratcliffe: Look for donation boxes in our local banks and shops. Please bring new socks to our October Meetings. Socks will be donated to the Salvation Army and local schools. Thanks!

1. Next Meeting: October 12/23- District 6330 Governor Sonya Glass from Meaford Club will be our Guest Speaker

1. News to share: Youth Exchange: Mike Mason- We had 1 applicant: Briar Forbes from Tobermory. Briar is an excellent choice.
2. 50/50 Draw winner- Gay Ratcliffe
3. Adjourned