



MINUTES

PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS' MEETING

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA AUGUST 19, 2022

1. Call to order at 4:00 pm

Chairperson's Welcome - Chair Rick welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting after 3 years of AGM meetings not being held in person. He introduced himself to the team and also other executive members of the Committee - Vice-chair Sharon Williams - Division 23 East Jamaica, Secretary Garnell Kemp - Division 22 Bahamas, Treasurer Kermitt McGann - Division 23 East Jamaica, Past Chair Allen Ure - Division 4 Colonel Talbot. Chair Rick also indicated that Marjorie Buck worked with the executive team. He further stated that 16 zoom meetings were held by the executive team in preparation for the AGM.

Chair Rick recognized Governor Jim Scott, Governor Elect Anthony Haile, PIT Gary Levine, DGs Paul Toussaint, Janet Atkinson, Peter Tudisco, Sheron Dunn, Mel Clarke, Robert Moo Young, Robert Spellen, PG Phil Rossy, Joanne Murray, and Germaine Barr. Chair Rick asked for a moment of silence for PLGs who died since the last AGM namely: Bob Boyce, William Irwin, David Firth, Franklin Konopaski, Eva Myers, and all others whose names we may not have received.

2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by Germaine Barr, seconded by Kim Conrad.

3. Approval of the minutes 2021 PLG Committee AGM (via zoom) May 13, 2021, moved by Paul Toussaint, seconded by Peter Tudisco.

4. Chairman's Report (August 19, 2022) – Rick Brooks

Chair Rick opened with the quote - "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times". He stated that those words summarized last year.

He shared his memory of his first Zoom meetings and the concerns he had regarding how this new process would work, as the situation seemed chaotic. However, he added that this online mode of meeting has become second nature. He emphasized that what has been achieved is not an accident; but certainly the consequence of capable leaders who worked in the background smoothing the way by providing guidance, leadership, and delegating, always collaboratively, to ensure the best outcome. He expressed that online meetings facilitated those who wouldn't usually be able to attend due to health, distance, or other circumstances. Zoom meeting has brought a new meaning to attendance credits, interclub, and the ability to remain a viable and active Kiwanian regardless of where you are; which is priceless.

Chair Rick thanked his team and expressed that the experience has taught us humility, patience, and perseverance.

Chair Rick advised the attendees that upon becoming Chair in 2019 at Stratford, it was his intention to share his thoughts and ideas with the committee, work with the team and be a good listener. He stated that the committee held over 16 meetings, all via zoom, which may have been a record. He also shared some of the key areas on which the executive team focused: the refinement of the active PLG membership roster, restructuring the website, reviewing the Ray Allen Memorial Award, discussing the need for active Divisional PLG Committees and having a strong succession planning mentality.

Final thoughts

Chair Rick likened the current situation to the perfect storm, as absence of the 'face-to-face' conventions provided the perfect opportunity to take on the task of self-evaluation. He expressed that some persons were of the view that the PLG council lacked purpose and the team was challenged to reverse those negative thoughts and ensure that the PLGs are seen as an asset in the training of our club and division leaders going forward. He also expressed that we're not quite there, but someone suggested that the measure of our accomplishments should be whether or not people will say it is better now because of us.

He thanked the team of PLGs for the privilege of serving as Chair. He stated that it has been a lot of work, but it was rewarding, surrounded by great people, passionate about Kiwanis.

Chair Rick then handed over the agenda to DLGE Kermitt for the Treasurer's Report.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Kermitt McGann

FINANCIAL REPORT

	30 SEP 2021	30 SEP 2020
	CDN\$	CDN\$
OPENING BALANCES	2,091.09	1,572.39
ADD COLLECTIONS: 2021 = NIL; 2020 = NIL; (STRATFORD = CDN\$775.00 +US\$80 @1.20 (CDN\$96) = CDN\$871	0	871.00
	2,091.09	2,443.39
LESS DISBURSEMENTS: WEBSITE - October 2020	(113.00)	(352.30)
CLOSING BALANCES	1,978.09	2,091.09

The reporting period is now standardized at 30th September in alignment with the Policy document and the District’s year-end.

As of May 15, 2014, the District Office became the “banker” of the Funds of the EC&C PLG Committee. A restrictive account is set up in the District Books. No interest is earned but by contra, there is no service charge.

- i. Dues Collected are remitted to the District Office.
- ii. Approved expenses supported by bills are also remitted to the District Office for payment.
- iii. The District acts on the instructions of the Executive of the PLG Committee.
- iv. The CDN\$1,978.09 is the same as recorded on the district audited balance sheet as at 30 September 2021.
- v. There has been no financial activity since October 2020.
- vi. There has been a change in the website arrangements whereby the PLG website will be linked to the District’s website at minimal cost, with the PLG Executive being responsible to maintain their own content thereon.

Treasurer Kermitt stated that there will be no collection of PLG Membership dues at this annual meeting of the Committee in Fredericton.

Approval of the Treasurer’s report moved by Ray DesRoches, seconded by Darren Creamer.

6.0 Business Arising or Carried Forward – Chair Rick Brooks

6.1 Policy amendments for consideration: Chair Rick deferred this to be sent in the next email blast.

6.2 PLG Website Update – Marjorie Buck

Marjorie stated that the only fee for our website URL is US\$150.00 per year. The website is about 1/3 completed and assistance is being provided by Gary Levine. One of the goals for the website is having all Past Governors’ photos displayed. She then asked all Past Governors to send a photo (black & white) and the year they served to her and Gary.

Dominic Bain questioned the minutes on the website and queried if PLGs will be able to log in; Gary said yes. Marjorie advised that all PLGs will be able to download and see the History, Governors, KI information, PLGs, PLG Executive Committee members, etc. with a passcode. Ray DesRoches asked about the updates on the PLGs. Marjorie responded that DST Jim has the updated list which she used to send out emails for awards to the PLGs, Presidents, and Secretaries. She added that Secretary Garnell keeps a good update.

Chair Rick stated that Secretary Garnell constantly updates the PLG listing. He encouraged attendees to check the list at the door and provide any corrections.

7.0 Nominations Report - Chair Rick Brooks

Chair Rick advised that he was stepping down, but will remain a part of the executive team as Past Chair. He thanked all for their support over the last 3 years. Chair Rick said the nominations for 2022-2023 PLG Executive officers are Secretary - Garnell Kemp, Treasurer - Marjorie Buck, Vice-Chair - Kermitt McGann, and Chair - Sharon Williams. Chair Rick turned the session over to Past Chair Allen.

8.0 Elections of 2022-2023 Executive – Allen Ure

Past chair Allen explained the election process.

Marjorie Buck Nomination for Treasurer - with no other nominees, she was declared Treasurer for 2022-2023.

Garnell Kemp Nomination for Secretary - with no other nominees, she was declared Secretary for 2022-2023.

Kermitt McGann Nomination for Vice Chair - with no other nominees, he was declared Vice Chair for 2022-2023.

Sharon Williams Nomination for Chair -. with no other nominees, she was declared Chair for 2022-2023.

Chair Rick thanked Past Chair Allen for leading the election of the new Executives for 2022-2023.

9.0 Acceptance & New Business

Chair Rick passed the meeting to Chair Sharon. Chair Sharon expressed her gratitude for being given the leadership role and thanked Rick for his work done in leading the committee and also Allen for the guidance he provided. Chair Sharon stressed the need for PLGs to remain relevant to their club and division and she suggested assisting with training to assist clubs. She also recommended that PLGs should assist with building and strengthening clubs to improve the organization. Chair Sharon indicated that she would like to see a PLG Newsletter featuring PLGs, so we can see what they are doing in their divisions and clubs. She also expressed that she was looking forward to working with all PLGs.

Gary Levine raised a concern regarding listing all the nominees of the Ray Allen Award. He expressed that someone who is nominated numerous times, but does not receive the award may feel embarrassed. Chair Sharon acknowledged the feedback and stated that the matter would be discussed at the next executive meeting. At this point Bob Bogardis made the point that the Ray Allen Award was established to recognize Past Lieutenant Governors.

Marjorie Buck said she respectfully disagreed with Gary about not having all the nominees announced at the presentation. She stated that it was her view that people would be honored that their division nominated them. She shared that as a PLG she was nominated more than once before winning the award, yet she was honored that her division re-submitted her name,

Robert Moo Young said more clarification is needed in relation to the Ray Allen Award. He recommended that PLGs support and work with the LG's in their divisions.

Luke Thomas Shorter stated that he was a nominee for the Ray Allen Award and he thinks it's good for nominees to hear their names. He also made the point that he supported Bobby's suggestion and further added that his division has been suffering even though the PLGs are active in rebuilding clubs.

Kim Conrad said his division is working well.

Ray DesRoches advised that he knows of a Ray Allen awardee who did not win and will feel badly.

At this point Bob Bogardis moved that the names of the Ray Allen awardees should not be announced; only the winner. This was seconded by Ray DesRoches.

After a lengthy debate on the Ray Allen Award, Robert Normand rose on a point of order. DST Jim asked for a vote on the amendment. Robert Normand asked Bob Bogardis to put the motion on the floor for the amendment to the amendment and this was seconded by Ray DesRoches. A vote was taken 13 in favor; the majority voted against the motion.

Deborah Button asked about the deadline for the Ray Allen application. Immediate Past Chair Rick said the application is sent out to division LGs in November and the deadline for 2022-2023 is March 31, at 12 midnight EST. Immediate Past chair Rick stated that the Executive team relies on the listings maintained by DST Jim and Secretary Garnell.

Dominic Bain suggested a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Place award. Immediate Past Chair Rick explained that the Ray Allen award is given to a PLG who continues to serve his/her club and division (with no breaks) 5 years after serving as LG.

Leighton McKnight made the point that with the Ray Allen Award nominees, there are no losers.

Past chair Allen Ure reminded PLGs to check the PLG register on their way out for any corrections or updates to their personal information on file.

With a motion by Ray DesRoches and seconded by Darren Creamer the meeting was terminated at **5:15 pm.**

Secretary Garnell Kemp

August 19, 2022