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Approved Minutes Past Lieutenant Governors' Executive Meeting (Via Zoom) Monday, January 13, 2025

Members in attendance:

Kermitt McGann, Ralston Nunes, Rick Brooks, Jim St. Jules and Garnell Kemp.

Guests: None

1.0 Chairperson Garnell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Chairperson's welcome – Chair Garnell welcomed all, acknowledging the agenda was heavier than the last meeting, so let's get at it.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda: M) Jim 2) Ralston – Carried

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2024 PLG Executive Meeting:

m) Jim 2) Rick – As amended (a capital required in section 6.1)

4.0 The Ray Allen Memorial Award: PLG Rick

Chair Garnell shared that at the time of this meeting she has not received a nomination as of yet. It was agreed by all that we all need to be sharing the importance of the process with our clubs, divisions and especially our LG's so nominations will be considered and received by Chair Garnell with the proper documentation, especially approved at a DCM, signed by all parties. Rick shared that many Divisions will be having DCM's coming up over the next week or two and they need to be aware this is an important topic for them to consider.

We discussed the actual award itself, recognizing the committee took it upon themselves in 2017 to design and produce this award to showcase the importance we believed it needed and agreed to continue this design. Rick will see to its creation, once the recipient has been agreed upon, and bring it to the DCON in Niagara Falls for presentation.

5.0 Director of Education - Update:

.1 Membership Emails;

Education Chair Jim has been spending a lot of energy going through the clubs and membership to get the e mail list as current as possible. He noted it's difficult to ensure good communications if we don't have this. DST Jim has been wrestling with this as well, when Kiwanians do not advise their club secretaries of changes in their contact info, it does not get to KI and consequently the EC&C District Office is not aware of those changes either. We encourage all clubs to be vigilant about ensuring that updated information is conveyed in a timely fashion.

.2 Divisional PLG Contacts;

Chair Jim is making some great inroads with this issue. We do not have PLG Committees in all Divisions yet but he now has committees and/or a PLG designated as the divisional contact persons in all but seven divisions. The efforts continue and he hopes by the time we get to the DCON, we'll have all divisions covered.

.3 Training PP for the role of LG / succession planning;

There was a suggestion that perhaps we should be hosting a zoom meeting with clubs to try to assist in their succession planning. After a healthy discussion on this it was agreed that this was not necessary. **Ralston** and **Rick** in particular were best able to share their experiences and the reality that Kiwanis in Eastern Canada is approached differently than in the Islands. What might be seen as needed in one area not necessarily will apply in another. **Rick** shared the soft approach that had worked well, was the active PLG committee members having quarterly dinners where they discuss the business of the division but also periodically consider inviting interested PP members. Once there, they can get to chat more informally with their PLG members, discuss any concerns they may have had and ideally breakdown any walls they may feel are there and allow them to seriously consider taking that next step. **Rick** also shared that as an invited guest on a zoom call with 23C, he experienced a similar reaction as the members were relaxed, the comradere in that room was quite evident and was inviting to attendees. The final thought on this was that every division will handle it differently; the most important thing is to begin that conversation with your PP members now.

6.0 Business carried forward:

.1 Update: PLG Membership Meeting (February 3rd)

The agenda format was discussed, using last year's as a template. **Rick** shared that **Governor-Elect Cynthia Blackman** has confirmed her availability as our keynote speaker. We are seeking a member to do the Invocation and have an ask going out to **Gail & Brian McKeown** as 2025 Convention Hosts to give a convention update, while **PLG Marj Buck** will review the many updates to the PLG website. **Rick** will prepare the agenda for the committee to review and approve later this week, send it to **Jim St. Jules** in English and French for distribution to the entire membership. **Kermitt** has confirmed that **Vice Governor Sharon Williams** is allowing us to use her zoom account to get it broadcast to the entire group.

As a committee we are truly looking forward to 'seeing' many familiar faces on the zoom meeting commencing at **7PM, Monday, February 3rd**.

.2 Update: Role of the PLG at the DCON in Niagara Falls;

We were approached by the convention hosts to see if our members were interested in being involved. As a committee we immediately said YES. A flyer was prepared and sent out through all clubs to get interests registered. **Secretary Rick** is receiving those and in April he will be getting back to those members expressing interest with more of an update.

.3 Update: Health of our membership;

We have received with sadness the news of the passing of **PLG Paul Thomson** (Div.5), a proud Kiwanian and member of **Governor Joanne Murray's** class of 2003-04. We shared in the last Minutes about the failing health of **PG Trevor Dunn**. **Ralston** and **Lloyd Distant Sr.** visited him last week, but his condition is not good.

7.0 New or Other business;

Chair Garnell shared that **DLGE Christine King Wallen (Bahamas)** has submitted her name for Vice Governor at the upcoming DCON in Niagara Falls.

8.0 Next PLG Executive Meetings:

Monday, March 3rd, 2025 7:00PM (Toronto time) via ZOOM.

Monday, April 14th, 2025 7:00PM (Toronto time) via ZOOM.

9.0 Adjournment:

M: Kermitt

Meeting Adjourned 8:16 PM