

Last week's Proceedings -

19th September, 2007

Pres. Laurence opens the meeting by welcoming everybody. He then introduced his guest being his ex-colleague Ms Ivy Yam and the two Rotaractors of Hong Kong Island East being Mr. Gilbert Fung and Mr. Jackal Lee. They then received a round of applause from the participants. Since Hon. Secretary Norman was visiting the RC of Shanghai together with PP Hubert this week (see separate report and photos inside this bulletin) PE Andy was asked to be the acting Hon. Secretary.

Pres. Laurence a mounced the Intercity Luncheon meeting to be held on Tuesday 9/10 for Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's visit to Hong Kong for the purpose of bringing awareness of the impact on the resurrection of Polio in a number of African countries in his capacity as Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force Chair. The event would be hosted by Rotary Club of Hong Kong North. Pres. Laurence asked members to mark their diary and encouraged them to attend. The venue and other details would be announced shortly.

Pres. Laurence also circulated a pamphlet for the promotion of the Annual Program Fund and urged all members to actively consider contributing to the Rotary Foundation every year.

Sergeant-at-arm Heman reported the Red Box collection which was amounted to HKD 800 and thanked donors whole heartily for their donations to the Red Box.

The regular meeting this week was well attended by 13 of our own members which enabled us to hold our first club assembly as planned. Pres. Laurence then asked PE Andy to formally chair the Club Assembly with full agenda in his hands.

To start the ball rolling, PE Andy was invited to the rostrum to initiate the club assembly.

The first speaker was President Laurence who reported the profile of our members and explained the lack of the members with 3-5 years in Rotary was because of the economic downturn in the years 2002 to 2004 in Hong Kong. President Laurence also confirmed that the organisation structure of the Club was set up according to the current Rotary Club Leadership Plan structure.

Rtm Heman, Director of Community Services, further reported that the Choi Jun School swimming lesson project's cheque presentation ceremony will be held on 29-9-2007. The Principal Mr. Li of Choi Jun School will receive a Dummy Cheque of HK\$ 60,000 in the ceremony.

Dir Eric was invited to report his progress on recruitment and selection of a service project with RC of Osaka of Japan. He reported that he has invited on Oct 3 the Executive Director of Playright which provided services to hospitalized children to present their services. In addition, upon instruction of the Board, he would be conducting a feasibility study of setting up an Interactor club in a secondary school upon a referral to our club.

PP Stephen told us that the education program for female primary school students would be provided with stationery instead of tuition fee because of the change of policy that all school fees would be subsidized by government starting September this year. PP George would follow up with this issue.

Then, PP Stephen also advised us that the joint projects with our sister club, The Rotary Club of Makati North through the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant was approved. US\$2,000 would be granted to our club for this project. HKIE would contribute US\$4,000. Moreover, PP Stephen informed us that a joint project was being explored to work with Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan, Japan.

The next speaker was PP Henry, our Director of PR, to describe his role of PR and advised that there would be a PR district seminar held to explore how to increase awareness of Rotary Club in Hong Kong on 27-10-2007 and invited interested Rotarians to join him. He also explored the design of new promotion material of HKIE to help for PR promotion.

Regarding the Club administration services, PP John reported our club's attendance was showing some improvement reaching 51%. There were 35 members after the first lady Rotarian Nancy Yee became our club member recently.

PE Andy invited IPP Paul to update the progress of Limited Company status of HKIE. IPP Paul completed the memorandum & articles submission of associations for the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East Company Limited, pending the amendment on objects to fulfill the non-profit status requirement on Revenue under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

Regarding the financial update, Hon. Tres. PP Rudy presented that currently RCHKIE had received as of Sept 14, 2007 dues from 32 members and 26 members' pre-paid luncheons. He estimated that our financial status would be sound and Budget would have a small surplus. The budget also included the specially designated Bunny Wang & William Ling bursary funds; and the recently set up of PDG Uncle Peter Hall special fund for local literacy project.

Uncle Peter raised a question on whether Rotarians who had paid for the Rotary Foundation could get the tax exemption. PP Rudy agreed to follow up this issue. Uncle Peter also asked whether the money of HKIE was kept in the old or new bank account of the Limited company. PP Rudy confirmed

that the money was kept in the old bank account for the time being.

PE Andy announced the planned activities for the coming year which was listed as follows:

- 1. Uncle Peter Cup Golf Tournament and Uncle Peter Birthday Party Dinner (7th September 2007)
- Fire-side gathering on Mid Autumn Festival Day (25th September 2007))
- 3. Visit to Electronic Watch Factory in Shenzhen followed by fellowship dinner (13th October 2007)
- 4. Luncheon party with visitors from sister club of Osaka Jonan (4th November 2007)
- 5. Christmas cele bration and family gathering luncheon (19th December 2007)
- 6. Uncle John Cup Golf Tournament and Fellowship Dinner (January 2008)
- 7. Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon (13th February 2008)
- 8. Visit to DoTau Primary School in ZhaoQing of Guangdong Province (March 2008)
- Fire-side gathering to celebrating Club Inauguration Anniversary (April 2008)
- 10. Presidents Night hosted by IPP and current President (May 2008)

No more question from the floor, P-E Andy handed back the meeting to President Laurence.

Pres. Laurence thanked PE Andy for his chairing the Club Assembly meeting.

Pres. Laurence announced that next week had no meeting due to Mid-autumn Festival Holiday and the week-after's program being a speaker introduced by Dir. Eric on child-care related community service.

President Laurence then asked everyone to stand up and raised a TOAST OF RI Coupled with the Rotary Clubs of HK Island East

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 pm and President Laurence invited all Rotarians and Guests for a Group Photo.

Rotary Information

Golf Tips instead of Rotary Information (Final Part)

Ball lodged in tree knocked down by outside agency

Q. A player's ball is lodged in a tree about eight feet off the ground. A spectator knocks the ball down from the tree. In complying with Rule 18-1, it is impossible to replace the ball in the prescribed manner in the tree because the spot where it lay in the tree is unknown or unreachable. What is the ruling?

A. Rules 20-3c and -3d cover cases in which the spot where a ball is to be placed or replaced is not determinable or a ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed. However, these Rules do not contemplate a case such as this one. Thus, in equity (Rule 1-4), if the position of the ball in the tree was such that the player could have made a stroke at it, the ball must be placed in the tree as near as possible to the spot from which it was moved, without penalty. Otherwise, the player must proceed under the unplayable ball Rule.

Ball dislodged from tree, replacement of ball not possible

- Q. A player, believing his ball is lodged in a tree, shakes the tree in order to dislodge it. His ball falls to the ground. According to decision 18-2a/2b, the player incurs a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a and must replace his ball. Suppose, however, that the player cannot replace his ball either:
- (1) because the spot where it lay in the tree is not determinable, or
- (2) because the ball fails to remain on the correct spot when replaced, or
- (3) because the player cannot reach the spot where the ball lay. How should the player proceed in each of these three circumstances?

A. Rules 20-3c and 3d would normally cover circumstances (1) and (2), but these rules do no contemplate a situation such as the one described. Accordingly, in equity (rule 1-4). In the first two circumstances the ball must be placed in the tree as near as possible to the spot which it was moved, and in the third circumstances the player must proceed under the unplayable ball rule, incurring an additional penalty stroke.

When necessary to find and identify ball declared unplayable

Q. A player hits his tee shot into a deep canyon. The player immediately declares the ball unplayable and plays another ball from the tee under the stroke-and-distance option of rule 28. May a player declare unplayable a ball which has not been found?

A. Yes, A player may proceed under the stroke-and-distance option (rule 28a) without finding his ball. However, since rule 28b and c require reference in where the ball lay, the player must find and identify his ball in order to proceed under either of these

Ball lying on grass-covered ground within bunker declared unplayable

Q. A player's ball is lying on grass covered ground within a bunker. The player declares the ball unplayable and elects to drop it under rule 28b. Must he drop it in the bunker?

A. No. Grass-covered ground within a bunker is not part of the bunker. Accordingly, the player may drop the ball behind the bunker.

Ball dropped outside bunker under option requiring drop in bunker

Q. In stroke play, a competitor declares his ball unplayable in a bunker and, purporting to proceed under rule 28b or c., drop a ball outside the bunker and plays it. What is the ruling?

A. In this case, Rule 28b and c require that a ball be dropped in and played from the bunker. Generally, if the ball is played from outside the bunker, the penalty should be disqualification for a serious breach of rule 28, unless rectified under rule 20-7c. However, if the position of the ball after it is out of the bunker is not substantially different from what it would have been if the competitor had invoked the stroke-and-distance option under rule 28a, he incurs the penalty stroke prescribed by rule 28 and an additional penalty of two strokes for a breach of that rule, rather than disqualification.

Ball in plastic hag moves when hag flown to new position by wind

Q. A player's ball comes to rest in a plastic bag that is lying on the ground. Before the player can invoke rule 24-lb, a gust of wind blows the bag and the ball to a new position. In proceeding under rule 24-lb, should the players drop the ball directly under the place where it originally lay in the bag or where it now lies in the bag?

A. Wind is not an outside agency. However, if an object being moved by the wind moves a ball, the object is an outside agency in the circumstances. In this case, the bag, not the wind, caused the ball to move. Accordingly, under rules 18-1 and 24-1b, the player must drop the ball directly under the place where it originally lay in the bag.

Club's News - PP Hubert and Hon. Secretary Norman visited RC Shanghai

Hubert and Hon. Secretary Norman have visited the RC of Shanghai on Sept. 18th (Tue.). The city was hit by a supertyphoon, the traffic condition was terrible. It took Hon. Sec. Norman one and a half hour to reach the hotel. However, he had managed to arrive before 7pm. PP Hubert was not so fortunate in the traffic jam, it took him more than 2 hours on the taxi which normally would take only half an hour. PP Hubert was late to the dinner and hence was fined by the Red box. Hon. Sec. Norman was also fined by the Red box for not wearing a red tie.

The RC of Shanghai currently has 65 members, all expatriates working in Shanghai. Despite the bad weather and terrible traffic condition, the attendance was over 30 in which over 10 of us are visiting Rotarians from all over the world. The SAA has done a tremendous job to raise over RMB 5,000 from the floor. One of the visiting Rotarian from Australia even committed to transfer additional USD1,000 after he return. All in all, the Rotarians have contributed generously. Hon. Sec. Norman has prepared our flag from RC HK Island East to exchange with RC of Shanghai. We have enjoyed a talk by the Malaysia Consulate General on "Diving in Malaysia". The meeting was closed at 8:30pm sharp.

Electronic Make-up Questions

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following questions:

1. Who is our visiting guest today?
Answer:
2. Who come to our luncheon from the Rotaract Club of HK Island East?
Answer:
3. Who was asked to chair the Club Assembly today?
Answer:
4. Which Rotary Club is going to host the Intercity Luncheon Meeting on 9 $^{\rm th}$ October?
Answer:

5. How many club activities have been planned as announced by PE Andy?

Answer:
6. How much we have collected for the Red Box?
Answer:
7. Who were our speakers of the day?
Answer:
8. When was the coming District PR Seminar as announced by PP Henry?
Answer:
9. What is our next weekly luncheon program and when?
Answer:
10. Who have visited the RC of Shanghai and when?
Answer:
Name: Email: Submit

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A Navy man and an Army man are driving opposite directions on a curvy mountain road. The army man hits a patch of sand, swerves, and nails the Navy man's truck. They both exit their cars with no injuries, but their vehicles are ruined.

Now, the rivalry between Army and Navy is well known, so needless to say a heated argument followed. Then suddenly the Navy man changed heart and said, "Hold on, this is dumb. It was an accident. Let's put this rivalry behind us."

The Army man agreed this was a good idea. So the Navy man offered, "Why don't we celebrate our new friendship over a fifth of vodka? I have a bottle in the truck."

The Army man thought this was an excellent idea. So the Navy man, being a gentleman, offered the Army man the first drink, and told the Army man to drink as much as he wanted. Soon half the bottle was gone and he offered the bottle back to the Navy man who said, "Thanks, but I'll wait till after the cops get here!"

Photographs of our meeting on

19th September, 2007





PDG Uncle Peter, IPP Paul Chan & Pres. Laurence Chan



PE Andy Wong, Rtn Heman Lam & PP John Kwok



PE Andy Wong Chair the first Club Assembly



Pres. Laurence report on the Club member ship profile and new board structure.



PP Henry Chan report on behalf of the Public Relation area



Rtn. Heman Lam report on the Red Box collection and the Community Service project



IPP Paul Chan report the progress on applying the Section 88 for taxes exemption.



Group Picture with visiting guests.



PP Hubert Chan visited the Shanghai Rotary Club



Hon. Sec. Norman Lee met with Shanghai Rotary Club Sec. Mr Cheah Kim Fee