

The Weekly Westerner

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3
Grey Eagle Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive (Corner of 37 St SW and Glenmore Drive)
Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

President: Bill Fitzsimmons **President-Elect:** Marlene Doherty **Past President:** Gerry Meek
Secretary: Gail Williams **Treasurer:** Dan Pigeon
Directors: Judy Cochran, Gord Cox, Darren Grierson, Barb Hames,
Ken Montgomery, Drew Turnbull

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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Once again we held the meeting on-line using the Zoom tool. Thanks to **Gord Cox** for being our host.

We were greeted today by Past-President **Gerry Meek** who stood in for President **Bill Fitzsimmons**.

Guests

Rod McMahon, who has just moved here from Kentville, Nova Scotia and is looking for a Calgary club to join.

Announcements

Marlene Doherty reported that we sponsored the "Never Too Late" graduation ceremony and scholarship presentation. She also urged us to help with roses sales to support this charity. Also, anyone participating in the cycling or spinning for polio please report your mileage.

Gerry announced that we should all mark our calendars for September 16 when we will hear from **Scott McDermot** on recovering from a serious injury and the head of Polio Plus.

Today's Program

This is a business meeting to discuss:

- Return to face-to-face meetings
- Cost of meals
- Team input

Gord Cox provided a presentation on Grey Eagle and its preparedness to host our club.

- The Grey Eagle is following all guidelines with respect to Covid-19 as outlined by the government of Alberta. (City of Calgary regulations for Covid-19 are not applicable.)
- The Grey Eagle has been hosting larger groups during Stage 2 reopening. The maximum seated capacity is 100 people indoors.
- Grey Eagle staff wear masks.
- Grey Eagle staff have daily temperature checks.

Fellowship and Safety

- Members will be required to sign a waiver.

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- Temperature checks are completed prior to entering the meeting room. We are recommended not to leave the room until meeting completion.
- Entrance and exit through the rear entrance to minimize contacts.
- Use masks in atrium area and maintain recommended social distance.
- Masks are available for purchase at \$1 each, or you may use your own.
- Atrium area can be used for mingling, but masks are required.
- Teepee area is also available for mingling.
- Highly visible sanitation stations are available.
- Club has the option of using masking tape to create proper distance protocol using markings.
- Payment for meals will be meal card, debit or credit card only, no cash or cheques.

Meals

- Maximum four people per table.
- Grey Eagle will open up two rooms as necessary to accommodate us.
- Option to sit alone at a table if a member has safety concerns.
- The Grey Eagle is flexible on the number of guests seated at a table. They will accommodate two to four people per table.
- Cohorts of up to six may be seated together.
- All meals are plated and wrapped.
- Meal costs remain the same as pre-Covid.
- Water will be poured before arrival and refills available by request from staff.
- Coffee is served to each guest individually.
- Club may consider wrist bands for vulnerable members to indicate they want people to maintain social distancing.

Club Services and Speakers

- Microphone use is okay. All speakers must be masked.
- Set-up considerations for Zoom.
- Zoom program will continue for members who are not comfortable meeting, or who cannot attend the meeting.
- Two rooms will be used as necessary.

Questions and comments

- **Clarence Buckley** is in favour of resuming face-to-face meetings.
- There will be a survey sent out to get all members' input to meeting frequency and the intent is to run face-to-face meetings with Zoom to serve all members who cannot attend the meeting.
- We need to inform Grey Eagle of how many will attend. **David Williams** offered to continue his process of asking who will attend by e-mail. **Members will need to be more diligent about responding.**
- A waiver is required to protect the hotel.
- Meal options will still be available to serve dietary requirements. No meal at no charge is an option. Plated meals may be hot, but this needs to be determined. Advantages vs. disadvantages may be worth a look. Special requests on meals are likely to be offered but needs to be confirmed.

Cost of meals

- Losses have averaged \$60 per week.

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- There is no budget for subsidizing lunch costs.
- We provide a lunch for our speaker and occasionally guests.
- Grey Eagle lunch-cost agreement expires December 31, 2020.
- Lunches need to be revenue neutral.
- At our current cost we are break-even at \$27 per lunch.

Lunch Price Options

1. Charge \$30 per lunch. No separate 50/50 Draw. Door prize each week. Door prizes could be donated by members or others.
2. Charge \$30 per lunch, with a 50/50 draw.
3. Charge \$28 per lunch, with a 50/50 draw.
4. Charge \$27 per lunch, with a 50/50 draw.

A survey will be sent out to members for input.

Gerry said that the speaker for next week will be **Ben Kormos**, about his project in Brazil.

Gerry broke us into teams on Zoom to get our input on issues. His thought for the week was (paraphrased) *"Challenge yourself each day to lend a hand through the darkness."*

Team Feedback

Team 1

- Went through all roles. Difficult to assign with small part of team and no schedule.
- Cashiers, reporters and video/sound roles are specialized and organized by other functional members.
- Archiving reports re-discussed at larger meeting.
- We have two nominees for Zoom leaders.
- Fellowship left for another time.
- Team consensus was to have at least one physical meeting: just do it and then see what the problems are.

Team 2

- **Ken Montgomery** and **Tim Anderson** volunteered to handle the computer and projector.
- **Duncan Stanners** and **Mike Carlin** are currently reporters. **Cory Tretiak** volunteered provided adequate notice.
- Zoom Host - Ken is already active. Marlene and Duncan volunteered.
- Regarding hands-on projects: can we rent ourselves out to do projects as a fund raiser? Food bank satellite. United Way days of caring?

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Team 3

- In-person meeting duties and willing participants? Team 3 members were generally interested in helping out in person, but felt that the verdict was still out on whether to resume in-person meetings.
- Zoom meetings need helpers. Gord Cox, **Steve Strang** and **Don Edie** expressed an interest in facilitating Zoom meetings. Reporting duties were discussed in this team meeting, questioning whether this is redundant now that we record by Zoom. Perhaps an extract of the meeting filed with the recordings would suffice. There is general interest in helping with program assisting with any meeting by Zoom.
- Fellowship Activities? Most team members expressed an interest in having an in-person fellowship social. Some examples were:
 - a. An entertainer, Chuck Rose, came for a physically distanced backyard event and mini concert.
 - b. Patio party at the Grey Eagle perhaps with cocktail tables and hors d'oeuvres.
 - c. Backyard wine/beer and munchies Bring your own!

Team 4

Our Team 4 discussion was mostly about service projects. **Dan Doherty** had some great suggestions, and offered to share a questionnaire used by another club.

1. Some of the key points that need to be considered with hands-on-service initiatives were:
 - Where can you volunteer?
 - What can you do? (Health limitations/Covid restrictions, etc.)
 - During what time-frame (i.e. after work hours, weekends, etc)?
 - Not necessarily limited to a team effort, encourage other teams to join in.
2. Briefly reviewed volunteer tasks for club meeting functions, and it was suggested that we ask for volunteers once meetings at the Grey Eagle resume.
3. On-line meeting functions briefly reviewed. **Linda Anderson** and **Debbie McMillan** offered to be trained to help with Zoom meetings for team roles.
4. **Barbara Hames** offered to work with team on fellowship activities.

With regard to the challenge that the Weekly Westerner may no longer be required due to recordings of our meetings, David Williams and **Sa'adat Keshavjee** noted that the archive was very useful in our review of our 50th year anniversary, and that unpredictable technological advances would require constant attention to updating the format of digital recordings.

Coming Events

	July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month
6	Jennifer McCue, President and CEO of Bethany: Bethany's journey through the pandemic
13	Diversity and Rotary: Rotarian Anila Lee Yen
20	Five Avenues of Rotary: President Bill Fitzsimmons' program for the club.

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27	India Sherrett: Olympian
August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
3	No Meeting Civic Holiday - August Long Weekend
5	Evening Zoom Past President's Reflections Series #1
10	Club Engagement F & F Committee update; New Club Developments
17	Water and Sanitation Tal Woolsey - CAWST
24	Club Engagement Updates and Discussions, New Initiatives
31	Ben Kormos: Brazil Global Grant Partnership
September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
7	No Meeting. Labour Day
10	Evening Zoom Meeting: Social Media - Facebook use for Rotary format
14	Club Engagement: Service and Social Roundup
21	District Governor Mary Turner
28	Club Assembly
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
5	Ken Keeler, GM Calgary Co-op
12	No Meeting: Thanksgiving
15	Evening Zoom Meeting: Past President's Reflections
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