

**Annual General Membership Meeting
(First meeting of newly incorporated Club)
Trinity United Church Hall (400 Stevenson St., Guelph)**

June 6, 2024

Meeting opened at 10:00 am

M/S Robert Denis / Ritchie Zelk

Motion: To approve agenda as printed for NewClub meeting.

Carried

John Sneyd presented the slate of nominations for Directors for 2024/2025 as proposed:

Slate of Directors (and proposed position)

Warren Gregg	President
Doug Davidson	Vice-President (and Speakers Committee)
Kerry Gennings	Secretary
David Moller	Treasurer
Bob Berry	Past-President
Frank Webster	Activities Committee Chair
Martin Alderwick	Membership Committee Chair
Len Bickerton	House Committee Chair
Ritchie Zelk	Communications Committee
Ron East	Director-at-Large (and back-up to Secretary)
Ron Heipel	Director-at-Large

M/S John Sneyd / Bill Rowley

Motion: To acclaim the nominations for Board of Directors

Carried

Activities Committee Report – Ken Marchant

- Planned events are as follows:

- Tour Sikh temple. June 11th, 2024
- Drayton production: "*Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*" Sat. Aug. 3rd
- Donkey Sanctuary Tour: As its by donation members can choose to attend on own
- Steam Heritage tour: Tues. Aug. 6th
- Night-at-the-Races: Fri. Sept. 13th

Ken Marchand closed by saying it was an honour to lead committee.

There was a all for riders and sponsors for the Tour de Guelph. Sunday June 23, 2024

The membership meeting was led by John Sneyd who introduced the topic for today saying we will hear some history of the old Club and some experiences of past-presidents

John Sneyd has prepared a survey that will be helpful in determining the needs and interests of members. This is to be fill out at the end of the meeting.

John mentioned that there are only two members left from the original group that started the club. Tom Beale and Dave Patterson.

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John Sneyd introduced Tom Beale whose badge number is 2 and who is a former president and was instrumental in forming RCMC.

Presentation

Back in 2005 Guelph Wellington Men's Club had 300 members and a three-year waiting list to join. Tom Beale was on the waiting list so the idea to start a new club was suggested. On November 8, 2005, 50 men attended a meeting to determine if a new club could be formed. A subsequent meeting was held in January, 2006 to confirm. An interim committee was formed to determine action in order to form a new club.

Suggestions were to meet every two weeks instead of one week. An eighty dollar annual fee was charged as well as an \$50 for memorial donation was charged for members that died. Meetings were to be held at Trinity United Church Hall starting with coffee at 9:30 am and meeting at 10:00 for one hour. Also collaborate with GWMC on speakers. Initial Board Members were John Pawley, President, Tom Beale, VP.

The President was to serve for 2 years and the Past President was to help with new members coming to the club. The Secretary was to record all meetings and the Treasurer was to maintain custody of all financial records and physical materials.

The board created:

- Constitution and By Laws
- Policy & Procedures
- Objectives

The objectives were to hear topics of interest to members, and exchange ideas and provide an opportunity to meet and socialize. Tables were set up but transitioned to theatre style chairs to allow more interaction.

Formal wear was not required and determined that 100-125 would be maximum number of members. In 2007 there were 65 members and by 2009 there were 76 and that number was maintained for several years. The first club newsletter was started in 2006 along with a website. 2006 was the year of the first picnic and Christmas lunch. 2007 was the first annual meeting.

John Sneyd told the club that the gavel and bell were presented to RCMC by GWMC. All the past-presidents recounted their experiences as president. Exceptions were that John Pawley and Len Johnstone are no longer with us and John Procter moved away to Calgary. Other past-presidents found being president a very special and pleasurable experience.

Past Presidents presenting were:

Tom Beale, Soren Sondergaard, David Wallace, Ed Herold, Martin Alderwick,
Julian Sale, Frank Webster, John Sneyd, Bob Berry.

Bob Berry summarized that when we retire we often lose connections with people which is what makes the club so special. We are able to create new connections, make friends and expand our minds.

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John Sneyd finished the meeting by requesting everyone fill in a survey and we concluded by doing so and moving to lunch.

As the new president had to leave, a meeting of the incoming board was not held.

Adjourned @ 11:00 pm

Recording Secretary: Martin Alderwick