



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

October 26th 2010

Attendance: John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Andy Dang-Duy; Mikkel Elsborg; Nosa Mohammed; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Visitor: Claes Ellegaard, guest of Mikkel Elsborg..

President Nemo opened the meeting with a welcome to **Claes Ellegaard**, guest of **Mikkel Elsborg**. Mr. Ellegaard is a consultant and advisor in the corporate supply-chain field.

Ballot-by mail: After asking **Drew Webster** to explain the reason for the proposed amendment to District Procedures, **President Nemo** called for a vote. The proposal received unanimous approval. He signed the ballot paper which the Secretary will fax to the District. .

Velan Foundation Award: **Carlo Pugliese** asked for a fourth person to sit on the club committee charged with recommending a candidate for consideration by the Velan Foundation. **Henry Zalzal** agreed to serve, joining **Andy Dang-Duy**, **Drew Webster** and **Carlo**.

President Nemo explained that today's meeting was a Club Assembly. He called for discussion of the report on membership. **Carlo Pugliese** offered a useful point of clarification, that the ideas in the report were meant for discussion and members were not being asked to endorse a specific policy. This opened the door to a lively discussion as follows:

- Support a wide span of projects.
- Attract more women.
- Better visibility for club.
- \$500 is a little bit expensive for young people.
- A club Facebook page.
- A virtual club within LinkedIn.
- We have significant communication problem.
- Rotarians were the original networkers.
- Develop communication strategy.
- People to people strategy is cutting edge right now.
- Show names of the members on club website.
- Task-force of 3 or 4 young women to develop female membership.
- Where does the fee money go?
- Develop the Friends of Rotary category by considering as candidates Rotarians who are forced to resign because of business pressure.

Mikkel Elsborg will advise on what's involved in setting up a virtual Rotary Club of Montreal inside LinkedIn. **Andy Dang-Duy** suggested we get visual training with powerpoint . It is not clear how this will happen.

Shortly before **President Nemo** adjourned The Club Assembly, **Bertrand de Cardaillac** observed that the matter of the composition of next year's board had not been discussed. President Nemo took note for the agenda of the next Club Assembly.

A bit of history: Our club turned 97 years old on October 2nd. We hold the 85th oldest charter in a world of 33,976 clubs. In 1913 "the entrance fee was fixed at \$25, and the annual fee at \$10 dollars. At a subsequent meeting, however, this provision was changed to \$10 dollars for the entrance fee and \$15 for the annual." (Page 1, **Rotary club of Montreal, 1913-1986**, a historical review prepared by Lloyd A. McClintock). Other clubs chartered in Canada in 1913 include Halifax, Hamilton, Toronto and Vancouver.

The Agricultural Foundation: "In 1975, RC Mtl created a foundation dedicated to the betterment of living in the developing countries through applied research in the field of agriculture. Three students from Colombia, Sénégal and the Dominican Republic have benefitted from the Foundation as of October 1982. Two of them are already back in their home country actively involved in their field of specialization. The third student will graduate later this year and return to his home country as well." (From Pilot Project Report of Agricultural Foundation, dated October 1982)

Next meeting: Nov 2nd at 7.30 am

Location: The St. James Club

Speaker: TBA

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