

**CRA QUARTER CENTURY CLUB
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 18, 2019 – Minutes

Present

Guy Proulx
Teri Carucci
Odette Beaubien
Lucie Houle
Joanne St-Georges
Jack Pearson
J-F Normand
Denise Lachance (by phone)

Absent

Sheila Willis
Lisa Rondeau
Wendy Potvin
Ann Perry
Brian McCauley
Luisa Guyan

Introduction

Guy Proulx welcomed the directors to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2019 were approved. It was decided not to include the names of the winners of the draws for events.

Financial Overview

Teri Carucci mentioned that the bank account balance is at \$12,253.85. No expenses are outstanding.

The strategic discussion about the financial resources was briefly discussed. However, since many of the directors were absent, this item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Calendar of Events

Update of Past Events

Wine Tasting – June 13, 2019

Hosted by Jean-François and Joanne again at the Perreault Winery in Navan. We had a total of 45 reservations. One person had to cancel and was reimbursed, two people did not show up and one person joined us without having registered, therefore, we had 43 attendees. The Winery provided us with two bottles of wine and the committee purchased three additional bottles which were given as prizes in addition to the 50/50 draw. The 50/50 netted \$170. Once all bills were paid, the committee netted a profit of \$78.66

The evening was a bit different from last year. The participants had the opportunity to sample five wines. Contrary to last year, the host did not explain the wines that we were sampling except when asked at the individual tables. Although it was raining, the activity was a success. Only positive feedback was received. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their evening and we highly recommend a repeat.

The committee purchased cold cuts and cheese trays, salads, shrimp trays, crackers, chips, veggies, fruits and desserts which were appreciated from the participants. If we repeat this activity, recommendations are that the QCC supplies the food and we purchase the same tasting package.

Boat Cruise – August 14, 2019

The annual Casino du Lac Lemay Fireworks cruise was held August 14th. Although we had a number of 200 paid registrants, we had nine no shows without notification.

The 50/50 netted \$475 - three people each won \$135 and \$70 to the QCC. We also gave away 25-\$20 LCBO gift cards.

It was a beautiful evening featuring Italy. We had a few new participants and a good mix of QCC and YPN. Many mentioned that they enjoyed their evening. There was no smoking on the boat and doesn't seem like anyone minded. The ship was able to stay pretty well stable with the nose pointing towards the fireworks. That was an improvement over some previous years.

We had enough snacks and very little leftovers. We have a few supplies on hand for next event such as paper plates and serviettes.

Again, this year, we had to track down some people that had registered and were not paying. We collected some \$4,700 of our \$6,000 by way of interac payments; definitely the way to go. Guy was able to set up direct interac deposit by creating a specific internet address for that purpose and worked well after a bit of a learning curve. If this approach is used in future, the event organiser will need to note the transaction number for each payment as once amounts are deposited in QCC account we lose track of the name of the payer.

This year we chose to draw the names of the prize winners prior to the boarding of the ship, names were taped on our large poster and folks were asked to bring their name to

the organisers to claim their prize. This minimized disruptions and gave more time to participants to dance and enjoy themselves.

Once all bills were paid, the committee netted a profit of \$1,565.93.

Gastronomic Dinner with Wine Pairing –September 10, 2019

Hosted by Jack, Joanne and Luisa. The Dinner and Wine Pairing was held at Divino Wine Bar on September 10th.

Although the number of participants went up to 53, there was a few cancellations during the two weeks prior to the event and the final registrations was 41.

It was a great evening, featuring an excellent selection of wine and Italian food. Participants had to choose between Insalata or Zuppa as their antipasto, the choice for the secondo was Gnocchi, Pesce or Melanzane and then Torta Caprese or Gioccolato for dessert. Each service was paired with a 3 oz glass of wine. Martin, the owner commented on the wines as he was serving.

Everyone who attended seemed pleased with the evening and we received a lot of positive feedback. The service and the food were excellent.

We did not sell 50/50 tickets but we gave everyone a ticket for door prizes. The prizes were \$20 and \$15 LCBO cards that we had from previous activities.

This activity did not raise any money.

Update on upcoming events

Fall Curling – October 25, 2019

To be hosted by Ann, Denise and Guy at the RCMP curling club. Ann will need to update the information for the website so that the registration form does not include any dates. Only the poster will have the specific dates, times and location.

Bus Tour – October 2019

It was decided not to pursue with this activity for this year.

Game Night (pool and darts) – November 2019

Brian and Luisa will look at possibilities and bring the details to the committee at the next meeting. It would be scheduled for the first half of November, during the week starting around 5:00 pm. Since Brian and Luisa were not able to attend this meeting, we will ask them to provide the directors with the information by email. A decision will be made by way of email.

Christmas lunch – December 5, 2019

To be hosted by Wendy, Joanne and Luisa at the Mother McGintey's pub located within the Heart & Crown Byward Market venue. Again, this year, we will be asking for donations for the Toy Mountain campaign.

Skating at the Governor General – A Saturday in February 2020 (date to be confirmed)

To be hosted by Lucie. Lucie has sent the required form and requested first choice Saturday, February 22 and second choice Saturday, February 8 from 5:30 to 7:00. It is done by lottery format which will take place on November 23. Once Lucie has confirmation, we will be able to prepare the announcement. There is a maximum of 50 people for this event. The committee agreed to purchase hot chocolate and Tim bits for this event.

Potential New Activities

Pickle Ball

Lucie will get the information about the possibility of playing pickle ball at the new Rideau Club. More to come.

Sip and Sign

Teri explained how this activity would work and the committee decided to proceed at a later date. The event will probably take place at the RA Center Fieldhouse.

CRA-Charitable Campaign and Mental Health – Cracking Up the Capital

The committee discussed the possibility of promoting this activity with our membership. Lisa will find out more information and report back to the committee. This activity takes place in the Fall.

QCC Website

Again, Guy ask the directors to check the website periodically and report any issues.

Other Items

QCC Visibility

Guy and Brian will take care of visiting the remaining branches. As a follow-up, Guy will draft a memo from the CRA champion to the Branch Heads to thanked them and to ask that the information be circulated to all staff in the NCR, should be done by end of year.

Jack will contact the YPN to see if they could provide a "Twitter 101" type demo at the next meeting in order to determine whether opening an account for the club would be a viable option for promotion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Train Yards. One of the agenda items will be to determine dates and hosts for 2020 events.

