



**Regular Meeting – Louis Riel Room – Brandon University**

**Tues. November 14, 2023**

**Members Present: 19**

**Call to Order:** 12:05 PM. Pres. Tony Reid – National Anthem; Objects.

Head Table (Executive Present): President Tony Reid, Past President Gerry Barnes, President Elect Sheila Atkinson, Treasurer Reg Atkinson, Secretary Shirley Scott

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Hospitalizations:** Gerry Barnes – nothing to report

**Guest Speaker** – Allison Clee Hear Canada – Located in the Town Centre. Manitoba aid grant for anyone over the age of 65 with household income under \$80,000. In 6 months to 1 year there will be a new Bluetooth system where all audience with audio devices can have it streamed through their devices. Lions club collects used hearing aids to reuse. Average lifespan of hearing aids is 5 – 7 years. After that they are still adjustable but not reprogramed. Some are trackable if lost.

Cost

Basic ~ \$2,000

Medium – Up to \$4,800 – \$5,000 good for hockey games, fairly active people

Premium - \$5,700 and up

No tax because it is a medical device. \$2,000 taken off of cost of hearing aids with the new grant, and you pay the balance.

**Secretary report** – Shirley Scott – none due to speaker

**Treasurer's Report:** Reg Atkinson – Budget needs to be finalized and reported at next meeting

**Coupon Book Committee:** Books ready tomorrow November 15, 2023. Tony will pick up and take to distribution locations

**Social Media/ Website coordinator** Website – Following is an update from Frank Thomas:

1) I met with Larry Jago – all he really ever did was prepare a “word” document that he sent to Jenny Preston, which included whatever updates we needed and then she would simply cut and paste that document into the appropriate place on the website – really nothing much.

2) I met with Kahn O’Leary who now hosts our domain and provides our web-hosting services – for that he charges \$40. Annually for the domain and \$360. (also annually) For web hosting – I

pay \$14 for domain and \$149 for web hosting (both annually) when I asked Kahn about this difference, he said it was because he directly provides those services himself whereas I use “webhostingcanada.ca “ for both my domain and web hosting

3) Kahn said our present site is formatted using HTML – I don’t know much about that – as I use Word Press – along with an Elementor add-in

4) Kahn quoted us \$3000 to convert the site to Word Press-said he might be able to reduce that to say \$2,500 – if we didn’t need training (I don’t think I would after it is on word press.

5) I am self taught so while I can do basic updates I cannot program.

6) I then went to Westman Web Design (Vlad Varakin)) who has helped me with Evan Thomas Memorial Trust website – his quote is attached.

7) I plan to make a motion at the next business meeting November 28,2023 – my intention today is to simply provide enough information to generate thoughts and possibly questions when I present the motion

8) My offer will be rather short term as I doubt I will be able, willing, or even here to continue

**Bike Auction:** Keith Scott – No report

**Christmas Cheer Registry:** Bev Monk – Received a letter from Christmas Cheer Board – adopt a family has 1,400 families have applications. hamper – unwrapped toys, knitted items, monetary donation of \$300 wrapping paper, & gift from personal. Reg motioned that we keep our donation at \$300, as well as adopting a family. Keith seconded. Motion carried. CNIB does gift wrapping and is looking for volunteers.

Frank – Salvation Army looking for volunteers to sit at kettles for donations. Kettles are set up from November 18 to December 23. We have decided to go as a group to the shoppers mall food court on Saturday December 2 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Frank is sending an email for volunteers

**Social Committee:** Corrine Elliott – Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>. \$25. each

**House & Reception:** Peter Lonstrup – room is booked for meetings. May be necessary to meet elsewhere in June

**Youth & Community:** John Huston – No report.

**Kar Derby:** Darren Wright– no report

Keith – Legion poppy campaign. They appreciated all the help and Keith will be liaison going forward for co-ordinating the two clubs. We had a wreath laid for the Kiwanis Club of Brandon.

**President’s Report:** Congratulations to the club for all the volunteering. The Kiwanis Club is becoming well known.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm

Next Meeting: Business meeting, Tues November 28, 2023

Ken Dagleish 50-50 \$16.

Shirley Scott, Secretary