

**BOARD MEETINGS OF  
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY  
AND  
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK FOUNDATION  
August 9, 2017**

Directors Present: James Schott, Jacqui Gannon, Greg Thompson, Pam Bliss, Karri Polson, Bain Weinberger

Directors Absent: Felix Belmont, Kate Zachman, Glenn Dahlgren

Also Present:  
Member Sarah Bishop, Member Bill Bishop

President Schott called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM at the Paonia Public Library, 2 Third Street, Paonia, CO 81428.

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

The minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2017 were approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Zachmen was not present. There was no Treasurer's Report.

**Service:**

Director Bliss reported that the dictionaries will be \$11.25, and that the club usually distributes about 100 dictionaries. The exact numbers will not be available until school starts. The dictionaries will be distributed in October or at least by Thanksgiving.

Director Thompson reported that the next Highway Cleanup is scheduled for the first Friday in November (11/3)

**Membership:**

There is currently no Membership chair

**Foundation:**

There is currently no Foundation chair.

**Program:**

There is currently no Program chair.

**Old Business:**

**Poulos Park cleanup:**

Members Sarah and Bill Bishop presented a detailed proposal outlining the work that needed to be done, complete with a diagram and contacts for the various tasks.

The Board and the Bishops reviewed the list and made recommendations as to which costs and tasks should be the Town's responsibility and which costs and tasks should be the responsibility of the Club.

Member Sarah Bishop suggested that the original donors (as listed on a plaque at the park) be approached for a contribution of 10% of their original donation for the refurbishment of the park.

Member Bishop also suggested the Board decide how much the Club might want to contribute toward the cost, and the sum of \$500 (with the money to come from previous donors as mentioned above and possibly from Foundation funds) was agreed upon. A motion to that effect passed unanimously, although Director Gannon thought the vote might be pre-mature until the level of commitment of the Town to the park was better understood.

President Schotts motion that the plan as presented by Member Bishop be accepted by the board also passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the next steps would be:

- Attach final cost estimates to the proposal. [An updated proposal with cost estimates and responsibilities defined between the Club and the Town was emailed by Member Sarah Bishop to all club Members prior to the August 10th club meeting and presented by her at the meeting.]
- Get a vote from the Club Membership on the Plan and the \$500 club contribution. [Member Sarah Bishop entered a motion at the regular club meeting on August 10 to accept the Plan and provide a maximum club donation of \$500. The motion passed unanimously]
- Present the proposal to the Town. [Member Barbara Heck, Member Sarah Bishop, and President Schott will make the presentation to the Town.]

### **New Business:**

#### **How to Obtain Leadership Volunteers:**

President Schott presented a list of four chairmanships and six event leadership positions in need of volunteers to fill them. Most important of all, the Club is in need of a President Elect and a President Elect Nominee. President Schott said the job is a demanding one that requires almost daily attention. Director Thompson wondered if there was a way to make the job of President more attractive so that someone would be willing to step up.

President Schott suggested the Club needed to create a nominating committee for club officers. This committee would recruit volunteers and present nominees to the club as a whole.

Member Sarah Bishop suggested there be a rotation of officers through the various jobs. She pointed to the example of the Buena Vista club that has decided to meet less frequently now that there is more flexibility on the number of meetings and their content. Most of the Directors seemed to agree, however, that the continuity of weekly meetings was important. Member Bishop also suggested that it would be good for each Chair to have an assistant designated in order for that person to shadow the Chair, learn the position, and be ready to take over the next year. The Chair should also provide documentation for each important task to provide continuity and to make it easier for the next person to step in. She also thought it would be helpful if each Director had a specific responsibility.

President Schott suggested that at the next Business Meeting in September, succession planning for Board positions as well as leaders for the various events be discussed with the full Membership.

#### **President Elect Position:**

During the Board meeting, Director Bliss reluctantly agreed to become President Elect, despite her travel schedule and other commitments. The board voted unanimously to accept her into this

position, [and the Club Membership also voted unanimously to accept her as President Elect at the August 10th meeting]. She was not present at this meeting due to other commitments. She later sent an email to President Schott and the Board Members apologetically rescinding her agreement to accept the position of President Elect, citing the same commitments that had made her reluctant to accept the position in the first place.

**Replacement Director and Foundation Chair:**

Member Francois Pretorius has agreed to take over the Board position and Foundation Chair vacated by Member Randy Campbell. [The Club Membership voted unanimously at the next Club meeting on August 10 to elect Member Pretorius to the Board]

Director Schott adjourned the Board Meeting and convened the Foundation Meeting.

**Rotary Foundation Meeting**

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Zachmen was not present. There was no Treasurer's Report.

**Scholarship:**

Director Belmont was not present. There was no Scholarship Report.

**Fundraising:**

**Ducky Derby**

- The ducks are being readied and sorted so that there is a duck for each ticket sold and no more, although the number of tickets sold by the football team still needs to be determined. Ducks and markers will be on hand at the event to cover tickets sold just prior to the race.
- Don Grant has devised a system to channel and capture the ducks so the winners can be determined and the ducks retrieved.

**Kids Pasta Project**

- The KPP Dinner in support of Rotary will be held on October 30th at Delicious Orchards. Members Lisa Delaney and Peggy Szvtecz are in charge of this.

Director Schott adjourned the Foundation Meeting.

The next Board and Foundation meetings will be on September 13th at 1:00 PM.