

**BOARD MEETINGS OF
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY
AND
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK FOUNDATION
*November 8, 2017***

Directors Present:

James Schott,
Francois Pretorius
Karri Polson
Felix Belmont
Glenn Dahlgren
Bain Weinberger
Greg Thompson
Pam Bliss
Barb Heck

Directors Absent:

Jacque Gannon
Kate Zachman

President Schott called the meeting to order at 1:19 PM at the Paonia Public Library, 2 Third Street, Paonia, CO 81428.

The minutes from the Board Meeting on 9/13/17 were approved unanimously. There was no quorum at the October meeting and so no official minutes.

Director Dahlgren moved to approve the agenda, which was approved unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Treasurer Zachman was absent but provided copies of the budget report for the meeting.
- Director Polson reported that the Club account had been overdrawn again this month.
- Director Heck had a question on district dues and PETS. Director Heck had signed up for PETS training in LA but found that Treasurer Zachman had agreed to be President Elect. Then Treasurer Zachman withdrew from being President Elect. The refund and reinstatement for PETS training had cost Director Heck \$25 in credit card charges, for which she requested reimbursement. This was approved unanimously by the Board.
- Although there were several open questions about the budget report, it was moved and approved unanimously to accept the budget report.

Service:

- Director Bliss reported that dictionary distribution to the elementary school students was underway.
- Director Thompson reported that there had been a good turn-out for the highway cleanup, which took about an hour. President Schott reported he had counted about 15 carcasses, mostly

deer in various stages of decomposition, along the road. Director Heck suggested we get the CDOT number for carcass pickup and report them. There were also lots of Bud Light beer cans but not as many small bottles of Fireball as in the past.

- The Club will be participating in Salvation Army bell ringing again this year. Member Lange is leading that effort.

Membership:

- No membership report this month.

Program:

- President Schott reported that the Program Committee is doing good job, with programs planned through 12/14.
- Director Polson reported that she had been unable to schedule the swing choir prior to the Holidays.
- President Schott indicated that he would like to schedule another business meeting. It will have to be after first of year. He said he will be absent for the December 21st meeting. Director Heck said she will also be gone. Director Thompson said he needs to check whether he will be available that day or not.
- The slate of officers for next year will be presented to the membership on at the November 16th meeting, to be voted on at the December 7th meeting.
- Member Sarah Bishop is willing to stand for Treasurer for next year. Secretary Weinberger will continue as Secretary if approved by the membership.

Old Business:

Revisit: How to fill leadership positions?

- President Schott had sent out revised list of open volunteer positions. A volunteer for President Elect Nominee is still needed.
- The Club also still needs a fundraising chair, and President Schott wondered what the role for that person would be. Director Bliss offered to be Fundraising Chair.
- Member Lange has volunteered to help with Ducky Derby
- President Schott will be meeting with the Membership Committee to revise the New Member Packet. Director Heck said she would like to work on that as well. The group will be meeting November 10th at noon.
- The Membership Committee is also getting organized to do another membership event similar to the one held at Wisehart Springs earlier this year.
- Since no one volunteered to take the lead on Casino Night, the event has been canceled. Director Bliss expressed concern that only the only fundraising events will be the Ducky Derby and the pancake breakfast. She thought that perhaps we need to find something else to do in the winter. President Schott, Director Heck and Treasurer Zachman will revise the budget based on amounts raised for the year.

New Business:

Nominating Committee

- The Past presidents of the club will be the nominating committee. This was approved unanimously by the board with a motion by Director Pretorius and a second by Director Heck.
- Director Heck said she would like to see job description for each position on the Board. President Schott agreed and said he wants to bring more order to the club executive positions.

Relationship with A Little Help (ALH) (discussion)

- Helping with volunteer events could provide interaction between club members through a service activity as opposed to just fundraising.
- A more formal relationship between Rotary and ALH would be helpful. President Schott said he was not sure what that would look like or how to structure it.
- Director Bliss suggested giving ALH our membership mailing list, but Director Heck was not comfortable giving out her email address. President Schott suggested the email could just go through Rotary instead of giving ALH our mailing list. Director Dahlgren supported that idea as well.
- Director Thompson said he and Member Campbell had suggested Rotary take on one of ALH's Service Saturday events. While Director Bliss said she thought that was a good idea, it was unclear if that would work since everyone in the club had not been vetted by ALH, which is a requirement for ALH volunteers. Director Thompson said he would talk to ALH and see if that idea would work for them or what kind of relationship with Rotary they would like to see.

Political Talk at Meetings

- Director Zachman had been approached by one or more members with the concern that there was too much political talk taking place at the meetings, and that a bias was developing in what should be neutral setting. There was also concern that some of the programs also reflect bias. President Schott said he had looked at the list of previous programs and did not see any evidence of that. Director Heck said she thought it is up to the person or persons with the concerns to express them in the meeting. President Schott said he would put out a statement that club is politically neutral and to avoid contentious conversations. He said he would also make an announcement to that effect in an upcoming meeting.

Financials

- Director Pretorius stated that it looked to him like the club financials are in "bad shape". He said that the financial reports do not appear to accurately reflect the financial situation of the club. President Schott said that he shares the concern and had talked to Treasurer Zachman. Treasurer Zachman said she is going to talk to person who set up the books originally to help get a better understanding.
- President Schott asked, "How much of Treasurers job is bookkeeping?" Treasurer Zachman had told him about half was bookkeeping. So perhaps the club should club hire a bookkeeper, separate from the Treasurer's job. Director Pretorius thought hiring a bookkeeper a good idea. This would cost \$18-\$20/hour according to Director Dahlgren. Director Pretorius said there was not that much bookkeeping to be done.
- It was thought that perhaps Treasurer Zachman might be burned out and the club might want to transition Member Sarah Bishop into the position sooner rather than later. This idea was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Jeff Henion (who works in the Harvester Building) was suggested as bookkeeper. As the

incoming Treasurer, Member Bishop should have input on that.

- Director Pretorius asked about who does club tax return? Is one even done? The same questions need to be answered for the Rotary Foundation.
- Director Bliss said that the club's 501c3 is in place, but it needed to be reinstated. President Schott said he needs the number to apply for grants.

By-Laws

- Director Polson said the bank does not have the current club by-laws.
- Director Heck volunteered to work with President Schott to review and update the by-laws.

The Club meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM, Foundation meeting called to order by President Schott.

Rotary Foundation Meeting

The minutes from the Foundation meeting on September 13, 2017 were approved unanimously with no changes.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Treasurer Zachman was absent but provided copies of the budget report for the meeting.
- The club made \$939 at the recent KPP dinner.
- Director Pretorius expressed concerns about how Paul Harris funds were being handled.
- It was moved and seconded to accept the budget report, which was accepted unanimously with concerns to be addressed.

Scholarship:

- Director Belmont reported that the Scholarship Committee currently has 4 applicants who qualified for and received the first \$1000 of the scholarship. The Committee is now awaiting reports of first term grades from the recipients. If a student keeps a B average or better, he or she will get the second \$1000.
- The Scholarship Application Form will be updated in January for the next academic year.
- The Board will determine how many scholarships for the coming year, based on fundraising results for the current year.
- Director Belmont stated that he had received a \$1275 donation, earmarked for scholarships. He asked whether a contribution such as that would be added to approved scholarship amounts, or is it to be used to fund already approved scholarships? President Schott said he thinks a specific donation should reduce money coming from other sources for scholarship. Director Pretorius said that the Board should approve any additional money for scholarships. A request for additional scholarship funds could be made any time.
- Director Belmont also requested that, since scholarships for VoTech and ambulance volunteers are over and above college scholarships, the financial reports should show VoTech, ambulance and college scholarships separately.

Director Schott adjourned the Foundation Meeting at 2:42 PM.