

**BOARD MEETINGS OF  
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY  
AND  
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK FOUNDATION  
February 14, 2018  
1:20 PM  
Paonia Public Library, 2 Third Street, Paonia, CO 81428.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Directors Present:**

James Schott - President  
Bain Weinberger - Secretary  
Sarah Bishop - Treasurer  
Barb Heck - President Elect  
Suzi Coombe - President Elect Nominee  
Pam Bliss - Service Chair (short visit)  
Greg Thompson - Membership Chair  
Felix Belmont - Scholarship Chair  
Karri Polson  
Jacque Gannon

**Directors Absent:**

Francois Pretorius - Foundation Chair  
Glen Dahlgren

President Schott presided. A quorum was present.

The Board concentrated on how to organize club finances.

The Directors appointed Sarah Bishop to replace outgoing Treasurer Kate Zachman. She was duly sworn in by President Schott. Secretary Weinberger signed documentation for presentation to First State Bank to allow Treasurer Bishop to perform financial transactions for the Club.

**Membership and Fundraising:**

Current service activities:

- High School ticket taking
- Poulos Park cleanup and refurbishment
- Highway cleanup
- A Little Help
- Cherry Days Parade
- Salvation Army bell ringing

Current fundraising projects:

- Ducky Derby
- Pancake breakfast
- Super bowl pool
- Kids Pasta Project
- Football pool
- Birthday bucks

There were about eight participants for Poulos Park cleanup, and about eight for highway cleanup. About 6 members participated in ticket-taking at Paonia High School.

Discussion: Some considerations

- Consider scheduling service activities on a weekend day instead of during the week.
- Consider putting the volunteering lists on-line instead of passing around a sign-up sheet at meetings.
- Consider publicizing Rotary service events in the various school newsletters.

- Club should set up a Rotary booth at the various local events.
- Focus on one major fundraiser.

### **Budget Discussion:**

For the 2017/2018 fiscal year, the Club has budgeted:

- 4 High School scholarships totaling \$8,000.
- 1 Technical College scholarship for \$2,000.
- 1 North Fork Ambulance Association grant for \$3,200.

Scholarship committee (headed by Director Belmont) is responsible for administering all of the scholarships. First half payments (\$1000) are made to the scholarship kids in Sept/Oct and the other half is paid sometime from late December up until February. Club needs to determine the 2018/2019 scholarship commitments by April 25th as that is the deadline for scholarship application submission. Club Membership will need to vote to approve funding for the next round of scholarships since the money needs to come from the CD.

### **Treasurer Approval**

Treasurer Bishop moved that there be a resolution so that she, as the new Treasurer, can sign checks. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **High School Scholarships**

President Elect Heck submitted a motion to give two \$2K scholarship (one for Hotchkiss and one for Paonia as recommended by Director Belmont) to first generation High School student. (\$4K total). The motion was unanimously approved.

### **RYLA Sponsorships**

Treasurer Bishop made a motion to send 2 kids from each high school to RYLA for a total of \$1500. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Vo-Tech Scholarships**

Director Belmont moved to budget \$2K for Vo-Tech scholarships. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **NFV Ambulance Association grant**

Treasurer Bishop suggested the Club hold the allocated funds in reserve for advanced EMT training. Treasurer Bishop then moved to give \$3K to the Ambulance fund, with the option to revisit the decision if more money is needed. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Request for Club Approval for CD Withdrawal**

Treasurer Bishop moved to ask the Club for permission to remove up to \$7K from the CD. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Service Report:**

Dictionary give-aways and highway cleanup are moving forward normally.

The Club meeting was adjourned and the Foundation meeting called to order by President Schott.

### **Treasurer Approval**

Treasurer Bishop moved that there be a resolution so that she, as the new Treasurer, can sign checks. The motion was unanimously approved.

---

### **Report on Membership Voting Rotary Meeting 2/15/18**

A quorum was present for the vote.

#### **Motion: Reduce Scholarship Commitment to \$10.5K**

After explanation by Treasurer Sarah Bishop, Member Bill Bishop moved that the Club's scholarship commitment be reduced to \$10.5K. The motion was approved by all members present except for one nay.

#### **Motion: Focus Scholarship funds on 1st Generation students**

President Elect Heck made the motion. After some discussion about what to do if there are no 1st generation students eligible for a scholarship (it can go to a non-1st generation student), the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Motion: Approve \$7K withdrawal from CD**

As a temporary transition to a more sustainable model, the motion was made by Member Marston. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Motion: Increase RYLA sponsorships from 2 to 4**

The motion was made by Member Zachman. The motion was approved unanimously.