

**BOARD MEETINGS OF
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY
AND
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK FOUNDATION
September 13, 2017**

Directors Present: James Schott, Francois Pretorius, Karri Polson, Jacque Gannon, Kate Zachman, Bain Weinberger

Directors Absent: Greg Thompson, Pam Bliss, Felix Belmont, Glenn Dahlgren

President Schott called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM at the Paonia Public Library, 2 Third Street, Paonia, CO 81428.

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

The minutes from the Board Meeting on August 9, 2017 were approved unanimously on a motion by Director Polson and a second by Secretary Weinberger.

Director Zachman, who arrived a few minutes late, suggested the meeting start time be moved back to 1:15 PM, allowing time for her co-workers to get back from lunch so she can leave work for the meeting. This proposal was accepted by the Board.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Zachman reported that no dues were collected in August and that dues were just now coming in. Some miscellaneous donations were received to replace Paonia sign out by Hwy 133.

Director Polson noted that the Rotary club account was on the overdraft list at the bank today. She will remove overdraft charge.

Director Pretorius asked how the Club account could be overdrawn since the Balance Sheet shows an \$808 balance in account. Treasurer Zachman took the action item to look into the discrepancy between the Club account and the ledger balance.

President Schott moved to accept the Treasurer Report (with questions). Director Polson seconded.

Service:

Report via email from Director Bliss who was out of town:

- 72 Dictionaries for 3rd Graders (numbers way down from last year) will arrive late October to early November when the club will deliver them to the schools.
- Fall Highway Cleanup is the first Friday in November.

Membership: New Chair will be Bill Bishop. President Schott expressed that he would like him to attend board meetings.

Program: Jeff Skeels will be the new program chair.

Old Business:

Filling leadership positions:

- Director Gannon: There was a good conversation with a lot of participation among membership at the last regular Rotary meeting. It was a good beginning with lots of interesting feedback from the membership. The discussion should continue with ideas being brought back to the Board. However, some members resented that they were being pressured and “guilted” into taking leadership positions. New members in some clubs go through initiation period to get oriented, including attending board meeting, etc. This helps new members feel more a part of the organization. A membership orientation handbook (provided by the Membership Committee) might also be helpful . Bill Bishop had been doing this.
- Director Pretorius: Partnering with “A Little Help” could give the membership “something to do” as a group besides fundraising. It would also increase the visibility of the club in the community.
- President Schott: Get new people who join the club connected with a committee or activity group. Will reconvene Past Presidents club to discuss leadership issues. Would like to get systems in place by mid October for rotating committee leadership

New Business:

Calendar of Events

President Schott asked for feedback on the calendar which had been provided to all board members. Around April/May perhaps establish goals for year to inform budget process. Can't set specific dates for events until there is a chair person for activity committee.

Director Pretorius: Calendar seems “fuzzy” (too far away in future).

Discuss: Committee chairs attend board meetings.

President Schott said committee chairs should attend board meetings.

There was some concern that there was a maximum number of board members allowed, but this turned out not to be an issue.

Dates President absent

President Schott said he will be absent on Sept. 28, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26.

Club meeting adjourned at 1:36, Foundation meeting called to order by James.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Zachman reported:

- The Foundation had received a check from Paonia Farm and Home for Casino Night as part of the business changing hands.
- The Ducky Derby had netted \$3,355.36. Gross income was \$5648.00 and expenses were \$2292.64. Some of the expense was for ducks, which can be re-used for future Derbys, so expenses for future events should be reduced.
- Two scholarships were paid in this fiscal year.
- Director Bliss was reimbursed for sausage for the Pancake Breakfast.

Director Pretorius questioned the \$400 owed to Cedaredge Rotary that appeared on the Foundation balance sheet. Treasurer Zachman explained that Cedaredge Rotary won't take the money. It was suggested that these funds be donated to the Foundation and removed from the balance sheet as a line item.

Director Pretorius also questioned a line item showing \$2096 as "Funds owed to Club". Treasurer Zachman said this was an error in accounting. It will be straightened out.

Director Polson moved to accept the Treasurer Report with errors. Director Pretorius seconded.

Fundraising:

Next Event KPP Dinner Oct 30.

Membership:

Member Danielson is still the chair. She did not attend the board meeting.

According to Director Gannon, the membership event held a Wisehart Springs was great. The expense of the facility was donated by Wisehart (the club was not charged) Enough food was brought that the club need not pay anyone to prepare food for future similar events.

Foundation:

Director Pretorius stated that he is looking into grants as well as fundraising.

President Schott thought it would be helpful to dedicate a club meeting each year to Foundation info.

Old Business:

Plaque for Gazebo in memory of Inge Lange.

A 4x6 Bronze-looking plaque can be purchased for \$45-\$50. A 5x7 plaque would cost \$90. It would be engraved locally. The post where the plaque is to be mounted is 6" wide. President Schott said he has recommended wording from Mr. Lange. He will get that to Treasurer Zachman for the engraving. Mr. Lange will back in town at the end of October. Member Lewark is in charge of setting up the dedication event with the library.

New Business:

Polio Jars.

Director Polson asked about the status of the club's Polio Jars.

There are currently 6 jars, with one spare in need of a home. There are two at Dons, one at the First State Bank in Paonia and another one at the Hotchkiss branch. It was unclear where the others are. It has been a couple of years of since there was a focus on polio fund raising. Director Pretorius said he will follow up on the jars.

Director Schott adjourned the Foundation Meeting at 2:00 PM.