

**BOARD MEETINGS OF
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY
AND
ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK FOUNDATION
July 11, 2017**

Directors Present: James Schott, Felix Belmont, Bain Weinberger, Kate Zachman, Glen Dahlgren

Directors Absent: Randy Campbell, Jacquie Gannon, Greg Thompson, Pam Bliss, Kari Poulson

Also Present (for part of meeting):

Marsha Grant, Susie Coombe, Sarah 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 with a motion by Director Dahlgren, and a second by Treasurer Zachman.

The minutes from the meeting on June 6, 2017 were approved unanimously with a motion by Director Belmont, and a second by Treasurer Zachman.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Zachman went over a few of the line items on the Report, including: \$70 for PO box rental, a \$45 transfer to the Foundation and \$463.45 in donations from members to fix the Paonia sign. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously with a motion by Director Dahlgren and a second by Director Belmont.

Service:

President Schott read from an email from Director Bliss who was not present.

The Poulos park cleanup went well, but there is much more work to be done (see New Business below).

The dictionaries for the third graders will be ordered in August.

The Kid's Pasta Project (KPP) Dinner in support of the North Fork Valley Rotary Club is scheduled for October 30.

Membership:

There is currently no membership chair

Foundation:

No Report

Program:

Director Campbell was not present.

Old Business:

Inge Lange Library Gazebo dedication:

- The plan for a plaque has been approved by the library board.
- The directors need to decide how much money to spend.

- Director Belmont suggested a bronze plaque would be desirable.
- Treasurer Zachman will get a cost estimate.
- President Schott will get with Ulli Lange to come up with suitable wording for the plaque.

New Business

Poulos Park cleanup:

Sarah Bishop reported that 14 person/hours were spent working on the park last week. It has been several years since the last serious refurbishment. The Club could offer to partner with the Town to help take care of park (which would represent an increased buy-in from the Town). Suggestions for work:

- Rearrange the furniture (move the table away from the back of the park to a more public location), and repair the table with bondo and paint.
- Many plantings have disappeared or have died. New plants are needed along the south wall.
- The perimeter watering system needs work and has been vandalized by kids hanging out in the park.
- Put up a sign with park rules (such as 10 pm closing time)

There was some discussion on whether the Club should get involved with fixing up the park. Treasurer Zachman and Director Dahlgren felt the club should get involved. A motion was offered on whether to look into improving the park with cooperation and assistance of the Town by Director Dahlgren. It was seconded by Director Belmont and unanimously approved by those present.

It was also agreed that a proposal be drafted for approval by the Membership to take to the town manager and parks committee.

[A question on whether the Club should move forward with drafting a proposal for partnering with the town on renovating the park was presented to the Membership by Sarah Bishop at the next general meeting on July 13, 2017. It was so moved by Jackie Parks and seconded by Susie Coombe. It was approved unanimously by the members present.

Meeting Conflict:

New board member Jacquie Gannon informed President Schott that she cannot meet on Tuesdays (the customary meeting day). President Schott will query the board on other acceptable times for the meeting to see if there is another day and time that will work for everyone.

At 3:58 PM Treasurer Zachman moved, and Director Belmont seconded a motion to adjourn the Club Board meeting and convene the Foundation Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rotary Foundation Meeting

Reports:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Zachman reported:

- \$1,952.25 was made at the pancake breakfast.
- \$5,000 has gone to 2 scholars.
- \$2,529 has been spent on the Ducky Derby
- \$1,221.61 has been given to A Little Help

Director Dahlgren moved to accept the report. Director Belmont seconded and it was passed unanimously by the members present.

Scholarship:

Director Belmont said there was nothing new to report. Two recipients have enrolled and received their grants. He also said that there needs to be a discussion among scholarship committee members on whether to have a single larger scholarship for Paonia and Hotchkiss each, or to continue as is and give more, smaller scholarships.

Fundraising:**Ducky Derby**

- We have 1210 ducks. Treasurer Zachman would like to sell them all. But more tickets will need to be ordered.
- President Schott thought it would be nice to have a set goal to work toward.
- Each member should get 20 tickets to sell.
- Marsha Grant and Susie Coombe participated in the discussion along with board members.

The discussion primarily revolved around whether and how to coordinate with the high school since the high schoolers had been doing their own (internal) ducky derby as a drawing from the back of a pickup every other year. Last year was an off year for them when Rotary did it. There was discussion last year to alternate years with High School, but that was forgotten as planning got underway for this year. Kitty Burns (who had acted as liaison between Rotary and High School) and Marsha Grant both agreed that there needs to be a Ducky Derby annually in order to keep up momentum. Ducky Derbys are big fund raisers for Rotary clubs. Ms. Burns had suggested Rotary could partner with Paonia and Hotchkiss schools alternating years. Plans are in place to put together a meeting among interested parties to discuss how to proceed.

- According to Treasurer Zachman, \$676 from last year's Derby went to the school. At least half was for the rental of the ducks (we have our own this year).
- It was unclear to board members how involved the school can be when schools is not in session.
- Director Dahlgren mentioned that there is not much overlap between parents at school buying ducks, and the folks Rotary would sell to. He wondered if we could just not each do our own thing, since they were such different enterprises.
- President Scott asked if school's revenue from the Derby should not be apportioned based on how many tickets the students sold.
- It was the consensus of the board that we are moving ahead with Ducky Derby regardless.
- All necessary permits are in place.

Kids Pasta Project

- The KPP Dinner in support of Rotary will be held on October 30th.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 4:17 PM with a motion by Treasurer Zachman, and a second by Director Dahlgren.