



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

July 19, 2005

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Pam Culpepper, JB Fox, Mike Hernandez, Scott Rainey, Vissett Sun, Johnny White, Art Wood; Tony Bloomfield, Dick Gregg III, Joan Skellenger, Dick Kidder,

Members absent:

Ted Cummings; Jerold DeWease; Bill Taylor; Scott Smith

Guests:

None

President JB FOX called the meeting to order after ascertaining quorum. The minutes to the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Present preliminary budget for discussion

The board discussed in detail a handout that was presented showing the revised budget for FY05, Actuals, Base Budget, Delta Budget, and Total Budget. There was some discussion concerning a raffle, which could be in conjunction with Shrimporee or not in conjunction with any event. Tony Bloomfield mentioned that he has taken over billing of advertisers in the Blastoff, mentioning that his idea was to allow Shrimporee sponsors to have free advertising in the Blastoff, as part of their package. It was pointed out that the proposed budget increased the Presidential budget from \$2000 to \$5000. Art Wood introduced his plan and goals for the vocational budget and requested an increase to \$3000 for this committee's budget for FY06. He mentioned his intention is to have Molier chair the committee and Musial be a member of the committee and further, that they intend to have a 3 year staggered award between Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, and Emergency Helper of the Year. JB Fox mentioned that proposed in the budget was a Rotary Street clock, like one in La Porte, Texas., but the board was in favor of moving this project to the delta budget (which would be a project done depending on if we reached goals of Shrimporee fundraising). It was agreed by the board that there would be further discussion concerning the budget and JB Fox would assemble a slide projection of the budget and we would go line by line and

discuss in further detail; the board wanted to make sure that everyone on the board was working off of the same set of numbers. With respect to the delta budget, it would concern monies raised over \$60,000 (\$45,000 from Shrimporee in September and \$15,000 from the VIP event to be held this spring for the first time).

Identifying Non-sustaining Service Projects

Confirmation was given that \$5,000 had been previously sent to the Space Center Rotary Foundation.

Identify Committees

JB Fox reported that committees have been identified and we are making progress. JB Fox wanted to stress to Directors that they need to be getting their committees and committee heads chosen now if they haven't already done so.

Determine monies needed to accomplish service tasks

This was discussed when the board discussed the proposed budget.

Approve cash outlay for capital equipment

After JB Fox announced the prior need for Rotary to own computer equipment rather than requesting guests to bring their own, causing technical difficulties, and further JB Fox announced that he purchased a laptop at a discounted price, hoping the board would reimburse him, Scott Rainey made a motion to reimburse JB Fox for the \$549.00 spent for a laptop computer, Tony Bloomfield seconded, and the motion passed. JB Fox will keep the computer in his possession even though now it is owned by the Club because we have no safe place to keep it and lock it up at the Holiday Inn.

Approve Cost of Web Page + S/W

Skipped

New Business

Discussion revived concerning the budget and whether we could spend the surplus from last year. There was some discussion as to whether this was permissible. It was determined that in prior years where the club got into economic problems was when they carried deficits forward, not a surplus. Art Wood brought up that he needed direction from the board as to whether he would have the increased amount in his budget, because he needs to act between now and next board meeting. Motion by Scott Rainey to move \$5000 for the Guerrero project and \$8000 for the clock from the Actual budget to the Delta Budget and further, to move

\$2500 from the delta budget for excellence in public service to the actual budget and increase it by an additional \$500.00, making it a total of \$3000. This motion was seconded by Pam Culpepper, and was passed by the board.

JB Fox wanted directors to caution their committees not to make commitment to spend monies unless it is in the budget.

New Member Proposal:

Bob Taggart – After some discussion that he had been previously in a different Rotary club for 22 years, one year even being a past president, and he had been out of Rotary for a couple of years (therefore it would not be a transfer), Tony Bloomfield made a motion to approve Bob Taggart as a new member, Dick Gregg III seconded the motion and the board passed.

Resignations:

There was discussion that Jerome Bourgeois wants to resign. While no formal action was taken by the board, JB Fox intends to call Jerome to see if he will change his mind because he is such a valuable member of the club. The board wanted to make sure he was aware of the 85 rule.

Discuss new RI Recommended Directorship structure

Geoff Atwater handed out information on the proposed restructuring of committees and directorships pursuant to RI's suggestion. One possible outcome of this realignment is a reduction or a reassignment of directors. It was noted that if the club were to vote to reduce directors, we should do so before the elections coming up. If we changed, we would need to amend the bylaws. Geoff suggested that we form a committee to discuss the changes. Dick Gregg III volunteered to be a part of the committee. It was decided that current officers should be a part of the committee, so the makeup of the committee includes Geoff as the chair, and Dick Gregg III, Joan Skellenger, JB Fox and Mike Hernandez as members.

Motion to adjourn.

The next SCR board meeting will be August 16, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:
Dick Gregg III, Secretary