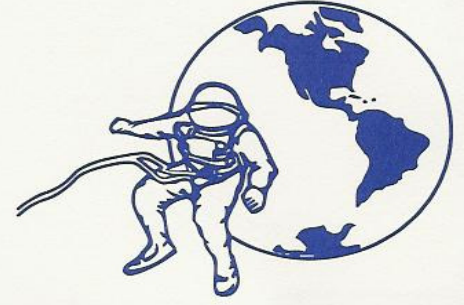


**ROTARY CLUB**  
OF  
**SPACE CENTER**  
"Service Above Self"



***Minutes of the Board of Directors***

***April 19, 2005***

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Members absent:**

Sheila Self, Scott Smith

**Guests:**

Jerrold DeWease, Bill Taylor

President Vissett called the meeting to order after ascertaining quorum. The minutes to the March meeting were approved as submitted.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Dick Gregg distributed a spending report showing that the Administrative set of accounts have been tracking close to budget with a small surplus planned to carry over to the next fiscal year. The Service set of accounts appear to be running at a larger than budgeted surplus, Dick explained that several large checks will soon be written. Vissett disclosed that the District has met the goal for support to Polio Plus such that SCR no longer is obligated to pay the \$10,000 identified in the budget. Discussion on reallocation of these funds and a possible grant to the Meador Library were deferred to a later board meeting.

JB presented for consideration a draft budget for the coming year, July 2005-June 2006. Board members are to talk to committee heads and bring recommendations for consideration at the next board meeting.

The concept of accumulating funds over a period of years in support of a major project was discussed at length. JB suggested using the new Donor Advised Funds program sponsored by RI. Billy Smith through President Vissett suggested depositing designated funds with the SCR Foundation. Others suggested accumulating funds in SCR. Aside from the mechanism for accumulation, the

overarching issue appears to be having a general plan consistent with the purpose of SCR and identifying worthy candidates for projects.

### **Report of the Secretary**

New Members: none

Leaves of Absence: none

Resignations: none

Bob Mitchell delivered a written request to the Secretary to be excused from attendance requirements under Article VIII, Section 2a of the club constitution. Tony Bloomfield moved for acceptance, Johnny White seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Geoff Atwater briefly discussed the PETS Conference attended by he and JB last month. PETS serves to provide resources and build enthusiasm among President-Elects from all over Texas. Geoff reported on the emphasis given to finding and implementing a good service project. Geoff distributed resource materials, including the Secretary Manual, Treasurer Manual and New Member Orientation manual.

### **Old Business – League City YMCA Capital Campaign Proposal**

President Vissett reported that the SCR Foundation Endowment board agreed to underwrite the \$25,000/ 5 year pledge to the League City YMCA Capital Campaign. After a discussion on options for naming rights, Johnny White moved that SCR request naming rights for the conference room in the new facility. Pam Culpepper seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

### **Old Business – Harris County Precinct 2 Parks Partnership Proposal**

A brief discussion was held concerning the partnership proposal brought to the last board meeting by Suzie Allen, Clear Lake representative for Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, concerning help with Clear Lake Park. A decision was deferred to a future board meeting.

### **New Business – Publication of SCR board minutes and financial data**

Billy Smith through President Vissett suggested that SCR board minutes and financial data be published monthly in the Blastoff. The consensus of the board was to distribute to the membership by email once Scott Rainey completes the compilation of the new directory that will include email addresses.

### **Announcements**

President Vissett announced that the District Training Assembly would be held Saturday, May 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in the Museum District. SCR will pay the small fee for SCR members to participate.

Vissett also announced that the installation of District Governor Charlie Tharp will be held Friday, June 10. SCR will host a table and we are to email Vissett if interested in representing SCR at this event.

### **Director Reports**

Art Wood, Director of Vocational Service, stated that the Excellence in Education committee is on schedule with the awards presentation to be held at the May 23 club meeting.

Tony Bloomfield, Director of Club Service C, announced that Mike Moliere has completed orientation to become a Red Badger and Jennifer Keller has been scheduled for orientation.

The next SCR board meeting will be May 17.

Respectfully submitted:  
Geoff Atwater, Secretary