



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 15, 2007

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, Rafael Lugo, JB Fox, Bill Taylor, Scott Rainey, Mark Humphrey, Mike Cornett, Pam Culpepper, Jerold Dewease, Dick Kidder

Members absent:

Tony Bloomfield and Art Wood

Visitors:

Jon McKinnie, Peter Wuenschel and Marilyn Musial

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting were approved as edited.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Club's financial statements. Some comments were made about the lack of the spread sheet showing monthly expenses vs. the budget. A question was made about an \$8K expense entry against miscellaneous. The President explained it as a temporary entry that was going to be cancelled against a receivable for the same amount.

The financial statements were accepted by the Board.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the present number of members as 117, one less member than when we started the year in July '06. We have had 6 new members joining the club this year but we have had 7 members that have resigned for a number of reasons. At the present time we have one new member that is about to receive the red badge and another that is in the initial steps.

Bill Howe, District Governor Suzi Howe's husband was presented for Honorary membership. The request was made by Suzi during the District Conference. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made to make Bill Howe a Honorary member of the Club for a one year term** it was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

Reimbursement of District Conference registration Fee:

On several occasions in the past, members have been reimbursed for the registration fee of the District Conference. The question was raised whether it should be done this time. Discussion went on about the lack of policy on this issue and the fact that it has only been done in a few cases. Members of the Board were mostly against the payment and even requested to have a policy on it. The decision was made not to have a policy but to reflect in the Minutes of the meeting **that this practice of reimbursing for the District Conference registration fee should not be encouraged and only do it on specific cases and due to needed circumstances of the person.**

Regime Change:

A general discussion regarding the regime change took place. Specifically, Dick Gregg III discussed with each director present if he wanted to serve in the same area and all agreed to continue to serve in their specific areas: Mark Humphrey – Club Admin; Bill Taylor – Membership; Mike Cornett – Fundraising; Jerrold Dewease – International Service A; Dick Kidder – International Service B. Peter Wenschel volunteered to head Community Service B. Dick Gregg III chose to have David Coney head Public Relations, Belinda Skloss to chair Community Service A. and to have Art Wood continue to serve in his current role of Vocational Services.

Dick Gregg III will notify all directors by e-mail of a special meeting to discuss the goals for the upcoming year.

Dick Gregg III also discussed the Shrimporee beneficiaries and his desire to have 1 international beneficiary (Builder without Borders) and 2 or 3 local beneficiaries. Mike Hernandez discussed the importance of choosing beneficiaries that the residents of the area would relate to and therefore would contribute to expand and increase the number of attendance to the Shrimporee. Mike also mentioned that the selected organization(s) could assist in selling tickets. Local charities suggested were the District project of wounded veterans, Bay Area Turning Point, Armand Bayou (purchase of backhoe and front loader); Communities in Schools, Interfaith Caring Ministries, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Harbor. A suggestion was made to review prior blastoffs because the club has been approached by many great causes.

Director and Officers Reports:

Membership (Bill Taylor) –

Nanci Rutledge presented a new candidate to the Club. Shelly Rogers, who is also working for the YMCA and has been very active in a number of organizations. After a brief discussion the motion was made to approve Shelly to start the initiation process, it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Public Relations (Scott Rainey) –

A write up about the donation by the Club of a number of computers to a school in Mexico was sent to the paper for publication. The computers were provided by Earl Maudlin.

Club Service (Mark Humphrey) –

Delia Stephens, chairperson of Programs is already putting together the list of programs for next year. Anyone interested in a specific program should contact her for scheduling. A brief discussion followed related to the importance of having the Directors and their corresponding chairpersons to make presentations to the club of their goals and objectives as well as how things were progressing.

Grants (Mike Cornett) –

Our partnership with Armand Bayou Nature Center is working real well. The donor of the grant, United Way, is very impressed with the progress and results of the project. Rotarians have worked for two Saturdays and have almost finished the proposed trail. The next and last work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 26. There are other trails that need to be built at Armand Bayou and the potential exists on future partnerships with the Club to request following grants.

Community Service A (Tony Bloomfield)-

None

Community Service B (Pam Culpepper) –

None

International Service A (Jerrold DeWease) –

The SCR Endowment Foundation continues to work on the Proposed Pavilion.

International Service B (Dick Kidder) –

None

Vocational Service (Art Wood) –

None

Shrimporee Report

Mike Hernandez and Jerrold Dewease reported that the Shrimporee organizational meetings continue every month. There are a few areas of importance where work needs to start as soon as possible. These are the gathering of sponsors, collection and donation of auction items, preparation and planning the publicity activities, and the planning and organization of the sale of tickets. Many of these activities will be influenced by the decision of which organizations will be the major beneficiaries. We want to advertise with banners and posters the Shrimporee and its major beneficiaries.

The Opinion Poll taken during the last two meetings was tabulated and results were distributed to the Board. A summary of the results is that the club favors the continuation of the Shrimporee and VIP events. We should increase the money goals for both events. The Shrimporee to \$75K - \$100K. Maintaining or lowering the price of tickets was half and half, the majority favors to provide free meals (hot dogs) for the children. The requirements for the members to be obligated to buy or sell at least 20 tickets was almost 50/50, as well as the obligation to contribute with at least one auction item and to be obligated to contribute to our service projects financially, including the revision of the clubs bylaws. The majority favors the existing meal menu and the present scheduled time frame for the Shrimporee.

Upcoming Events:

May 28 - no SCR meeting – Memorial Day

June 19 - last SCR board meeting of the fiscal year

June 21 - Stan and Geoff head for Bolivia

June 25 - Installation of officers and directors; Geoff becomes past President and Dick Gregg III sits in the big chair.

Motion was made to adjourn.

The next regular SCR board meeting will be held on June 19, 2007 at 7am at the Bay Oaks Country Club

Respectfully submitted:

Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr., Secretary