



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



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

***September 18, 2007***

**Members in Attendance:**

Dick Gregg III, Gary Johnson, Marilyn Musial, Jon McKinnie, Jerrold Dewease, Mike Cornett, Belinda Skloss, Peter Wuenschel, Mark Humphrey, David Coney, Bill Taylor, Geoff Atwater.

**Members Not in Attendance:** Mike Hernandez, Dick Kidder, Art Wood

**Guests:** Art Oswald, J.B. Fox, Laura Hale

**Call to Order:**

President Dick Gregg III called the meeting to order after ascertaining a quorum. The minutes to the August 2007 board meeting were read and approved as submitted.

**Report of the Treasurer-**

As the result of computer problems, Treasurer Marilyn Musial reported she would distribute the financial data later this week by email.

**Report of the Secretary**

Minutes from previous meeting were summarized and a brochure with Rotary awards was passed around for review. It was suggested that some form of honorarium should be presented to guest speakers. A framed certificate of appreciation was suggested and Delia Stephens has said she would have them framed.

Reinstatements: None

New Members: Shelley Rogers inducted, Kippy Caraway, Karen Seale, Daniel Webster, and Jim Stoa are ready for orientation. The board voted and approved an invitation for membership to Brad Bailey .

Leaves of Absence: One pending for Tim Kropp after verifying payment of dues has occurred.

Resignations: No new resignations

Change in status: Voted and approved Tony Bloomfield Honorary member status.

### **New Business –**

1. Change of bank decision for SCR funds deferred until next month.
2. The board discussed awarding Dr. Greg Clariday Honorary membership. There is concern that this might make him ineligible for the “Service Above Self” district award. It was also pointed out the he was already an Honorary member of Brazosport Rotary Club, although there is no limitations on how many Honorary memberships a person can be awarded. The SCR secretary took an action to verify his Brazosport membership and report at the next board meeting.
3. The board continued discussion of Tony Bloomfield’s status and voted to extend an invitation for Honorary membership to Tony. It is hoped that his schedule will allow him to return to standard membership at a later time.
4. Jon Nugent proposed Brad Bailey for membership. Several board members are familiar with Brad’s accomplishments and community involvement and he was approved for membership.
5. David Coney reported on currently delinquent members. Mark Humphrey took an action to contact Betty Hart and ascertain her status. Tim Kropp has requested a 6 month leave of absence. Jim Wyatt has resigned after 34 years of SCR membership. Bob Montgomery has not been contacted but is believed to have moved to Beaumont. Mario Garcia would like to return to active membership and would like to catch up on his dues. Walt Huff will be returning when his job allows him to return to the area for meetings. It was recommended that he be given a list of down town clubs he could attend until that occurs. It was noted by the President that only 50% attendance annually is now required by RI. A recommendation was made to require written requests for leaves with rationale and return timeframe. This was approved. It was also noted that dues must be current before a leave can be granted.
6. Jon McKinnie provided status on his successful presentation to district and has forwarded all of his documents to them. John provided a spreadsheet for status of new members in the pipeline. This included a designated mentor for each sponsor/new member to help facilitate the process. There was significant discussion on the need and utility of the mentor. It was pointed out

that only a small percentage of members (18%) ever sponsor a new member so most are not aware of all the procedural requirements. The mentor's job is to smooth and guide the way.

7. Jon McKinnie has priced a new projector for the club to replace the oft failing current unit. The price was approximately \$100 more than the allocated budget, but was the lowest price available. A motion was made and approved to increase the budget to cover the deficit.

### **Announcements**

1. J.B. Fox reported that Paypal was up and running on the SCR website. Everyone on the board is appreciative of the substantial effort J.B. put forth in giving the club this capability. Great job.
2. Belinda Skloss reported that she has not been successful in finding a committee chairman for Rotaract. There was discussion that a possible solution to keeping Rotaract momentum would be to involve corporate instead of academic sponsorship.

**Director Reports-** None, other than reported above.

**The next SCR board meeting will be October 16, 2007.**

Respectfully submitted:

Gary B. Johnson  
SCR - Secretary