

Minutes of the Board of Directors

November 7, 2006 Rev 1

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Rafael Lugo, J B Fox, Bill Taylor, Scott Rainey, Pam Culpepper, Jerrold Dewease, Dick Kidder, Art Wood, Gary Johnson, Mike Cornett

Members absent:

Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Tony Bloomfield, and Mark Humphrey

Visitors:

Vic Maria (Rotarian), and Tony Vinson, Phil Sandlin (Red Badgers)

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Space Center Rotary Club (Club) Board of Director's meeting of October 17, 2006 were approved.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer's report consists of the Club's Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss by Class. The data is being organized based on the new structure of the Board and is incomplete at this time. It is expected that the financial documents will be current by the next Board meeting.

A review was made of the delinquent due payments to the Club. The Secretary is to determine the status of Hector Marin and A. L. Brady. Both have health problems.

Membership:

Bill Taylor reviewed the status of the Red Badgers and noted that the backlog has essentially being eliminated. Three persons were submitted to the Board for approval as new member proposals, Laura Godwin, James Leslie, and Robert Jones. All were unanimously approved by the Board.

Roger Lyons and Ray Smiley requested leave of absences. The Club received a letter from Roger Lyons' wife stating that Roger had severe health problems, but

wanted to continue paying his dues and would very much like to attend the Club meetings. The Board expressed their sympathy for Roger and support for his wife, and recommended that the President read the letter to the entire membership at a Club meeting. The Board noted that Roger exemplifies the real meaning of being a Rotarian. Ray Smiley's mother is very ill and has moved in with him precluding his attending the Club meetings.

The Board unanimously approved to include Roger under the 85 rule and to grant Ray a leave of absence

Shrimporee:

The President reported that the Shrimporee netted about \$55,000 similar to that of last year. Jerrold Dewease noted the excellent work that the Red Badgers and the volunteers did during the Shrimporee.

New Business:

The President presented the status of the Bolivia Water on the behalf of Stan Galanski. It was noted that a water well is sorely needed for an orphanage which houses approximately 200 girls who have been abandoned by their parents. Currently their water supply is from a river a couple of kilometers away which flows only part of the year. The project is estimated to cost \$45,000 USD. Direct funding and matching funding is well under way. Stan requested that the Club fund \$5,000 toward the project. It was unanimously approved. Stan will make a presentation on the project at a Club meeting.

Dick Gregg requested that the Board grant him \$1000 from the Shrimporee funds to use at his discretion for a donation. There was a general discussion without any Board action and the President decided to table it until the next meeting.

The President reminded the Board of the articles that each member is to write for the Club's newsletter, Blastoff.

The President noted that the passport law was changing at the beginning of the year and that one should get her or his request for a passport in now. What is normally a two week wait in now 8 weeks. ~~He is concerned about getting a passport in time to go the District Meeting in April, 2007 if one waited too long.~~ Starting on January 8, a passport will be required to leave the country. Members needing a new passport to attend the District Conference at Puerto Vallarta in April should submit an application sooner rather than later.

Vic Maria discussed the election of Club officers. He stated that he disagrees with the "ladder" concept and that the Board officer positions should open to the Club membership. The President cited the position of Club Treasurer as one which some persons may have difficulty with and could not effectively carry it out under the "ladder" concept. The Club's by-laws do not prohibit the open

membership election. There was a general discussion but no Board action. The Board will take the subject up at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Rafael Lugo noted that a new projector screen has been purchased and that he would work in placing it at an optimum location in the meeting room. Also he discussed obtaining a PA system that would plug into the electrical receptacles to enhance the current system. The President stated that he will talk with the Bay Oaks Country Club personnel in regard to the PA system and other matters associated with meetings at the facility.

Rafael continues to work with Bay Oaks Country Club personnel in placing Rotary signs within the club and at the entrance of the club.

Director Reports:

Membership (Bill Taylor) – Reported that the front desk processing at the Club meetings is better but there are some improvements that still need to be made.

Public Relations (Scott Rainey) – Noted that he is working on PR

Club Service (Mark Humphrey) – Not present

Grants (Mike Cornett) – Looking for a person to head up the Black Tie fundraiser. Also continues to work on a grant associated with the Armand Bayou Nature Center

Community Service A (Tony Bloomfield) - Not present

Community Service B (Pam Culpepper) – Reported that a third round of immunizations will be given under the Blane Grant Immunization project.

International Service A (Jerrold Dewease) – No Report

International Service B (Dick Kidder) – No Report

Vocational Service (Art Wood) – Peter Wuenschel will head up the Excellence in Education program and the Excellence in Law Enforcement will be starting up after the first of the year. Phil Sandlin will assist in obtaining public service candidates.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 12, 2007. D G Suzi Howe official visit to SCRC.

February-March 2007. Boots and Black Tie Ball

Friday, April 20, 2007 RNASA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

April 26-29, 2007 District 5890 Conference in Puerto Vallarta

Motion was made to adjourn.

The next regular SCRC board meeting will be on held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7am at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Respectfully submitted:

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Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr., Secretary