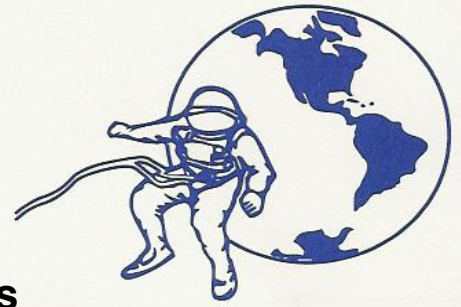




ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

January 16, 2007

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, J.B. Fox, Bill Taylor, Scott Rainey, Pam Culpepper, Jerrold Dewease, Mike Cornett and Dick Kidder

Members absent:

Dick Gregg III, Rafael Lugo, Art Wood, Mark Humphrey and Tony Bloomfield

Visitors:

Laura Hale and Dave Coney

Secretary's report:

Minutes of the Space Center Rotary Club Board of Director's meeting of December 5, 2006 were approved with changes.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer presented a Profit and Loss statement from July 1st to January 15th (Statement attached to minutes.) The statement was not discussed.

The treasurer presented a list of members that are delinquent in their dues payments. The Secretary also presented a list of names of members that have not been attending the club's meetings, some for several months. After some general discussions, it was agreed that the treasurer will contact the members on the lists.

In response to requests from the members, a financial summary from the past five years and this year's budget was distributed to the members at the last Club meeting. The President commented that he received good feed back and that similar financial statements were requested from the SCR Endowment Foundation and the RNASA Foundation.

Status of Election of Officers and Directors:

The President explained that even though the nomination process for Officers and Directors has not been very smooth, we now have a complete ballot and are ready for elections on January 22nd, 2007.

Status and action plan for 100% PHF:

Jerrold Dewease and David Coney gave a briefing on the work in progress to make each club member a PHF by April 1, 2007.

The approach to accomplish this is as follows:

- To ask non PHF members to bring their contribution up to \$500.00 and at least to immediately bring it to \$100.00.
- To redeem credits and points accumulated at RI from former members and non-members so they can be applied toward new PHF.
- To use the \$5000.00 budgeted for the RI Foundation/PHF of the International Service A Directorate for matching funds towards new PHF.
- To request PHF members to donate points to make new members PHF.

The tentative time frame is:

- Update the Board at the January 16th meeting. (Completed)
- Brief general membership at a Club meeting, and start requesting members to donate points.
- Finalize assignment of points and complete paper work by February 10th.
- Collect all committed money by March 1st.

A discussion followed the briefing related to the importance of having a 100% PHF Club to have all members provide sustaining support to the Rotary Foundation and to inform new members of their financial commitments that includes becoming PHF. J. B. Fox said Jerrold Dewease can use all of his points where needed

Grants and Fundraising Update:

Mike Cornett announced that Mike Hesse is the chairman for this year's "Springoree", formerly known as Boots and Black Tie Ball which is scheduled for Thursday, March 29th at Butler's Courtyard in League City.

Mike Cornett also suggested considering two new fund raisings. One, which he and Earl Maudlin have been discussing which consists of selling plastic table covers decorated with the Rotary emblem. The other one was to raffle an all terrain 4-wheeler. A general discussion followed about the merits of the two suggestions and the sales tax regulations that limit non-taxed fundraisings to no more than 2 a year. A suggestion to Mike was given to continue looking into the table cover sales and to consider other items to raffle that may be appealing to a larger segment of the community.

The Grant request presented between Armand Bayou and our Rotary Club to the United Way has been awarded! The grant consists of \$3000.00 to construct handicap rated path trails in Armand Bayou. Most of the material will be donated to Armand Bayou, but the Club needs to have members committed to work during 3 weekends during the month of April. Approximately 6 to 10 persons will be needed each weekend. This service project will result in adequate trails for wheel chairs available throughout Armand Bayou. Plaques will be installed in several locations indicating the SCR contribution.

Membership Status:

Mike Hernandez presented Hilmar Zeissing's request to be granted Rule of 85 status. The request was unanimously approved.

Geoff Atwater informed that Mark Keesler presented his resignation to the Club.

Old Business:

Geoff Atwater reminded everyone that the District Conference is approaching and anyone interested in going needed to fill out the registration. Only six members of our Club have been registered. Being that the District Governor is from our Club we should have a lot better turn out. He reminded that passports were needed to return to the US from any foreign country and getting passports was taking quite some time. Geoff also reminded the need for Blastoff articles from the Directors.

Officers and Directors reports:

Membership (Bill Taylor) – Bill and Laura Hale discussed some problems during a recent orientation process. Some modifications will be made as a result.

Public Relations (Scott Rainey) - No report

Club Service (Mark Humphrey) – Not present

Community Service a (Tony Bloomfield) – Not present

Community Service B (Pam Culpepper) – The third round of immunizations were given under the Blane Grant Immunization Project. The Scholarship Committee, headed by Belinda Skloss, will be awarding the Scholarships to High School students the last Monday of January.

International Service A (Jerrold Dewease) –

SCRC Endowment Foundation – The NASA Parkway beautification project, proposed by the City of Nassau Bay, that included a Pavilion proposed by the Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation, was not approved by the State of Texas Department of Transportation. However the Foundation has decided to look into the feasibility of a Pavilion as a stand-alone “green” project in partnership with the City of Nassau Bay and Space Center Houston. A meeting was held on Thursday, December 14 with the interested parties in attendance. All parties agreed to move forward with the project. Ken Gurry and Chuck Jacobson are co-chairs for the project. Mike Porterfield is providing the architectural services and is working on a rendering for the project. As of January 8th, 2007, the net worth of the SCR Endowment Foundation was \$171,615.06.

Ambassadorial Scholarship – Roxanne Radi, a freshman at John Hopkins University, is applying for the 2008-2009 academic ambassadorial scholarship.

Rotary International Foundation – The Paul Harris Fellow Banner format has been determined, which is the PHF medallion with about 150 names. Two banners will be needed to include all of the names of the PHF.

International Service B (Dick Kidder) – The new GSC team is being selected.

Vocational Service (Art Wood) – Not present

Past President (J B Fox) – Suggested the Board develop a plan to accept/reject recommended new club members. He is concerned that not enough attention is being given in order to accept or reject a proposed candidate. He is also concerned that the Club is getting too loaded with some classifications and lacking of many others. He suggested that a good balance must be found. Discussion followed his comments, it was decided that the criteria established by RI and adopted by the club will be reviewed for implementation.

Upcoming Events:

TBD – Special Board meeting, mid year status

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

Thursday, March 29, 2007 – “Springoree” (formerly Boots and Black Tie Ball),
Mike Hesse chair

Friday, April 20, 2007 – RNASA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

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

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 am.

The next regular SCRC board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2007 at 7am at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Respectfully submitted:

Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr.
Secretary