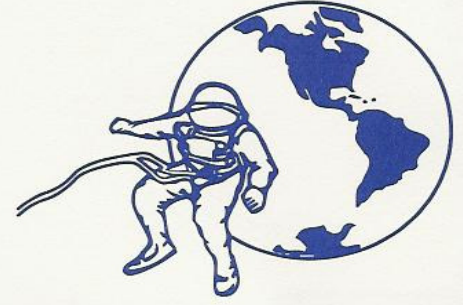


**ROTARY CLUB**  
OF  
**SPACE CENTER**  
"Service Above Self"



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

***March 15, 2005***

**Members in attendance:**

Geoff Atwater, Tony Bloomfield, Pam Culpepper, JB Fox, Mike Hernandez, Dick Kidder, Scott Rainey, Joan Skellenger, Vissett Sun, Johnny White

**Members absent:**

Ted Cummings, Dick Gregg III, Sheila Self

**Guests:**

Suzie Allen (Harris County Precinct 2), Jerrold DeWease, Vic Maria

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

**Partnership Proposal – Harris County Precinct 2 Parks**

Suzie Allen, Clear Lake representative for Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, presented a partnership proposal on behalf of the Parks Department of Harris County Precinct 2. The Commissioner wants help with Clear Lake Park (the lakeside portion across the street from the playing fields). An upgrade has been proposed that involves installation of a tiled plaza and walkways around the current pavilion that will extend the mission theme. The tile will be inlaid with images of fish and other sea life and flanked by fish and crab sculptures. Other improvements are also planned, such as relocation and expansion of the play areas and installation of a sprinkler play area. The current cost estimate is \$407,000, including a 20% contingency and excluding design costs that will be paid by the County. The County will continue to maintain the park. The Commissioner is seeking a partnership, as "public funds will not be available for 5-10 years." A partnership would establish a cost sharing split and provision for naming rights. The board discussed the advantages of pursuing a partnership agreement to upgrade the park, taking on a local project that will benefit many people, and the possibility of an RI grant and teaming with the Endowment Board. A decision will be deferred to a later meeting.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

Dick Gregg provided the spending report by email showing that both the Administrative and Service sets of accounts have been tracking close to budget with small surpluses planned to carry over to the next fiscal year.

The board discussed a request by a committee chair to distribute three grants that were not in the approved budget. Pam Culpepper as the director over those committees will inquire and provide a recommendation to the board.

## **Report of the Secretary**

Reinstatements: N/A

New Members: N/A

Leaves of Absence: N/A

Resignations: N/A

Terminations: The board terminated the membership of Clysse Favret and Ronnie Weiss for not attending at least 60% of the club meetings in the last six months as authorized by the club constitution under Article XI, Duration of Membership, Section 4, Termination – Non-Attendance.

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

The board approved a motion at the February meeting to commit SCR to the YMCA capital campaign in the amount of at least \$25,000, with determination of the exact level of participation and how to best leverage the commitment with the SCR Foundation to be deferred to a later meeting. President Vissett reported that the SCR board can direct spending by the SCR Foundation within certain limits. Vissett moved that the SCR board commit the SCR Foundation to support the League City YMCA Capital Campaign in an amount up to \$25,000 by spending \$5,000 per year. Joan Skellenger seconded and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

(Note: during discussion of this motion, Past President Vic Maria stated that a multi-year obligation within the SCR budget (i.e., past commitments made to the Children of Nicaragua and the Children's Reading Room at the local library) is not authorized in either the club By Laws or the club Constitution. Review of these documents found no support for this point of view. Billy Smith, in consultation subsequent to the board meeting, described a practice from when he was a director where a board was not bound by actions of a prior board.)

## **Announcements**

President Vissett announced that an event at the District Conference in Kerrville next month will involve recitation of the names of deceased Rotarians along with a tolling of a bell. Vissett asked for any names to be submitted to him. Also, SCR will honor the request by District to provide a door prize for the conference.

## **Director Reports**

Pam Culpepper, director of Community Service B, gave a status on the Blaine grant application to provide free immunizations at the CCISD high schools. The \$1,000 grant will be matched with \$1,000 budgeted by the club to start the promotion of the program in April with immunizations to be given in August. The grant application has been drafted and has been sent to a grant specialist for review before submittal to the District.

The next SCR board meeting will be April 19.

Respectfully submitted:  
Geoff Atwater, Secretary