

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS
MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 15, 1989
NASSAU BAY HILTON HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Watson, President
Billy Smith, President Elect
Jack Lister, Secretary
Eddie Harris, Sgt at Arms
David Cordell, Director
David King, Director
Vic Maria, Director
Owen Morris, Director
David Owen, Director
Eddie Tarin, Director
David Taylor, Director
Woody Williams, Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terry Hesson, Treasurer
Bill Weseman, Immediate Past President
Tom Wier, Director

GUESTS:

David Gochnour, Bob Wren

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of August 1, 1989, were approved as written.

2. New Members:

The following new members were approved by the Board:

Jesse J. Tollett - Real Estate - commercial leasing
Tedd W. Olkowski - Communications - telephone operations.
David Kovljain - Newspaper - publisher
Kim Parner - Emotional Health - education
Richi Grover - Consultant Engineer - electrical
Pat Sundermeyer - Custom word processing

A discussion followed regarding proper classification of new members. The question was raised as to whether classification should be based on the member's business or his occupation. Eddie Tarin agreed to research this question.

3. **Terminations/Resignations:**

Terminations: None

Resignations:

Resignation was accepted from Sandra Griffin effective August 1, 1989. Ms. Griffin has transferred to Washington, DC.

Active membership as of 9-17-89: 173

4. **Budget Review**

It was indicated by former treasurer Jack Lister that invoices for payment of both RI and District Dues have been submitted to current treasurer Terry Hesson for payment.

5. **Miscellaneous:**

David Owen reported that new members are turning down assignments for fund raising. He stated that we should assure that they are willing to work before they are approved for membership. Eddie Harris said he felt we do make a good effort to assure they will work before they agree to join. It was suggested that new members could possibly be asked to visit various charities to help them better understand the needs of the community.

John Watson indicated concern about club communications and a discussion followed about the need for Directors to talk with those members sitting at his/her table about current club activities and plans.

6. **Directors Reports**

Shrimporee: David Cordell, Chairperson, indicated tickets have been distributed. He indicated the committee is open for all new ideas. It was mentioned that the Brazosport Shrimp Boil is this coming Saturday and someone should visit and observe their operation since they do an exceptionally good fund raising job.

David Owen indicated plans for a "Sponsors" committee and suggested that we select a cochairperson for Legal, Medical, Engineering, General Business, Real Estate, etc. He said he still needs four good men to volunteer to contact the various professional people in the community. David also said beneficiaries are willing to provide volunteers for the Shrimporee.

7. **Old Business:**

John Watson requested comments from the Board regarding his proposed restructuring of the directors' areas of responsibility. Following a brief discussion, the Board resolved to adopt the new structure as proposed.

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John Watson stated that he has copies of the District Directory for each Board member and committee chairman.

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8. **New Business:**

John Watson commented on "Space Comics" and entertained thoughts and suggestions regarding ways that a similar idea may be utilized in our club.

Eddie Harris, as Sergeant at Arms, reported that he has received a letter from a member requesting that smoking be prohibited at meetings. Following a discussion of various ways of balancing the needs of both smokers and nonsmokers, some of the Board members agreed to discuss the problem with a few of the smokers to seek an amicable resolution.

There was a discussion of the effects of the recent change in the meal charge policy and Eddie Harris stated that he has a committee which is reviewing this and he will report to the Board at a future meeting.

David Owen requested some thoughts and directions regarding whether to have the Reverse Draw/Spring Dance or not. He reported that he has received mixed feelings about this event.

Vic Maria reported that the first car has been donated to InterFaith Caring Ministries and wants to encourage the continuation of this effort. He also stated that he has received a letter from the Rotary Club of Cozumel, Mexico, advising that they have a candidate for the assistance of the World Health Foundation. Since the request is in Spanish, he will have to obtain a translation before passing it on to the Foundation. He urged all members to collect unused soap, etc., from their hotel rooms for use by IFCM and also advised that they are starting a drive to collect usable clothing for distribution by IFCM.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.