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**Rotary District 5500 Corporate Board**

**February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Rotary District 5500 Board meeting was called to order by District Governor Sue Archibald at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Present: District Governor Sue Archibald

District Governor Elect Bruce Monro

District Governor Nominee Emma Carrillo

Immediate Past District Governor Don Jorgensen

Past District Governor Diane Goodyear Ventura

Member at Large Ann Huber

Member at Large Lynn Devoe

District Secretary Nancy Fusco

District Treasurer Mickie Nye

1. DG Sue welcomed everyone and verified that there was a quorum. DG Sue and DGE Bruce gave an update about PETS, 31 Presidents, 5 or 6 AGs, with 800 people in attendance.

1. The minutes of the November 18th meeting were presented. PDG Don Jorgensen made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ann Huber, all in favor, motion carried.
2. PDG Diane gave the Treasurer’s report. PDG Diane reported that we are switching banks. Wells Fargo makes it very difficult to deal with them. Looking at 2 banks and we will be able to work electronically. The CD may stay at the same bank. DG Sue is working on the RYLA account with Marcus. We need to add Mickie to the RYLA account. We passed the financials. We have voted to increase the Club dues by $3.00. Mickie reported that they are looking at Washington Federal and 1st Interstate which have branches in several locations all over the State. Discussion was held and Mickie recommended going with 1st Interstate. No objections. PDG Diane made the motion to add the Treasurer, Bookkeeper, District Governor, Finance Chair and Vice Governor to the new accounts. DGE Bruce noted that this will be in effect for 2 months and then at the May Finance Committee meeting and Corporate Board meeting will make the recommendations for the change in July. PDG Don suggested that the signature cards have to be done in person but at any branch. DGE Bruce seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. Kristi is unable to attend and sent in her report on the Foundation. DG Sue read Kristi’s report. District 5500 College of Governors and TRF donor appreciation luncheon will be at the Viscount Suite in Tucson, is Saturday, March 22 at 11:30 am. RI Major Gift Officer Laura Mello, the College of Governors, Governor Line, Assistant Governors, 15 new Major Donors and Bequest Society members since last March, 9 new Paul Harris Society members and 8 Paul Harris members who are close to being Major Donors are invited. The totals for the first half of the Rotary year for the Annual Fund are $144,651 and Polio Plus shares are $97,638. Our Polio Plus giving is stellar but need to work on the Annual Fund giving. The Mexican-American Friendship Global Grants Conference will be October 31-November 3, 2025 in Yuma. Promoted it at PETS. Good response from California Districts. More information to come. Information was also passed out at the International Assembly. DGE Bruce talked about his experience at the International Assembly. RIPE Mario is very focused on Membership.
4. DG Sue and DGE Bruce reported on Membership. We have 1444 and are up as a District. Our new Rainbow Club is up to 41, will have 42 soon. Rio Rico has 4 new members. If this continues, we will end the year up. Looking at the year end report, we had 1405 last year and up to 1444. PDG Diane asked how is the word getting out? No new way according to DGE Bruce. We are doing the same thing we have always done. We brought in 19% last year and it looks like the same for this year. Our problem is retention. Last 5 years, our average has been 16%. Discussion held.
5. Youth Services Update - DG Sue reported Cindy Dooley working on a short term student going out this summer. One Youth Exchange student for sure, maybe 2. Having trouble finding a Club to sponsor the student.

RYLA was full with a waiting list. Doing a great job and hopefully, will continue next year. Congratulations to all involved. DGE Bruce and DGN Emma spoke about RYLA at District 5495. DG Sue highly recommended that everyone should go to RYLA.

DG Sue reported on Interact. New Chair is Deborah Dimment from Kino Rotary Club. There will be an organizational meeting next May. Working on how many Interact Clubs we have. We have a couple new Clubs. Hoping to have an Interact Conference next spring. PDG Dianne reported that District 5495 has had an Interact Conference before and suggested that we reach out to them.

1. Joint District Projects Update – DG Sue reported that RLA training is winding down only 1 participant. Sheri Morgan from Bisbee. Will finish up in April. Will be recruiting for next year’s class and hoping to find more participants. RLI III will be the last Saturday in March. We lost our training chair. A lot of people completed I & II at the District Conference and wanted to finish this year.

TRVFA – PDG Diane reported that they need 2 people from our District to fill vacancies on our Board. Seeing more and more applicants who want to be truck drivers. A lot of potential for Vocational. Let PDG Diane know if you have anyone interested. Discussion held. PDG Diane will talk to anyone who is interested. DGE Bruce expressed concern that in 5-10 years, driverless vehicle technology takes over and there will be truckdrivers out of jobs. Discussion held.

Arizona Week of Service – DGN Emma reported the first announcement was in the Impact. She put together the article and the options for the Clubs. The Rialto River Clean-up is on April 26. The Tucson Verde Club took one meeting and their members brainstormed all the possibilities of supporting the environment which is the focus. Choices are out there and it is just a matter of the Clubs selecting what they want to do and dates. For the food distribution, will put out a Google doc in the middle of March, so the Clubs can document where and when they participate. DG Sue said that Earth Day is the kickoff. PDG Diane reported on a project involving several Clubs called Feed the Starving Children and another one is Veterans Serving Veterans for the homeless veterans in Tucson. Sent out info to Club Presidents and Secretaries.

License Plate Update – DG Sue reported she didn’t have any information on the license plate sales. We did pass on the info at PETS but may want to put it back in the Impact.

1. LA Disaster District Service Project update - DG Sue reported we had a full truck load that the Casa Grande Club organized. PDG Hank and DG Mike met the truck. Money has been sent into the District and will be sent on. The I-19 Corridor Clubs raised approximately $20,000 to send over. Thank you for all the support. PDG Diane asked about Shelter Box update on their $100,000 match. PDG Don reported that as of Sunday afternoon, it was about $83,000. DG Sue mentioned that anything over that will be added to the total Shelter Box Donation to the two Districts effected by the disaster. PDG Hank said the biggest issue now is help getting architechs, designers and help cleaning up the soil contamination.
2. New Business – PDG Don had some old business. It was reported in the minutes that the Saddlebrook/Nogales Global Grant was not yet resolved. DG Sue said the matter was resolved. Thanks especially to Kristi. It is done. RI cleaned the slate. No further discussion.

DG Sue announced some upcoming dates:

RLI III will be March 29, 2025

College of Governors/Major Donor Appreciation Luncheon will be March 29, 2025

No date yet for District Assembly to be held at various locations throughout the District. Planning on 4 Assemblies and hoping to have them done before the Installation

Electronic PETS for those who did not attend PETS will be March 22, 2025

AZ Week of Service on the week of April 22-29, 2025

District Luncheon at Calgary will be June 4, 2025

DG Installation will be June 7, 2025

RI Convention in Calgary will be June 20-25, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of March 2025.

Nancy Fusco

District 5500 Secretary