

Rotary Club Hot Springs Village

Minutes from Board Meeting – September 15, 2022



Board Members Present:

Bruce Borton, President, Wendy Blair, Drew Kahle, Jack Rueter, Harv Shelton, Jim Zahnd, Phyllis Johannsen and Melanie Pederson (who was unable to stay for entire meeting due to another commitment)

Board Members Absent:

Mary Smith, Kathy Wright, Susan Clark, Paul Bridges, Denise Smith & David Childs

Members Attending:

Assistant DG, John Weidert

President, Bruce Borton called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

President Borton asked permission to set aside the agenda and address the following two critical items.

First, Bruce asked the board if they are interested in supporting and providing Rotarian labor for the event called Jessieville Strong – a fundraiser being coordinated by HSV Fireman, Bryan Hunt to support the students and their families injured in the head on collision on Hwy 7 the past weekend. The event will be held at the Coronado Center on October 1, 4-8 p.m., Clampit's is catering a \$15.00 Barbecue Plate Dinner. All profits go to the families. Bryan did not have specific job duties at this time, but asked if Rotary would like help. A motion to participate in the event was made by Harv Shelton and seconded by Phyllis Johannsen. An email announcement and signup will be sent to the membership.

Second, Bruce shared an email from District Governor, Bill Fish, voicing his concern about the "antagonistic" relationship between the morning and after-hours members and suggested that to move forward, the after-hours group should charter their own club. He stated he based his opinion on feedback received from "two different prominent members" of HSV Rotary morning group and has not found this type of environment in any [other] clubs he has visited.

DG, Bill Fish's email prompted an in-depth, honest, open and sometimes raucous, exchange of views and opinions of the status of the club. At the conclusion of the discussion, there was **total** agreement and support between the board members present that while the club was [still] in transition mode, continuing forward with the "one club" concept was still the right direction for HSV Rotary.

The board agreed the next step would be to step-back, analyze the current model and make any and all needed adjustments or starting from scratch with a clean slate should also be considered. Due to time constraints, who and how this would be done was not finalized. They agreed another special meeting or work session was needed.

President, Borton will update DG, Bill Fish on the Board's decision.

Additional items discussed:

- Harv will be traveling 9/27-10/11 – he will give the checkbook to Bruce or Kathy, who both have check writing authority. He will also proceed to get Diane Shaw, assistant-treasurer, added to the signature card so in the future, Diane will have the checkbook and check writing authority in Harv's absence. Because of his travels, second quarter dues invoices will be late.
- Jim Zahnd, Foundation chair announced that foundation giving is down this quarter compared to last year; but no need for concern. He also announced that Polio Day is October 22, 2022 and he has permission to setup the Rotary table at Walmart. Mark your calendars – he will be asking for volunteers to staff the event.
- Phyllis Johannsen reported that Community Fair was a success – 6 newcomers to the village expressed interest in Rotary and will be sent an invite to attend our meeting(s). A thank you has been sent to all volunteers who worked the fair. An email asking for volunteers to staff the Chamber Business Expo on September 30, from 9-2, will be sent next week.
- Heritage Festival – Larry Wilson had asked if Rotary wanted to reserve a table (inside) for \$150.00. He will be told, no. **Since Melanie had to leave the meeting early, it's still unclear if Melanie has anything planned for the HF. Melanie – can you give the board an update asap.**
- Membership Campaign – Wendy, Membership Co-Chair, asked for board support to have a membership dinner gathering to launch this year's membership drive. Board support was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Kahle and seconded by H. Shelton. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary, Phyllis Johannsen