

Rotary Club Hot Springs Village



Minutes from Board Meeting – November 17, 2022

Board Members Present:

President, Bruce Borton, Wendy Blair, Mary Smith, Harv Shelton, Paul Bridges, Drew Kahle, Jack Rueter, Jim Zahnd, Melanie Pederson and Phyllis Johannsen

Board Members Absent:

Kathy Wright (vacation), Denise Smith, Susan Clark & David Childs (LOA)

Members Attending:

Diane Shaw

President, Bruce Borton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was accepted as presented.

1. Morning Meeting Days – hours and costs

The question of reinstating weekly meeting for the morning group versus only 2 meetings per month was brought before the board again. While this topic was discussed at the October 27, 2022 meeting, the minutes did not record a formal vote. However, it was believed that the board had reached an agreement to return to weekly morning meeting. The board agreed a motion was required to formally approve.

A motion was made by Harv Shelton and seconded by Jim Zahnd “Starting January, 2023 return to 4 morning meetings per month, while the evening meetings remain at 2/month. “

Discussion: Some morning members are asking for 4 meetings per month; some have no interest in attending 2 morning meetings, and 2 evening meetings. Board members openly shared their viewpoints and discussed how the open board positions, lack of a programming coordinator, and the current apathy among members to volunteer impacts the club as a whole.

President Borton called for a vote on the motion with a show of hands. The results were as follows:

Those voting YES:	Those voting NO:
Bruce Borton	Harv Shelton
Jack Rueter	Mary Smith
Jim Zahnd	Wendy Blair
Paul Bridges	Drew Kahle
	Melanie Pederson
	Phyllis Johannsen

The motion failed. The club will continue with 2 morning meetings and 2 evening meetings, same time, same locations.

President Borton will announce at the next morning meeting (which will be a Club Assembly meeting) with an explanation of the failed vote.

Wendy Blair asked the board if the question of the number of meetings members want should not be put before the membership via a survey? While the board acknowledged that it needs to be sensitive to members’ needs, the board agreed that until all open slots were filled adding more meeting times could not be adequately managed. Wendy withdrew her request.

2. Dues Increase – it is needed at this time?

Treasurer, Harv Shelton, reported that with the current meeting structure and locations, there is no need for an increase for the balance of the year. Once the meeting locations for both morning and evening are firm, then he will/can look at dues requirement for year 2023-2024. Harv also prepared a handout for board members explaining the ever-increasing problem with delinquent due payments and non-payments and the impact on the budget. Members who are delinquent are being contacted (again) to ensure that the membership rolls are cleaned up by December 31. This problem and possible solutions or revised procedures to be discussed in detail at the next board meeting.

Bruce Borton will book the Coronado center for the evening meetings through December 3.

Bruce asked Paul Bridges to follow-up with Lee Ann Branch regarding having the morning meetings at VUMC.

3. Slate of Officers for 2023-2024

Normally RI requests that all clubs have their slate of officers for the next year nominated and approved by December of the prior year. Board acknowledged that the club will probably not meet this deadline. Jack Rueter offered to assist Wendy Blair, as the President-Elect, through this process. Wendy requested and the board agreed to table this topic until the next board meeting to give Wendy time to work on her slate of nominees.

4. Victory Dance Update

Event, chair Wendy Blair, reported that the team held its first meeting and its next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 4:30 at Phyllis' house. Wendy reported she has 6 committee members. Contracts are signed, planning and work has commenced on the flyer, marketing, accommodations for the bank, reaching out to Jeff Meeks, etc. Bruce has arranged for Wendy and Drew to get into the Colt 45 sell out event at the Coronado Center to view their seating arrangement.

5. District Grant

Drew Kahle reported that the grant has been approved. Payment for last year's grant also came through. The paint colors have been chosen but a slight set back on the mural with club member, Diane Bliffert resigning suddenly due to health issues. Kathy Wright has volunteered to step-in and help with the mural. The woodworkers are on board. Drew is still looking for a contractor to fix hole in the drywall – he's waiting for replies to come back. Work on the project will begin after the 1st of the year.

6. Service Projects

Service Chair, Melanie Pederson passed out a spreadsheet of present and past service projects and reviewed the status with the board. Harv also suggested she look at the budgeted line items for active projects. Mel advised that the Christmas Wreaths project will be removed from our list (this is a Scenic 7 project and she will also reach out to Teen Challenge to see if the club can reconnect and get back to providing their Thanksgiving dinner. The project list will be updated and she'll continue to solicit recommendations for members.

Bruce Borton, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Wendy Blair.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary, Phyllis Johannsen