**Williamston Sunrise Rotary Family Membership**

**Merlin:**

“Williamston Sunrise Rotary is offering a family membership. The board would like to encourage other members of a Rotarian's family (adult son, adult daughter, parent, or spouse) to have a deeper connection and participation in our local Rotary. These members would be called "associate" members of our Rotary. They would be encouraged to fully participate in club activities, come to meetings, but could not serve as officers. Associate membership is not designed to replace full membership in any way but simply is an option for a family who desire a closer relationship with our Williamston Sunrise Rotary. The cost of this membership would be $50 (meal costs) per quarter per additional family member. Nominees would require board approval. A non-family associate membership is possible with unanimous consent of the board.”

**Merlin – 2nd draft:**

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**Gene:**

**“I wonder if you should emphasize ‘come to meeting( +s )’ – otherwise what is the $40 for?  They don’t have to pay to help out at the Duck Race or Poker Nights.”**

**Merlin:  
“**I would like to work on the Todd Carlyle membership issue. If we allowed the board to issue associate memberships to others outside a family unit on rare occasions perhaps by unanimous vote of the board we could make Todd an associate member.”

**Paul:**

“I think it is well written, except that in the last sentence you make a statement about a non-family membership.  Why not leave that out?  Since the emphasis is on the creation of Associate Memberships.  References to Associate Members would look better if Capitalized. Strike the last sentence and Capitalize Associate and you've got it my Friend!”

**Paul:**

“Does a Family Associate membership require a "Unanimous Vote" by the Board? Why not stipulate a "Majority Vote" of Eligible Voting Members Present.  
I still think that since the Topic is Family Membership you should strike off the last sentence and keep the reference just to Family Associate Memberships.”

**Merlin:**

“I like your suggestions. If you want to deal with the "Todd" issue separately that would be fine with me.”

**Mark:**

Re: the Associate Member policy, I like it up to the last part re Todd, which I would delete. It's too complicated to deal with this in a policy, and Todd is likely a one-off. I recommend we discuss as a unique event at next board meeting.