

**Rotary International District 6860  
Fall Leadership Meeting  
Finance Committee Meeting  
October 18, 2013 1:00 pm  
MINUTES**

**Chair PDG John Valieant  
Ron Wainwright, Treasurer**

**Members Present:**

PDG John Valieant  
DGE Tom Greene (2013-14)  
IPDG Martin Uptain  
DGN Pat Cross  
PDG J.G. Brazil  
PDG Ty Robin  
PDG Dennis Brooks  
Lee Weinman, Past District Treasurer  
Sue Mitchell, District Rotary Programs Chair  
Mary Grace Evans, District Secretary  
Ron Wainwright, Treasurer  
Bill Harwell, Chair Audit Committee

**Members Absent:**

DGN Jerry Shepherd (2014-2015)  
PDG Scott Stone  
Randy Blackwell  
Joanie Gable  
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

**Guests:**

PDG Bo Porter  
Gary Andrew, District Membership Chair  
PDG Don Hadden  
Al Folcher, District Conference Chair

**District Finance Chair John Valieant welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.**

District Finance Chair John Valieant welcomed and called upon DG Tom Greene for comments.

DG Greene recognized PDG Martin Uptain for his diligence in reconciling the figures left by DG Phil Williams. He was able to work out the RI allocations leaving the figures in the black.

District Finance Chair John Valieant expressed that minutes from previous meeting were distributed to all. He saw no reason to review. He called upon District Treasurer Ron Wainwright to review the District financials.

District Treasurer, Ron Wainwright, reported that copies of the Financial Reports for the month had been previously distributed to the Finance Committee and presented the financial overview as follows (handout reflects the following and Ron verbally reviewed):

Current amount in each of the District 4 accounts:

Operations	\$114,786.52
Money Market	\$ 71,205.13
Credit Card Deposits	\$ 9,036.50
District Grants	\$115,162.00

Amount in each District account as of:

	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2013
Operations	\$14,440.13	\$50,743.13
Money Market	\$80,937.78	\$71,151.32
Credit Card Deposits	\$ 7,379.45	\$ 9,043.05
District Grants	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00

Copies of the five (5) September 2013 QuickBooks reports were sent to all members of the Finance Committee by PDG John Valieant.

I have the September bank statements for all four (4) accounts should anyone want to see.

I brought the thirty-four (34) check stubs that have been written this Rotary Year should anyone want to see. These paid expenses total \$30,939.17.

I also brought the list of all Club's receiving District Grants, the purpose of the Grant, and the amount of the Grant.

The Accounts Payable spreadsheet is my tracking of expenses paid and is not generated by QuickBooks. Each here today has been provided a copy.

Forty (40) District Grant checks were cut for the thirty-four (34) Clubs receiving District Grants. These checks totaled \$114,622.00. There is \$465.00 of 2013 – 2014 District Grant funds remaining that will be used to defray cost of ink cartridges, paper, postage, photocopies. The total District Grant funds received from Rotary International was \$115,087.00.

Seven Clubs have yet to pay their District Dues. Two (Haleyville, and Vestavia Sunrise) received District Grants, however since they have yet to pay their District Dues, their checks will be held until District Dues payments are received. The other five are Guntersville, Lafayette, Montevallo, Russellville, and Greater Shoals/Sheffield. These seven Clubs represent a negative cash flow of \$7,635.00.

In addition the written report provided by Treasurer Wainwright, general comments included:

- Recognized PDG Martin for due diligence with calculations that DG Phil Williams turned in. District should get money back where it would have been negative otherwise.
- Recognized that DG Green is very detailed in his reporting
- Credit Card fee was 38%.

- Reiterated that he is not the Treasurer for the District Conference and recommended Lee Weinman. He recognized that Lee has a great accounting system currently in place.

There was discussion concerning the credit card fee of 38%.

- John V. commented that Birmingham wanted to pay by credit card; however, the fee would have been between \$400 - \$500. Sue decided to pay by check.
- Lee W. stated that the advantage on credit card acceptance is to the purchaser not the seller because of the extras that must be paid. The cost of the perks is charged back to the seller.
- John V. asked what were the “credit card deposits” listed on the summary?
- Ron W. described these as from the District Conference attendees.
- Lee W. said a separate account was set-up for the electronic deposits. He wanted to keep this away from the regular account in order to limit the amount that anyone could withdraw.
- John V. stated that the credit card has been cancelled and they are seeking other options.
- Bo P. asked if the credit card option was critical for the District Conference.
- Gary A. stated that it is a convenience to register and pay at the same time.
- Bill H. injected that he dealt with credit cards and some only charged 2%, contract is based on volume. Pluses are minimal for our purposes. Our low usage is why we ours was 38%.
- Ron W. explained that we are charged monthly whether we have activity or not.
- Tom G. said the automation does take a load off of the people doing the back end functions.
- Lee W. said it was installed as a convenience to the members but that the convenience cost more than the gain.

Bill Harwell discussed the grants audit and provided a handout. Future Visions audit required independent audit District and Clubs have records available for audits. His reported are actually for last year. Carol Argo did a great job. Bill has the reports available from Carol if anyone would like to review. 2013 will be reviewed in the next meeting.

With DGE Jerry Shepherd out sick and not able to attend the meeting, John V. made a request on his behalf.

Motion had previously been passed for the District to only pay for the District Governor (and spouse/guest) and DGE (and spouse/guest) to attend the RI International Conference (DGN, DGE and DG previously). Jerry understood when he attended the conference as DGN that he would be paying his own way; however, the money was budgeted for Phil Williams to attend, there was still this money in the budget. Jerry is asking that the District pay for his attending at a total cost of \$4890.42.

Much discussion followed.

- Martin U. feels that it is very important for DGN, DGE and DG to all attend and be paid by District. The first year is the person is seeing things with eyes wide open. Second year they are more seasoned and the third year is a reward. He

said he would have approved it because he feels this is a reward for dedicating your life for three years.

- Ty R. discussed the possibility to let the person that occupies the position have a sum of money that they determine how it is spent. Maybe some input on how to spend over three years. He gave himself as an example when he was DG is split the money between two years.
- JG stated that there are really two issues. One is on policy. It was discussed a couple of years ago and passed. He agreed with the DGE going and the DG as well. He asks to think about spending the money for DGN, what is the benefit? EH feels there is questionable benefit.
- Bo P. stated that in conversation with other districts, there are many that pay only some of the expenses of DG. Few pay for DGE and DGN. Bo stated that in going back to the original discussion, Thailand, Portugal and Australia (expensive and far). We are talking about sending 6 people to the conference. There was a time when we only sent 1. In regard to the reward aspect, he does feel that for the DG it is a celebration. DGE is to motivate, inspire and develop. He does not feel that we get that for the DGN.
- Ty asked if the International Institute associated with the conference is budgeted. Bo P. and John V. both confirmed that it is included.
- Tom G. offered a few comments. Due to the time of travel, his expenses for the conference were actually paid in the next R Year instead of in the year in which they were budgeted. The budget is already tight. If we are going to send 6 people, we will need to increase dues.
- JG said that we need to be thinking of the economy and cautioned raising the dues.
- Bo P. reminded that the \$8 was a big increase and would hate to raise dues again. He shared that we have had some mandated expenses that were not originally part for the budget (attendance at NATS was a mandated expense not covered in the budget).

**Motion:**

John V. made a motion for the Finance Committee to indicate to the DG to pay \$4890.42 for Jerry Shepherd for the Lisbon Conference. **Motion Rescinded.**

- Tom G. said that it is hard to see without going over every line in the budget if there will be an overage or shortage. This would take considerable time but can be done if necessary.
- Lee W. stated that there is money in reserve, not one account. We have approximately \$213,000 in equity right now. Conference and trips have not come out.

**Motion:**

Lee W. made a motion to pay Jerry requested amount and to allow DG to adjust the budget for money to come from assets.

Martin U. seconded the motion.

Discussion?

Bo P suggested that only voting members vote.

John V. clarified that voting members present include: DG Tom Greene, Martin Uptain, Sue Mitchell, Lee Weinman, JG Brazil, Ron Wainwright, Ty Robin and himself (John Valieant).

Ty R. – discussion is this a recommendation, broader question will Council of Governors have to make the final decision?

**Motion Amended:**

Ty made a motion to add “recommending the following” to the Motion made by John V.

Sue M. seconded.

Amendment passed.

Ron requested vote for motion to be made on paper.

**Final Motion:**

Recommend that the DG reimburse Jerry Shepherd requested amount and to adjust from assets.

Sue wanted to be assured that we were not jeopardizing the District.

Lee assured we are fiscally fit and able to provide this.

Votes:

Yes III (4 total)

No III (3 total)

Abstain (1 total)

**Motion Passed.**

Tom G. accepted the recommendation and asked the Treasurer to cut a check.

Martin U. made a motion to adjourn.

Ron Seconded.

**District Finance Chair Valieant adjourned the meeting.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mary Grace Evans**

**District Secretary**