

**Rotary District 6860
Fall Leadership Conference
Council of Governors
The Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL
October 16, 2015 2:30**

Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting:

**PDG John Valieant presiding in the absence of COG Chair PDG Martin Uptain
Mary Grace Evans, Secretary**

Members Present:

DG Pat Cross
PDG John Valieant
PRIVP Ken Shuppert
PRID Mark Maloney
PDG Scott Stone
DGN Sue Mitchell, PhD
PDG Ty Robin
PDG Tom Greene
PDG Dennis Brooks
PDG Bo Porter
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
PDG Don Hadden
PDG Ron Layne
PDG JG Brazil
iPDG Jerry Shepherd
PDG Georgia Medori

Members Absent:

PDG Martin Uptain (Chair COG)
PDG Byron Nelson
DGE Gary Andrew
PDG Bill French
PDG Bill Johnson
PDG Phil Fowler

PDG John Valieant called the meeting to order.

PDG Valieant called on District Secretary Evans to review the minutes from the COG from the Winter Leadership Meeting.

Minutes were shared.

PDG Dennis Brooks made a motion to accept.

PDG Don Hadden seconded the motion .

Motion passed.

Valieant called on PDG Mark Maloney to share a message. Maloney shared that President Elect of RI disclosed to the BOD of RI his choices to begin service at Trustee for next year. One that he has appointed is for 2016 to 2020 is our own Ken Shuppert.

Valieant called on PDG Tom Greene to provide the Finance Committee update.

Greene shared information from Finance Committee

- An Action Item Fall Meeting because over a 2 year period in meetings was continually being spent in discussion about the standard financial reports being provided, accrual vs. cash accounting. A committee was formed with PDG Bo Porter as the lead. The items were addressed and very specific recommendations were made on what to do. Most of the items have already been implemented, with a few still go. Accrual vs. Cash – recommendation to use both
- Jerry Shepherd led discussion on financials from last year.
 - Scholarships (2 of the 3 were awarded) – reports need to be corrected
 - Discussed were the baseball tickets. 450 were purchased and 150. There are 250 left that DG Pat Cross will talk about, but the finance committee discussion was over making sure these were booked correctly.
- DG allocation from RI. Jerry completed his reports resulted in 30% posted to Pat's year.
- Accounts receivable – challenge every year. This year we did something different and billed dues and PETS on 1 invoice. This large amount has caused issue with some Clubs and are working through this.
- Discussed independent audit of books.
- New Treasurer Chuck Adams is doing great. He gets reports quickly. Had discussion with him on things that liked, disliked, worked and didn't work. Working on some items and will adjust as needed.
- Finance Committee will work with DGs this year to take on some of the projects that keep coming up and find resolution
 - Plan some training to assist incoming Governor to understand the finances of the District
 - Paypal account – number of challenges, money sits there and how does it fit into the financials
 - Quickbooks - questioned if we should use – group decided yes and will work on some things we can do to make things easier as we transition from 1 DG (and administration) to the next.

Valieant called on DG Pat Cross to provide Governors update.

- It has been an exciting year.
- She and Roger have visited 42 Clubs and have 10 to go.
- 5822 miles driven on District Events
- Membership focus worked with membership committee and came up with

- 100 members in 100 days –gaining a lot of members but also losing members (right now net of 8)
- Foundation goal \$150 goal per member per capita giving. Right now at \$23.15 per capita
 - Polio have showed \$3, 855.84 given this year
 - nothing currently in endowment category
- Grant management
 - Goal for District Grants 40 clubs apply
 - 43 attended grant management training
 - 37 have actually applied for a total of 46 grants
 - Probably see more next year
- 250 baseball tickets for Birmingham Barons - hoping to have family day in the spring with any profits to go to polio eradication. Tickets will probably be \$30.
- 3 Clubs has said that they may be starting a new Rotaract Club this year
- 8 Clubs have said that they are starting an Interact in HS and 1 in Middle School
- District Conference is planning for May 5 – 7 in Huntsville at Embassy Suite. PDG dinner will be on evening of the 5th and maybe a Pub Crawl for others
- RLI in full swing. Hoping to have 40 new graduates this year
- This year we do not use the paper for President's Goals. This year it is all on Rotary Central. Most Clubs are participating. AGs are helping.
- Newsletter is coming out on the 1st of each month. Directory was sent out on July 1. Started new this year was Monday Morning Crossings with DG Pat.
- Decatur Clubs (both Clubs working together) is starting a Twilight Club and Shades Valley is also working on a satellite club.

PDG Mark Maloney shared that Ken Shuppert has been appointed as a RI Trustee for 2016 – 2020. He is also moderator of this year's International Assembly.

PDG Valieant call on PDG Bo Porter to report

Reminded everyone that PDG Phil Williams had wanted at every Finance and COG meeting a status report of DDF and passed one out that was provided by Carol Argo. She will address details in District Meeting.

Vocational Service Award to discuss whether to expand to include corporate and it is was decided to stay with same format (Rotarian and non-Rotarian). Form is due to Chair of COG on January 15, 2016. This has been included in DG Pat Cross's Monday Morning Crossings.

DG responded that she has been provided 2 names as possibilities. One of these for the Rotarian is

Randy Jenks from Charter.

Further discussion about DDF. DG Pat expressed that Carol Argo would discuss in more detail in District Meeting.

PDG Mark Maloney is a member of the Rotary Peace Center Committee. He said that he had already spoken to DG Cross about this and he sees that we have \$5000 designated to the Peace Centers. If money is left over would like our District to consider a one time being a Peace Center Giver for \$250,000. Last year we contributed \$5000. We did \$5000 the year before with PDG Tom Greene year. DG Pat Cross is budgeted the same. Peace Builder Giver is an annual recognition is for \$25,000 or more (last year only 30 Districts in the world).

PDG John Valieant asked if there was any other old business and there was none.

PDG John Valieant asked for new business and called on PDG JG Brazil

PDG JG Brazil when Pat made her visit to Tuscaloosa made her aware of the donor advised fund. Started when the tornados of April 2011 came through North Alabama. We had a disaster response committee already formed with a disaster plan when tornados hit. Committee established a grant process for the Clubs. About 30 Clubs submitted for grants. In order to fund those grants as well as take in contributions, a donor advised fund was created and named Tornado Donor Advised Fund. It took 4 account holders to get started. Over \$58,000 in grants was distributed. Since the donor advised fund has remained as is intact. Now it only has about \$800.

Time for the COG or whatever body identified to revisit the donor advised fund to determine what we want to do with it. . There is a small fee (about \$8.50 per year) on this and very small interest (about .25%).

Made 4 -5 recommendations and sent email to account holders, to Al Mathis who is the Chair of Disaster Response committee as well as DG Pat Cross and had copies for the COG (for anyone that wants to see). This is just a report. It needs more money in this fund. We are in an area where any disaster may occur. We could help schools or many things. It is funded by individual donors.

PDG Mark Maloney said that it needs to be renamed and change in account holders (more in line with current leadership). We don't want to give it up since we have it and have to set-up again, but steps listed above need to be taken. Some of the account members need to change (more in line with current leadership of the District).

PRIVP Ken Shuppert suggested keeping in place and rotating group of account holders perhaps DG, DGE and a couple of PDGs. Something will happen again.

ACTION: PDG JG Brazil stated we do have a District Disaster Committee headed by Al Mathis.

Instead of forming a new committee, let the current committee take this on with assignments from the DG, review the recommendations identified by Brazil and report back to the DG.

PDG Bo Porter moved that recommendation as be presented by JG Brazil be referred to the DG for assignment to a task force.

PDG John Valieant seconded motion.

Motion passed

PRIVP Ken Shuppert said to this body that he would not have gotten his appointment without this District's 6860 support. He appreciates the support that he has gotten over the years, especially from Glenn and Mary Estes and Mark and Gay Maloney. It is an honor to serve.

PDG Valieant adjourned the meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grace Evans

District Secretary