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**The Rotary Club of Sebring, Inc,**  
**FL USA, #4344**  
 PO Box 527  
 Sebring, FL 33871  
 Celebrating our 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
 Founded on September 8, 1924



April 4, 2023

To the Board of Directors, for approval;

**Subject:** Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Held on March 7, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at: 12:05pm

2. Board Members:

Present: Debbie Cwalinski, Kim Heinz, Jon Layton, Scott Noethlich, Gil Riordan, Jeff Roth, Todd Scholl, Joshua Stewart. Also: visiting Rotarian Tommy Griffin (Lake Wales Breakfast Club)

Absent: Heather Beato, Chip Boring, Angela Cowden, Rob Livingston, Bruce Lybarger, Shawn Martz, Carlos Román, Eric Zwyer.

3. Invocation: Carl Cool

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the meetings on Feb 7, 2023, were read. Todd Scholl moved to approve the minutes with addition (Host of Are You Smarter Than a Rotarian is “Dawn Schommer”), seconded by Scott Noethlich.

5. President’s Report: Josh Stewart

a) Golf Tournament date: June 3, 2023. Tournament location pros and cons were discussed between the following three options.

- The Country Club - 144 players, \$35 per person, meal - Burger Bar w/ fries (\$12)
- Pinecrest - 144 players, \$26 per person, meal - set plate (options from \$10 - \$25 per person)
- Sun ‘n Lake - 144 players, \$24 per person (plus \$400 ‘corkage fee’ for donated drinks by Bernie Little), meal - buffet (two options - \$19 - \$23 per person)

The consensus to present to club members was Pinecrest as the preferable course for the golf tournament.

- Kim may be able to negotiate the price.
- Parking may be a concern.

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- A large meal is not a priority for golfers. There is consideration for cooking hamburgers/hotdogs on the course with the help of another group such as the Boy Scouts. The Country Club may be considered as an alternate location if permission to cook on the course is not granted by Pinecrest.
- Awards and raffle prizes will be picked up after the tournament.

b.) Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders: June 2023. Two delegates are needed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The club requested to send one delegate from Sebring High School and one from Heartland Christian Academy on the district application. Debbie will check with HCA; if they have no candidate, two will be selected from SHS. Kim can recommend a student from SHS.

c) Freedom Flight - Prices increased to \$700 per person. We need to determine how many seats we want for next year's budget, the goal is to send 10 (5 vets/5 guardians). General discussion regarding whether the guardian or the club should pay guardian costs. Sunrise Rotary Club policy was to also cover the guardian fees.

d) Member Nomination - One new member to approve, John Wilson. Carl Cool is his sponsor. Carl has gotten to know John better since the Freedom Flight and recognizes his willingness to serve others. There was no disagreement from the Board members to put his name before the club for vote. Todd moved, Jon Layton seconded the motion to approve John.

6. Immediate Past Presidents - Heather Beato and Eric Zwyer – (absent)

7. President Elect - Carlos Román (absent)

8. Secretary - Carlos Román (absent)

9. Treasurer – Bruce Lybarger (absent)

a. Financial Report – Feb 2023 Bank statements provided by Debbie (Enclosure #1).

b. The Champion for Children Foundation - Annual donation is not earmarked for a particular program. If we sponsor their Pinwheel Event, it would allow for the Rotary logo to be on the advertising banner. Debbie will contact Carissa Marine to discuss the best use of Rotary funds.

10. Sergeant-at-arms – Rob Livingston (absent)

11. Programs - Debbie Cwalinski reported the following:

a. Program and Upcoming Events - An updated list was provided of speakers See program list at Enclosure #2.

b. Todd Scholl offered to do a Classification Talk. It was recommended that all new members do the same.

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12. New Generation/Youth Services – Jon Layton reported:

SHS Interact Club did a Humane Society service project & had a pizza party.

13. Service Chair – Angela Cowden (absent)

14. Rotary Foundation - Jeff Roth

District Foundation Chair, Mark Scolnick will be speaking to the club on Mar 16, 2023. Jeff would like to emphasize foundation giving as the Rotary year is ending.

15. Fund Raising – Vacant

16. Public Image – Vacant

17. Membership – Chip Boring (absent)

18. Old Business –

a) Carl announced the Lake Jackson Clean-up will be on Aug 12, 2023 rather than in September. Scott will check with City Council.

b) Are You Smarter Than a Rotarian update from Jeff Roth: The event is confirmed with SFSC for Mar 30, 2023 at 6:30pm. The facility rental, \$312.50 has been paid. Award for 1<sup>st</sup> Place is \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$350. Additional donations collected will be divided evenly between the middle schools. SFSC Rotaract club will be the judges. Cookies and beverages to be served in the Lobby.

c) There was mention of the need to fill the vacant board seats, Fund raising and Public Image. Todd suggested including Matt Judson as a director.

19. New Business -

a) Advent Health Labor & Delivery requested another donation of car seats, approximately \$125 each. Josh said the budget would not allow for it. However, at the next meeting he will offer individual members the opportunity to donate.

b) It was suggested that we consider adding to the budget moving forward, a donation to Highlands Lakeside Theatre Scholarship fund for students. Vanessa Logsdon could be scheduled to speak to the club.

c) Carl mentioned the passing of Mary Swaine. Her family is requesting “Acts of Kindness” in lieu of flowers. Carl suggested that Rotarians might consider making a donation to the Rotary SFSC Scholarship.

Kim pointed out that the two club scholarships are not yet combined. Debbie will follow up with Jamie Bateman.

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20. Next Board Meeting: April 4, 2023, presumably at Dee's.

21. Josh adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

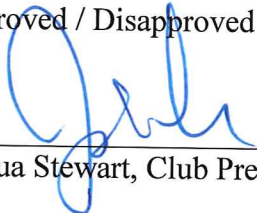
*Debbie Cwalinski*

Club Director

2 Enclosures: as stated

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Approval of the Minutes –

Approved / Disapproved / Approved with Changes on \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Joshua Stewart, Club President

Date

4-4-23