SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY TRUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2025

The Meeting was called to order by Linda Arnold, President at 7:30 am. Attending were members Clair Beckmann, Scott Mowry, Stan Grogg, Barbara Leazes, Don McDonald, Dolly Farrell and Stan Grogg. Also in attendance: Chet Sadler, Darrin Grotrian, and Paul Hawkins.

The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2025, were approved as presented.

Scott Mowry presented the Treasurer’s Report. There are two open checks. The Club Board wishes to keep 10,000 Rotary Foundation points in reserve. The Vanguard fund balance is $140,564. The Operating Fund available balance is $56,240. The Grant Tracker report was reviewed noting that $29,000 is available for grants less the $5,000 minimum cushion the Board requires.

Stan Grogg reviewed his excellent status report on former grantee follow up reporting. Despite three notices, Habitat for Humanity has not responded. Linda will ask Rachel to follow up.

The group discussed the five grants submitted for the spring cycle based on the compilation of scores that Linda presented, and the list of questions asked. It was noted that CHR received a grant they did not apply for in the fall cycle but were still ineligible for this round of funding. Linda will let Nicole know this.

The San Cap Pink Project application was discussed in much detail, and all agreed this organization is doing wonderful work, but there are many unanswered questions including what is needed to bring a mammography machine to the island (from insurance to management, to day-to-day operations) as well as how the capital campaign itself will be conducted. Typically, our funds are not seed money but used later in a campaign. Stan and Dolly will both reach out to offer encouragement and help those involved to move this forward if possible.

Questions were answered on each grant after which Dolly and Chet recused themselves and left the meeting.

The Board approved four grants for the spring grant cycle. Each grantee will receive $5,000 for a total of $20,000 to be disbursed. The grantees are Hope Clubhouse, Mission United, Christian Ministries, and Charitable Foundation of the Islands.

A discussion ensued about how the Board funds grants. Don McDonald suggested a change in strategy to fund larger projects on island more impactfully and suggested a lengthy discussion including the incoming Trust Board members prior to the next grant cycle. Linda will present the spring grantee decision at a Club meeting.

Under Old Business the Board approved distribution of Happy Bucks as follows: Community House-$970, CROW-$250 (bumped up to meet our minimum), Shelter Box $707 (includes $440 for Ukraine that no longer has a contact Rotarian in Poland), Wheelchairs-$2,343 (plus Wheels proceeds to be determined), and $20 earmarked for Haiti that will be considered to be part of our $5,000 grant just approved for Christian Ministries. Additionally, it was noted our last $5,000 commitment to BIG ARTS will be completed in the next Rotary Year and $5,000 is reserved for the Uganda project.

After much discussion, the Scholarship Committee agreed to present their request for funding for the 2025-26 Rotary Year at the June meeting. Scot reiterated that$16,714 will carry over to that year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clair Beckmann, Recording Secretary.