SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY TRUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2025

Linda Arnold, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members Darrin Grotrian, Stan Grogg, Barbara Leazes, Dolly Farrell and Stan Grogg, and Scott Mowry were present. Also in attend were Chet Sadler, Bob Stern, and Paul Hawkins. Clair Beckman and Don McDonald were excused.

The meeting minutes of April 17, 2025, were approved as presented. Darrin motioned, Scott seconded, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Darrin Grotrian and Scott Mowry presented the Treasurer’s Report.

The Vanguard fund balance is $151,601.66. Money Market is $7,209.46, available to transfer for grants. The transfer has been made for 2024. No minimum is needed in the Vanguard account.

The Operating Fund available balance is $64,732.89. Partial funds from Wheels $14,012, several grants distributed, five checks still to clear. The Grant Tracker report was reviewed, noting that $29,000 is available for grants, less the $5,000 minimum cushion the Board requires.

Grant Tracker reviewed. Several are still outstanding, including Shelter Box, Ukraine, and Haiti. Awaiting fund transfer from the Rotary Club to the Trust. Scott noted that several obligations listed on the grant tracker will not be paid out this year. Linda suggested we distribute the outstanding happy bucks to Shelter Box. All agreed, and Linda will follow up. Discussed items with issues with Vanguard checks (Paul Prestia and Stephanie Raho). CFI offered to take donations and then distribute them to Rotary.

Approve the report: Stan motioned, Barb seconded, all approved.

**Wheels for Wheels funds** – The Trust needs a transfer from the club account to the Trust account so Darrin can distribute the monies to Wheels.

Discussion ensued about the container, and $28,000 is needed. John Danner provided that figure to Bob Stern via text. John Raho should transfer $24,000 from the club account to the Trust account. This $24,000 includes Happy Bucks but does not include the $1,000 commitment from Paul Prestia. Also, the Naples Club pledged $500. Trust has $3,000 for the project. That leaves a shortfall of $1,080. Scott suggested we get the process check approved soon. He thought we might be able to distribute $26,500, but we won’t meet the $35,000 goal to support a container.

Motion to fund a wheelchair container of $28,000, which includes $1,000 of new commitment from the Trust Board

Linda motioned, Stan seconded, unanimous approval.

**Scholarship Committee report**

 Chet delivered the report for the 2024-25 scholarships. Thirteen applications were received, and the committee selected four students for the technical scholarships. The award letters were sent last Friday for a total of $13,009. Checks will be sent when the students complete 50% of their studies. Chet is unsure when ½ programs will be completed, three of which will possibly be this June 2025 payouts.

The June meeting will present a total request for funding for the 2025-26 Rotary Year. Scott reiterated that $16,714 will carry over to that year.

Policy regarding Vanguard account: While we did not specifically have a transfer policy for the 3-5% distribution from Vanguard, the distribution is outlined in the Policy and Procedures Guidelines. Scott suggested we transfer Vanguard funds. Money to the trust account is transferred at the same time as the club transfers (the July timeframe is the recommended target).

Motion to withdraw 3-5% annually from Vanguard to the Trust Board operating account for the Trust Board to determine distribution. We will review the draft statement again at the June meeting.

**District Grants**

Literacy Project Funding - request for this year from Fort Myers Club and five other clubs support this project as well. Request is $1,200. Funds would come next fiscal year. Scott motioned for SanCap Rotary to allocate 1,200 to the grant, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center - Deaf Youth Development Program Summer Camp request**—request for District Grant Participation, $250 or $00 for a district grant for the next fiscal year. Payment could be made after July 1.

Stan motioned for $500 for the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center - Deaf Youth Development Program Summer Camp request, Barb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chet shared the SanCap Rotary Club has a district grant budget of $10,000 for next year. Applications are due June 1st.

CHR was supposed to send a grant request by 5/20/25, but Chet has not received it yet. CHR needs new air conditioners and such, and their request is $10,000.

Haiti Grass project—The head of the project also contacted Chet. There are now 12 schools with tree-growing centers, each with 2,000 trees. Over 40,000 trees were planted. They want to apply for a district grant yet, so budget $5,000.

**Request from City of Sanibel, Judith Zimomra Scholarship**

John Henshaw submitted a request for Rotary and Kiwanis to split the needed $3750 for the 2025-26 scholarships given to dependents of city employees. Rotary’s portion would be $1875. Kiwanis has committed to funding the full $3,750 if needed. Funds can be disbursed after July 1.

Monies due after July 1.

Maria asked about PR for grants and Bob suggested meetings be added to Dacdb. Maria will be invited to next Trust Board meeting.

**Old Business**

Stan reported that no grant report has been received by Habit for Humanity as it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Farrell, Stand-In, Recording Secretary.