Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Zoom Videoconference

February 17, 2021

**Directors Present**

Franklin Daniels, Aimee Andrews, Roger Higgins, Ben Horne, Wayne Murphy, Thomas Markham, Erik Greenbaum, Matt Crane, Ravi Respeto, Bruce Woodzell

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Franklin Daniels, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

**President’s Report**

Mr. Daniels gave a brief update touching on three issues:

* The Club is informally reaching out to “quiet” members who have not been heard from much in the past year.
* In-person meetings at Farmington Country Club are slated to resume March 24, with speakers for Zoom meetings (including non-local speakers) lined up through March 17.
* Balancing the budget is a key priority for the remainder of the fiscal year, so the Club will watch expenses closely.

**Financial Report**

Ben Horne, Treasurer, gave an update on the financial situation.

* Overall, the club is doing okay financially, planning to approximately break even for the year.
  + Club income is strong through the first seven months of the fiscal year.
  + This includes ~$1,400 in fundraising for the COVID vaccine volunteers (see Club Service)
  + However, expenses will continue to accrue as the year wears on.
  + Semi-annual dues to Rotary International were just paid (~$3,500)
* Overdue accounts
  + Jim Greene situation remains in flux as we don’t have a current address at which he can be served with process for small claims.
    - Erik Greenbaum volunteered to reach out to Jim’s parents to learn where his new address is.
  + Six or seven members have balances creeping over $500
    - Mr. Daniels will send a private note to these members before any formal action is taken.

**Secretary’s Report**

Thomas Markham, Secretary, presented minutes from the January 21 meeting for approval.

***Motion****: Roger Higgins moves to accept the January 21 minutes. Seconded by Erik Greenbaum. Approved by the board.*

Mr. Markham presented a report (attached) with details on year-to-date new members (7) and departed members (8).

**President Elect**

Aimee Andrews, President-Elect, provided an update on plans for the upcoming year, noting that she wants to focus on the Foundation committee. She will be meeting with current chair Wayne Murphy and incoming co-chairs David Atchley and Susan Evans to discuss goals. This may include bringing back practices from the past.

**Vice President/Membership**

Roger Higgins, Vice President, providedan update on the following issues:

* Rabbit Run 5K
  + A decision has been made to host a 100% virtual race this year.
  + Proceeds tentatively planned for donation to the COVID volunteers effort already underway (see Club Service)
  + Mr. Daniels suggested that the Club Administration co-chairs (Amy Hart and Susan Evans) be included in the planning for Rabbit Run given their limited opportunities for social event planning this year.
* Membership
  + Two new member prospects (Tim Snapp, Jay Blanton) are in the pipeline
  + Three to four additional prospects have expressed interest in joining when in-person meetings resume.
* Diversity Committee
  + The committee membership has been selected and includes: Antonio Rice, Olga Boucher, Ty Cooper, Aimee Andrews, Ravi Respeto, Wade Tremblay, Eddie K, Roger Higgins
  + A mission/purpose statement has been drafted by Ms. Andrews, Mr. Daniels, and Mr. Higgins.
  + The committee will be meeting within a week to select a chair

**Club Service**

Erik Greenbaum, Club Service chair, provided the following update:

* The effort to provide refreshments to COVID vaccine site volunteers is going well. vEnough Rotary volunteers are available to assist with purchase and delivery of refreshments. This effort will continue until the vaccine site no longer needs support.
* Monthly Salvation Army dinner is still on the last Monday of the month and Mr. Greenbaum will solicit volunteers.

**International / Foundation**

Wayne Murphy, Director of the Rotary Foundation and International Chair, gave the following update:

* The International Committee of the three Charlottesville clubs (Blue Ridge Mountains, Albemarle, Charlottesville) has three prospective international projects to support with a $1,000 gift from each club (see attachment).
  + Mr. Daniels asked Mr. Horne if the Club could afford this gift. Mr. Horne said it could.

***Motion****: Wayne Murphy moves to select the Haiti project for the Club’s $1,000 gift. Seconded by Ravi Respeto. Approved by the board.*

* The other Charlottesville clubs are doing okay, and none are considering drastic measures (e.g., giving up charter).
  + The Louisa club is meeting twice a month, in person. The Barter theater project is coming up again in a month.
* The District would like to add an assistant governor from our Club this year.
  + Responsibilities include attending quarterly meetings with other presidents, attend PETS, etc.
  + During non-pandemic times, requires travel.
  + Discussion centered around proposing Ms. Respeto as a candidate for this.

**Past President**

Ravi Respeto, Immediate Past President, deferred her report until the March meeting, as a number of board members had departed the meeting at this point.

**Club Adminstration**

No report

**Program Chairs**

No report

**Public Relations**

No report

**Club Executive Secretary**

No report

There being no further the business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Markham, Secretary