

**Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Farmington Country Club  
August 17, 2022

**Directors Present**

James Brown, Roger Higgins, Matt Crane, Aimee Atteberry, Ty Cooper, Eddie K, Jamie White, Ronda Puryear, Rachel Burns, Bruce Woodzell, Marcus Stamp, Robert Haggard

**Others Present**

Shelby Edwards, Henry Weinschenk

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Roger Higgins, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. There are no prepared minutes to approve from July meeting, as Amy Hart is sick.

**President's Report**

No report

**Secretary's Report**

It was noted that Secretary Amy Hart has been out sick with Rocky Mountain Spotted Feaver and we need to all step up to support her during this difficult time. Had some discussion around the Club Directory that Amy put together and how valuable of a resource it could be for the Club. Discussed need to call on members we haven't see in some time, and perhaps having the Secretary produce a monthly report indicating those who have not been in regular attendance.

**Treasurer's Report**

Robert Haggard reviewed cash balance, upcoming payments, payment to All Blessings Flow (Rabbit Run recipient), and past due balances. Briefly discussed members' interest in an electronic payment system such as Venmo, which we will investigate. Discussed eventual conversion to DACdb from ClubRunner and QuickBooks, and Rachel Burns agreed to take on that project.

**Ad Hoc Committee of Board assessing Rabbit Run fundraiser**

This committee is working on getting together to begin their work. We expect to hear from them in 30-60 days when their work is completed.

**Vice President/Membership**

Marcus S. discussed upcoming inductions of Jay Bradford, Shelby Edwards, and Randy Fleitman. Other notes on membership:

- Bryan Thomas 60 day LOA from 7/6/22
- Erik Greenbaum on 90 day LOA Jul - Sept
- Wayne Murphy transferred membership to F'burg Club as of 8/11/22.
- Marcus Cromwell leaving after 8/17
- Prospects: Denver Riggelman, Marty Kendig, Roger Johnson

The board discussed the loss of Wayne Murphy to the Fredericksburg Club. Wayne has been an incredible member of the Club for many years and given so much to the Club and Rotary. The board voted unanimously to make Wayne an Honorary member, and will make a point to have him back to the Club soon to bestow this honor upon him.

Roger Higgins requested the board to make everyone aware of any members who are sick/have challenges going on or need outreach.

**Club Service**

Numerous upcoming events were reviewed by Rachel B. and Ronda P. including: Salvation Army, Blue Ridge Area Foodbank, United Way Day of Caring, Building Goodness Foundation (meetings with Tiffany Norman), and winter coat drive. It was suggested that Rachel/Ronda coordinate with Ty/Jame/Randy for public relations opportunities – writing articles, video opportunity, high resolution pictures.

**Club Administration**

Joan Carlson is on vacation and Marcus Cromwell is resigning from the Club due to job relocation. Reviewing upcoming events: pool party at Nancy Barrett's home on August 27, and Oyster Roast at Steve/Alice Takash' home on October 23.

**Program Chairs**

Matt Crane discussed posting speakers to ClubRunner. Upcoming Speakers: 8/24 Denver Riggelman; 8/31 Ron Carey (former UVA football player); 9/21 DG Sheila Brennan. Matt discussed other speaker opportunities including new PVCC president, Bryan Thomas (new football rules), various UVA coaches (baseball, basketball, football).

**Public Relations**

Ty C. commented on his plans for the video and to show the strength and diversity of our Club, and also discussed the slideshow. Need to send out request for pictures to members – doesn't have to be at Rotary events, can be on vacations or other.

**Diversity Committee**

Eddie K. discussed bringing in speakers including minority not-for-profit and business leaders. Discussed integrating service projects into our Club that are inclusive to our minority members.

**Foundation**

Susan Evans and Brian Donovan unable to attend. It was noted that Susan and Brian are working on a plan and expect to come back with a report to the Board at the October meeting.

**President Elect**

No report

**Past President**

No report

**Club Executive Secretary**

No report

**Other Business**

Ronda Puryear suggested the need for a Club Historian (perhaps Bruce Woodzell), so that the membership and history of our Club are not lost. Henry Weinshenk addressed the Club in regards to the Argentine Exchange Program and the longevity and success of the program, in addition to the need for transition to new leadership. James Brown displayed his Spanish speaking skills and suggested he may be willing to assist with the program if his schedule permits – future discussions will take place around this.

Next meeting will be September 21, 2022. Meeting adjourned around 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Hart, Club Secretary