

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Rotary Club of Bellingham, Washington held its regular Board of Directors Meeting on April 11, 2024, on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Doug Cole, who acted as chairperson, with the following Directors present:

- Paul Grey
- Rick Kaiser
- Mark Knittel
- Steve Ban
- John Moffat
- Vinson Latimore

2024-2025 Board Member Catherine Riordan

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: SANDEE LINDHOUT

The March 14, 2024, Board Minutes were approved as submitted.

We received a resignation from Sara Maloney, and it was approved with great regret. She has taken a job with the Boy's and Girl's Club back on Olympic Peninsula.

We changed the May 9th Board meeting to Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 on Zoom.

STEVE GRAY: TREASURER'S REPORT

The Financial report for March 31, 2024, was approved and we are on target. Sandee reminded us we still need to come up with a club fundraiser.

President-Elect Steve Ban, Treasurer Steve Gray and Executive Secretary Sandra Lindhout are working on the 2024-2025 Proposed Financial Budgets to be presented at the May Board Meeting.

DOUG COLE – PRESIDENT:

1. It was determined that we will walk in the Memorial Day Parade, Saturday May 25th. President Doug visited the Bellingham Bay and Sunrise Rotary Clubs to invite them to join us. Sandee will register the club. The Board also approved the donation of \$1,000 to the Parade from the miscellaneous funds in RCOB Foundation budget already approved by the Foundation.
2. We continued our discussion on a fund-raising event. Mark Knittel submitted Fund Raising competition thoughts and what would be involved to do a Best Dog or Pet photo Contest. He has found a number of other Rotary Clubs that have also had similar fundraisers. It was suggested that we might want to involve the Humane Society, offer prizes and even a category for pet tricks. It was determined that there will not be enough time to put this together to help the club budget this Rotary year. Mark will send links to some of the other clubs that we can look at.
3. A discussion about holding a social event with Bellingham Bay Rotary Club is being investigated and Catherine Riordan will continue to put something together. Guess Who's coming to dinner will be tabled until the fall.

PAUL GREY – PAST PRESIDENT: No report

STEVE BAN – PRESIDENT ELECT:

1. Rotary Friendship Exchange Opportunity with District 1911 in Hungary. A limit of 8 people will arrive here August 25 to September 8, 2024. Steve Ban has volunteered to head this. The teams pay their own way, air, hotels, when needed, food, entrance to activities, etc. When they are home hosted breakfast is included.

We have Steve Ban, Catherine Riordan and Bill Day as hosts, but could use 1 more. We would need to find hosts for 3-4 nights.

The committee was asked to put together a preliminary list of activities we may plan for the visitors.

The following suggestions were suggested: If they are here August 26th plan for them to attend our regular club meeting at WCC and be the program, Trip to Artist Point, Air Plane ride, Boat or Ferry ride to island, tour of some

of our Major Projects and possibly get involved with a project, Tour our educational institutions, it BTC, WCC, Lummi, WWU, go to the Spark Museum, Community Boating Center kayaking, ride along with police.

District 5050 will go to Hungary from October 5 to October 19, 2024. Steve Ban will be one of them going.

2. Steve is working on his 2024-2025 planning and a budget will be presented at the May Board meeting.

JOHN MOFFAT – VP/PROGAM CHAIRMAN:

John's program dates and full and he is handing over any program suggestions to Nathan Twining.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: Rick Kaiser, Mark Knittel, Vinson Latimore and Paula McCandlis

Board of Director Committee Assignments for 2023-2024

- a. Rick Kaiser - Club Service & Meetings
- b. Mark Knittel - Community Service
- c. Vinson Latimore – Vocational Service & Membership
- d. Paula McCandlis – International & Youth

Adjourn

Next Board meeting is Tuesday May 7, 2024.

Tabled 2023-2024 items to discuss:

1. Discuss dues structure for new members, possibly lowered for the first year of joining to cover administrative costs only. Annual cost for RI and District dues is approximately \$143.00
2. Evaluate the Student Recognition Program cancelled this year.