

Rotary Club of Saskatoon North

Executive Meeting

21 August 2024 / 5:30 PM / Wiebe Family Farm

Attendees

Sarah Herman, Jim Coulter, Doyle Wiebe, KathyJo Simmie, Ruth Marritt, Rob Maguire

Notes

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of Last Meeting-May 21, 2024 moved to accept as distributed by KathyJo, second by Ruth, carried
4. Business Arising- none
5. Treasurers Report -draft Y/E June 30 2024 statements.
 - a. A different format to reporting is being brought forward by current co-presidents. There will be an effort to distinguish the funds that are restricted (those monies earned from lottery) and unrestricted (those monies fundraised by the club).
 - b. We have a few outstanding dues from club members that Ruth is working on collecting.
 - c. Current account bank Balance \$47,272.11. Bingo account balance \$31,033.07
 - d. Revenue from Ag in Motion \$53,914 and expenses from Ag in Motion are still being calculated. The net profit to the club will be reported once we have an accurate figure but can expect similar to last year.
 - e. Doyle asked for an audit of our club books, Colin Taylor, accountant and former member of Meewasin Rotary club has agreed to perform an audit. Ruth will work with him.
 - f. Fines collected in the previous Rotary year can be distributed by KathyJo and Rob, \$1,014 will be confirmed by treasurer Ruth and direction provided.
6. New Business
 - a. Meeting times and schedule for Executive committee
 - i. Proposal for 45 mins following the 2nd meeting of the month- declined
 - ii. Proposal for the 2nd Wednesday @3:30pm - approved with discretion for a combination of in person and zoom meetings
 - b. Proposed steps for funds disbursement for outreach committees
 - i. Committee members (to include ex-officio Co-Presidents) will propose priorities for allocating the budgeted amount (2024-2025 budget of \$25,000 each)
 - ii. Recommendation forwarded to Co-Presidents
 - iii. Proposal forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval
 - iv. Executive will authorize funds to be advanced by the Treasurer

- v. Membership will be informed of the allocation
- c. Proposed Treasurer authority to disburse funds- we have a standing policy that 2 signatures are required to sign cheques. With the introduction of EFT, that policy needs to be updated. Rob made a motion that we still require the acknowledgment of 2 signing authorities but if it is EFT that can be by way of paper trail, an email to notify the authorities and the response. Seconded by KathyJo, approved.
 - i. Under \$750 -treasurers discretion and awareness of one co-President
 - ii. \$750 + executive motion required if not a budget line item
- d. Approval of expenses to be paid
- e. Outreach committees disbursement
 - i. International Outreach committee has the following projects requiring funding. The allotted spend is \$21,500 in this Rotary Year
 1. Ripple Effect- Canton Panabaj School \$15,000
 2. Shelter Box- \$1,500
 3. Polio Plus- \$2,000
 4. Support of GG by S'toon Nutana Rotary for a project in Ghana \$3,000
- f. Review of bylaws and procedures-ad hoc committee members needed. We are bypassing current stated bylaws with a commitment to update. The last update was in August 2006
- g. Update: initiation of activities of committees with chairs. The idea is to empower committee structure, looking for involvement from many club members. No limits aside from the budget in terms of allocating funds and choosing recipients.
 - i. Membership- Kelvin Pankiw- 2 meetings held to date, ideas are coming
 - ii. Meetings & Service- Arlene Jorgenson- this encompasses land acknowledgment, prayer, draws, duty roster among other things
 - iii. Socialization- Bob Anderson
 - iv. Local Outreach- KathyJo Simmie
 - v. International Outreach- Brenda Banbury
 - vi. Finance- Rob Maguire
- h. Visit by DG Peter Oct 23 and Oct 24 he is in Saskatoon, we will ask to join the meeting on the 24th at Breakfast and would be hopeful for 8-10 or members to join
- i. Contribution to Jasper relief program- A special fund through the Red Cross has been set up for the Jasper Disaster. Funds raised will be tripled by the Federal Government. Use of funds will be used to provide immediate relief including financial support and shelter. A \$3000 donation by Saskatoon North Rotary would be \$12,000. The line item for this would be from the \$5000 contingency fund for donations.
 - i. Discussions around donating to an organization with a reputation for high admin costs. Is there an alternative to donate through a Rotary Club. It was decided that the executive committee was not in unanimous favour of dispersing funds so Co-President, Jim will explore other ideas including taking the idea to the club membership for their thoughts.

- j. District 5550 membership issue- Our district has been told we must have 1100 members by January 2025 or we will face a district boundaries review. As we have only 987 members as of July 2024, a crisis looms. Our District leadership has proposed- a membership emphasis which includes a \$140 reward paid directly to any club for each recruitment gain in 2024-25. This proposal has been forwarded to our Membership committee for information and action recommendation.
 - k. Issues to take to next 5 club meeting- Doyle is representing our club
 - i. Idea to pool donations to make greater impact with community needs
 - ii. What is the Remembrance Day wreath laying schedule
 - iii. RYLA camp has ongoing issues with drivers getting kids to and from camp, perhaps a task force is needed to keep that need on the radar of Rotarians
 - iv. Youth Exchange program update
 - v. Adventures in Technology was dropped during the Covid Era- perhaps this is a project the Riverside Rotary club could take on
7. Next Meeting- September 25th @ 3:30pm location TBA
8. Adjourn @ 7:35 motion by Ruth, seconded by Sarah