

Clinton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes 8-14-2009

Present: P. Holmer, G. Foster, V. Hill, N. Hinke, J. Pillers, S. Roling, S. Schroeder, R. Tokheim and I. Lorenz

Absent: K. Klahn and M. Regenwether

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by S. Roling, seconded by G. Foster

M/S/U

Financial Report - Steve Roling

Steve reviewed the 2009/10 budget worksheet. He informed the board that FASC contribution to each club is limited to \$500/year instead of \$700 as in previous years. He has adjusted the line item to reflect the change. Steve said that another change to the budget worksheet will need to be made if the board agrees to subscribe to the Clubrunner webpage based communication and data collection tool.

Motion to approve changes to the budget worksheet by S. Schroeder, seconded by R. Tokheim
M/S/U

President's Items

Paul stated that he and Mark Regenwether are working on the simplified grant application for the playground shelter. The application needs to be submitted by October 1, 2009.

Paul raised the question whether the club would consider establishing a foundation. The board talked about the pros and cons of a foundation.

Norlan said that setting up a foundation is simple to do. The one-time cost is approximately \$500 to the IRS for tax-exempt status. Steve noted that club had a foundation years ago; it started as the Bruce Townsend Foundation and, over time became the Clinton Rotary Foundation. The foundation "fizzled" over time because paperwork was a problem and the applications were tedious and time consuming. He noted that the club may consider to be a host foundation for non-profit community organizations, but that step would need careful consideration. Paul asked if anybody knows of a conduit that has segregated accounts. Rod asked if another club in our community has a foundation that we could tap into and establish a common unit. That foundation could then be made the Clinton Service Club Foundation and each club would cover the administration cost.

Paul talked about the Rotary International Water Project and asked whether the board had information on who worked on the project. Norlan said that he will look into this and get information to Paul. Steve mentioned that World Affairs Project provides information on clean water projects and that the material is available.

Committee Reports

Membership – Sally Schroeder

Sally said that we need to assure that new members get the new member package when inducted. New member Ann Schmidt wasn't given the package when she was inducted last Monday. This was an oversight due to Sally and Ida being new at their respective duties. In the future, we need to assure we are all on the same page.

Sally stated that she wants to make changes to the president's letter to reflect past year's club activities and include the letter in the new member package. Paul will review the letter and make changes, if any, sign it and return to Sally.

Club Administration – Kathy Klahn – no report

Activities – Jim Pillers

LumberKings baseball night is Aug. 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Val said that 96 people signed up. There is no rain date for the event; however, if cancelled due to rain, LumberKings will give tickets for another game.

Rod said that he talked to Cheryl Frey about starting planning for the auction in Fall and changing the location for the event. In response to questions raised whether the club wants to have another fundraiser, Rod said that the club approved another fundraiser for this year and that members liked the format, the price, etc. He and Cheryl will chair the event. Jim offered to contact committee leaders to get involved.

Service Project – Gary Foster

Gary said that he now has time to work on the gambling and district grant applications. The grant applications will be for the picnic shelter and playground rubber surface. Gary said that Park and Rec wants to remove the merry-go-around and make the playground handicap accessible. They will do the labor and the plans are in place. Gary will ask the club to go ahead with the shelter. Steve asked whether he should include both projects, the shelter and the rubber surface, in the budget. The board agreed. Motion for Gary to proceed with grant applications was made by Norlan and seconded by Sally. M/S/U

Vocational/International Service – Rod Tokheim – no report

Rotary Foundation – Norlan Hinke

Norlan stated that Susan Herrick, Foundation Chair for Rotary 6000 will give a program on polio August 17 and that members need to be encouraged to attend. Norlan said that we have Foundation sponsors through January.

Steve suggested we purchase subscription to Rotary Magazine to use for presentations. Cost is \$120 to purchase archived magazines and \$30/year for the subscription. Motion to proceed was made by Steve and seconded by Jim. M/S/U

Public Relations – Val Hill

Val is submitting press releases. She will have a new student guest letter ready for Paul to sign and give it to Alma for the school counselors. Val asked Paul to announce at the next meeting that we will have student guests starting August 24. Paul mentioned that the last two August meetings will be chaired by Kathy Klahn. Val will ask Kathy to make the announcement.

Val said that Kiwanis put together a facebook page and that she would be willing to set one up if there's an interest..

New Business

Ida reported that if the club replaces ClubMate with ClubRunner, the initial setup fee is \$199. Annual cost for ClubRunner is based on total membership, in our case \$59.95/month, to be paid for the year up front. Gary agreed to cover the setup fee. Motion by Gary to proceed replacing ClubMate with ClubRunner, seconded by Sally. M/S/U

Paul announced the District 6000 Fall Training Seminar is coming up. Seminar is held in the evenings at different locations. Registration can be made on line. Registration deadline is September 7.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.