**BOARD POLICY DECISIONS**

**ROTARY CLUB OF KALISPELL**

The purpose of this Policy Section is to facilitate the continuity of Club administration. The policies related herein record the decisions of the Board of Directors on matters either outside the Club By-laws or on matters interpreting those By-laws. These decisions stand as Club Policy until deleted by or replaced by succeeding Board Decisions.

RECORDED POLICY DECISIONS:

1. Be it resolved that a list of the duly passed policies, procedures and resolutions be appended to the Club Handbook each year following the section containing the Club’s By-Laws.
2. IN MEMORY OF:

Upon the death of a member a memorial contribution of one hundred dollars shall be made to the Rotary Foundation or a Rotary project from club funds.

1. PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICERS/DELEGATES ATTENDING ROTARY SESSIONS, ASSEMBLIES AND CONFERENCES - 01-16-2024:
2. PETS (President-elect Training Session)

The Club will pay registration, reasonable transportation cost, and lodging for the president-elect and the president-elect nominee. Reimbursement will be authorized when receipts are submitted. All reimbursable costs shall be subject to a limit or cap to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year.

1. DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Club will pay registration, reasonable transportation cost, and lodging for up to two officers, directors, or members to attend (room cost not applicable if meeting is in Flathead County). Reimbursement will be authorized when receipts are submitted.All reimbursable costs shall be subject to a limit or cap to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year.

1. ASSEMBLY

The Club will pay registration, reasonable transportation cost, and lodging for up to two officers, directors, or members to attend (room cost not applicable if meeting is in Flathead County). Reimbursement will be authorized when receipts are submitted.All reimbursable costs shall be subject to a limit or cap to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year.

1. PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY

Club will pay the registration fee for up to two members attending a Peace Park Assembly for the first time. No meals, lodging, or transportation expense shall be reimbursed. However, if the Club has a member who is an officer in the Peace Park Association, it will pay for that member’s registration fee, lodging, and reasonable transportation costs as described for Delegates under District Conference above. These benefits or reimbursements apply individually only as the Peace Park Association fails to pay registration, lodging, and transportation. If the Peace Park Association pays any amount in these categories, it shall be deemed sufficient, and no further payment or reimbursement will apply. Reimbursement will be authorized when receipts are submitted. All reimbursable costs shall be subject to a limit or cap to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year.

1. R.I. CONVENTION

The Club will pay registration, reasonable transportation cost, and lodging for the Club’s President-elect or for one delegate to be elected by the Board of Directors. Reimbursement will be authorized when receipts are submitted. All reimbursable costs shall be subject to a limit or cap to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year.

1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Club will contribute an amount to be set by the Board in its annual budget for the applicable fiscal year to a club member who is elected District Governor of #5390. It shall be paid in equal installments beginning July 1 and every month thereafter until paid. Said money is to be audited by the Board of Directors every six months using documents of expenditures provided by the District Governor as signed by their Secretary/Treasurer.

Any issue about whether a charge is or is not reimbursable shall be determined by the Board. The Board’s decision on this issue shall be final and not subject to review.

1. FEES AND COSTS - 9/18-2023

Member admission fees, meals, dues, and foundation contribution shall be set annually and include Rotary International and District dues. Rotary International dues include a subscription to The Rotarian Magazine.

# CRITERIA FOR USE OF GENERAL FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS - 11/14

The Contribution Committee is to serve the Board of Directors, by fielding, evaluating and deciding on requests received by the club for financial support as defined by the by-laws.

While some applications are accepted others are rejected when they don’t meet the Contribution Committee’s criteria.

1. All Contributions requests will be referred to the Contributions Committee.
2. Recipients will represent Flathead area interests.
3. Out of area relevant requests will be referred to the Board of Directors with Contribution Committee recommendations.
4. Requests for money over five hundred (500.00) dollars will be referred to the Board of Directors with Contribution Com- mittee recommendations.
5. Tax supported organizations and the United Way organizations will have a lower priority than others that don’t receive this type of support.
6. No religious or political donations.
7. The Contributions Committee may request the Board of Direc- tors review applications that appear to be beyond the scope of the Contributions Committee.

# PROPOSED MEMBER APPLICATION - 9/96:

# An application form was adopted to reflect the Club needs for information on and investigation of proposed members as well as the need for an efficient protocol to expedite the procedure.

# DUES AND MEAL COSTS DURING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA) AND FOR RULE OF 85 (R85) EXEMPT MEMBERS - 4/15/2024:

Members eligible for the Rule of 85 may claim credit for meals/meeting fees by submitting quarterly the R85 form listing the dates they did not attend the weekly meeting.

The Board may grant a leave of absence to a member upon request. Meals/meeting fees will not be charged for the approved leave of absence.

All other Club, District, and Rotary International dues and fees are charged and payable during an LOA or for an R85 exempt member.

# ROTARY MERIT AWARD - 11/14:

A Rotary Merit Award will be approved by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee to increase awareness in our club and our community of worthy acts fulfilling the Four Way Test.

By definition, it is awarded to any individual, without regard to age, male or female, regardless of being a Rotary member, who distinguishes himself or herself by amplifying the Rotary Four- Way Test. It seeks to recognize individuals in our community for exceptional meritorious service or contributions to the welfare of our community, based on their character including the attributes of: trustworthiness, responsibility, citizenship, compassion, integrity, service, and ethics.

1. AUDIBLE BEEPERS AND CELL PHONES AT MEETINGS - 5/97

# For reasons of discourtesy to others, the Board requests that members not bring these audible devices to meetings. If an emergency number is necessary, please use the Hilton Garden Inn number and the Secretary will notify the member immediately.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD DEFINED - 5/97

"An individual (Rotarian or non-Rotarian) whose acts exemplify exceptional, long time, Service Above Self to this community at large, both within his or her vocation and beyond that vocation."

# KALISPELL ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

# The Rotary Club of Kalispell shall henceforth fund a scholarship in the sum of $1000.00, or such higher amount as the Board of Directors shall, from time to time, determine. Such scholarship shall be awarded in the month of May of each successive calendar year, and shall be used toward tuition, room and board or fees at a post-secondary school of the recipient's choice which awards associate's or bachelor's degrees. The name of the scholarship shall be the "Kalispell Rotary Community Service Scholarship" and shall be awarded to graduating seniors from Kalispell area schools or home school. The recipient shall be chosen by a committee appointed annually by the President of the Rotary Club of Kalispell, which committee, in the discretion of the President, may include non-Rotary Members, such as high school teachers or counselors. The committee shall seek applications for the scholarship award from Flathead and Glacier High School se- niors, soliciting such applications through the counseling office of Flathead and Glacier High School to be submitted with sufficient time for the committee to act and award such scholarship. The scholarship shall be awarded to the applicant whom a majority of the committee feels has demonstrated the best dedication to the principle of "service above self" over his/her high school years. While academic achievement and personal character are factors, the primary criteria should be the actions and activities of the applicant in the area of community service to the people and community of Kalispell and its surrounding area, and/or his/ her peers. Economic need should not be a factor.

# ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB PRESIDENT - 6/98

# Nomination and election of the President Elect of the Rotary Club of Kalispell and/or one who accedes to become President of the Club must be a member who will have completed a two year term as a member of the Board of Directors of this Club prior to his or her elected term. This eligibility requirement may also be completed by a Club Secretary / Treasurer who has completed two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors of this Club, or one who has a combination two year term; as Secretary and as an elected Board member.

# ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARD

The Club's Rotary Foundation Committee may recommend, an individual (Rotarian or Non-Rotarian) who has demonstrated exemplary Service Above Self to further international under- standing and good will consistent with the Rotary Foundation Goals for this award. The award will be a Paul Harris Fellow Award for that individual, designating some of the accumulated Club contributions to the Foundation to do that. The award will promote the work of the Rotary Foundation to this Community and at the same time honor a worthy recipient. The nomination of the individual will be presented to the Board for its approval.

# NOTICE

Any requirement of written notice sent out in any provision of the Club's Constitution or Bylaws, or in this Board Policy Decisions, shall be satisfied by sending notice by email, provided that the person receiving the required notice has an email address.