

**MINUTES FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF POINT WEST BOARD MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2023.**

Meeting called to order at 7:42AM by President Roger Gilleland.

Attendees: John Price, Paul Cunha, Sandy Thompson, Desiree Wilson, Gary Pevey, Maria O'Neil, Joanie Mather, Greg Garcia, Lori Curry, Mike Bede, Bob Berger, Dorthie Wright, Randy Burton. Absent: Dominic Porrino and Mike Garcia. Guests: Dan Hall, Bea Maurer and Shonna Shearson.

New Member Interview:

Desiree Wilson introduced Shonna Shearson as a prospective new member. Shonna is currently a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield Twilight. She is President/CEO of the First U.S. Community Credit Union. She is married to John Shearson and has two children: Lucas and Logan. Bea Maurer and Desiree are Shonna's sponsors. Motion by Gary Pevey to approve membership for Shonna. Second by Mike Bede. **Action: approved unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes from July 14, 2023

Sandy Thompson clarified that the first draft of the minutes from the July 14, 2023, Board Meeting were sent in error. The final version with corrections will be sent to Roger. Motion by Paul Cunha to approve the final minutes with corrections upon receipt. Second by John Price.

Action: approved unanimously.

Treasurer Reports: Desiree Wilson

Balance sheet: Accounts receivable of \$6,540 are dues not paid. Some confusion for members as the quarterly meals and annual dues are about the same amount. We could lose 1-2 members that have not paid dues. Will pay for monthly breakfast from deferred revenue for August/September 2023. \$851.04 is held for the Interact Club.

P & L: Deficit of -\$81.36 due to cost of breakfast at Northridge higher than Del Paso. Clarification that Happy Dollars stay with the Club's operating budget and cannot be transferred to GRC. Desiree has sent an invoice to the PWR Foundation for the annual \$7,500 administration fee paid to the Club for fundraisers. Will receive clarification on the breakdown of the cost of the Media Support as the PWR Foundation, Club and Brewfest share this \$12,000 annual expense. \$7,000 in the Brewfest Budget for this cost.

GRC: Mike Garcia

Sandy Thompson gave an update on Mike's behalf:

The first GRC meeting of the new term is scheduled for August 30, 2023.

Three Club members have been assigned to replace Buzz Wiesenfeld, who has been working annually with our three schools on grants.

Greer: Mark Albrecht

Katherine Johnson Middle School: Paul Adams

Encina: Sandy Thompson

Mark, Paul and Sandy have collected the submitted grants, reviewed and prioritized with the principals and will be ready to present to the GRC at the meeting in August.

Request by Desiree Wilson to consider Mia Bojorquez as an Honorary Member of PWR.

Mia is the granddaughter of Tom Knox. She attends the weekly meetings and consistently participates in many of our programs. Although everyone would love to approve Mia as a member of our Club, there were questions regarding the minimum age limit, as Mia is currently under 18 and whether "honorary" member is the appropriate way to go. Motion by Paul Cunha to research options for formally bringing Mia Bojorquez into the PWR Club. Second by John Price.

Action: approved unanimously.

Brewfest 2023: Tom Engwer and Jesse Nix

Bob Berger gave the Board an update:

As of August 8th, there are 38 days until Brewfest!

Everything is on track for this important event.

John Price advised that there will be a "What Is Rotary? tent staffed with PWR members to answer questions and promote our Club. Maria advised that there is a new app for people to sign up to attend and there will be awards for brewers.

In addition, there will be a Beer Relay, sponsored by New Glory Brewery.

Our crew will be at New Glory Brewery on Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 5-9PM to celebrate their Hot Maiti Nights and sell tickets to this year's Brewfest.

The weekly Thirsty Thursdays continue through September 14, 2023.

Dan Hall: Volunteers

Dan advised that the Club is required to keep track of all volunteer hours for insurance purposes. Our premium is \$11.00 per hour based on the hours submitted. Currently, the annual cost is \$2,000 - \$2,500.

Also, there are two American River Parkway workdays coming up on September 9, 2023, and September 23, 2023. It was noted that the Brewfest is on September 16, 2023.

Some concerns about staffing three Saturdays in a row with our Club members. Since only 5 members are needed for the September 9, 2023, event, some believed we could do both. However, after further discussion, it was decided that the Club would do staffing for September 23, 2023, American River Parkway Cleanup only.

Board Reports:

Dominic Porrino: Club Service 1

Dominic not in attendance

Joanie Mather: Club Service 2

Sunglass Social. Joanie advised that Kevin Smedes is willing to co-chair this event if Gary Pevey will be the other co-chair. Need to get a date on the calendar.

Need to ensure that all upcoming events are on the website calendar.

Maria will send out an email advising members that all events need to be sent to Samantha to get on the calendar.

Greg Garcia: Club Service 3

Need someone for Thought of the Day for August 11, 2023.

The Speakers Committee has some great speakers coming up.

Lori Curry: Vocational Service

Beth Schatz has agreed to chair the Tour of Businesses.

Mike Bede: Community Service 1

Eagle Golf will have their Ice Cream Social on August 8, 2023

Will need a presentation to the Club from Eagle Golf regarding our donation to First Tee of Sacramento, designated for the Eagle Golf Program.

American River Parkway Cleanup now scheduled for September 23, 2023.
Dan to make announcements.

Bob Berger: Community Service 2

See Brewfest and GRC updates in previous sections.

Chicken Chuck scheduled for December 20, 2023

Salvation Bell Ringing scheduled for December 15, 2023.

Need to get both dates on the Club Calendar.

Lee Holmes is doing a good job in promoting our Photo contest.

There is a link on our website to view the photos submitted.

Dorthe Wright: International Service

Putting for Polio scheduled for October 20, 2023, at Haggin Oaks.

Dominic Porrino and Lori Curry are co-chairs.

Randy Burton: Youth Services

Don Rodes is chairing the Speech Contest and will select a date.

Maria O'Neil: Public Image

The PWR Foundation now has a sponsorship committee with John Caselli, Rich Price and Dean Wilkie. It was suggested that Paul Cunha attend their meetings to represent the Club Board. This committee will work directly with Maria and Public Image to solicit ongoing sponsorship for our events.

Final words from President Roger:

We all need to get the word out about Rotary. We are a big deal and do great things for our community and the world.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01AM

