

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
September 25, 2017

1. Attendance. Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Neil Dahlmann, Phil Lazarus, Jon Levey, Joe Lolli, Paul Munk, Fred Orkin, Cynthia Plouché, Yesim Sonmez, Diana Sotelo, and Len Tenner.

Board members not attending were: Dale Mugler and Ghida Neukirch.

2. Minutes of August 21, 2017 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Diana Sotelo reported that as of August 31 the Club had \$78,798 in its bank accounts. Also, as of September 20 we had \$2,932 of receivables (member invoices).

4. Changes to Our Bylaws. The committee to update our bylaws is Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Fred Orkin, Len Tenner, and Neil Dahlmann. The starting point for updating our bylaws is Rotary International's new "Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws." Most of the work the committee is doing on the bylaws will be presented later in this Rotary year, and if approved by the membership, will take effect on July 1, 2018.

However, some changes proposed for the number of board members, elections, and terms of office, would begin at the last meeting in October 2017. That's when the nominating committee for the next Rotary year is elected. Attached are the committee's proposals for Article 2 Board, and Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office. (In our current bylaws these are articles I and II.) The significant changes are:

- Reduce the board from 15 (5 officers + 10 directors), **to 10 board members (5 officers + 5 directors).**
- Change the nominating committee from 5 members all being elected at large and excluding the current president-elect; **to 5 members consisting of: the current president-elect as chair; 2 members appointed by the current president; and 2 members elected at large from all active members excluding officers, directors, or honorary members.**
- A nominee for president-elect **has to have been a board member for at least 2 years.**
- Terms of office for Treasurer, Secretary, and Director are changed from 1 year **to 2 years.**

The committee is still considering whether or not to add term limits regarding treasurer, secretary, director, and committee chair. (President, immediate past-president, and president-elect, would continue to be 1 year.

The board added a provision that: "The president votes only in case of a tie." The board then voted unanimously to approve these changes to Articles 2 and 3.

These changes to Articles 2 and 3 will now be submitted to the membership for approval. The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum of 1/3 of active members being present, by a 2/3s vote of all active members present, provided that members have been notified at least 10 days before such meeting. This vote will be held at our regular club meeting on October 16.

5. Committee Reports:

Charities – Jon Levey. The board approved \$1,000 for "Coats for Preschoolers."

Community Projects – Ghida Neukirch. No report.

Fellowship – Mike Babian said the Rosewood Beach event was very successful. Next year we'll start a half hour earlier so people have more time to enjoy the beach before it gets

dark. Mike said the committee is working on: 1) Plans for the holiday party; and 2) Possibly a bus tour of Chicago.

Fundraising – Cynthia Plouché reported that the results from the golf fundraiser are:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income	\$29,780	\$25,750
Expense	<u>-14,438</u>	<u>-12,204</u>
Net Income	<u>\$15,342</u>	<u>\$13,546</u>

For next year's golf event, HPCC may be closed. That leaves two questions: 1) Where will the golf event be held? 2) Where will our weekly meetings take place?

Interact – Cynthia Plouché. No report.

International – Phil Lazarus said planning for next spring's TABU visit is underway.

Literacy – Fred Orkin. No report.

Membership – Joe Lolli. There was a little discussion about possible new members.

Programs – Dale Mugler. No report.

Publicity – Ghida Neukirch. No report.

Scholarships – Paul Munk. No report.

The Rotary Foundation – Len Tenner. No report.

6. Upcoming Events:

Oct. 16 Active members vote on changes to bylaws.

Nov. 13 Meeting will be held at Highland Park Hospital.

Dec. 4 Meeting will be held at HPHS with the Interact Club.

Dec. __ Holiday Party.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Dahlmann, Secretary