

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 23, 2025

This meeting was held at the Holiday Inn North Oxnard

Officers Present	Officers Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ John Zaruka, President ❖ Cynthia Torres, President-Elect ❖ Hugh McManigal, Immediate Past-President ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Josh Carsman, Immediate Past-President

Directors Present	Directors Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cindy Kroeger ❖ Sam Monroe ❖ Jack Pollock ❖ Suki Sir ❖ Kendall VanConas ❖ Diane Moss (<i>ex officio</i> member) ❖ Mark Spellman (<i>ex officio</i> member) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dennis Longwill

Guests Present
Member Juan Soto

- I. This meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President John Zaruka. A quorum for the meeting was declared.
- II. Motion (Suki) / Second (Sam) Passed 10-0: That the minutes of the Board meeting of August 26, 2025, be approved as presented.
- III. The current agenda was approved as presented with no recommendations for new topics under “New Business” or any changes in the order of presentation.
- IV. Club Administration
 - A. Club president’s messages and updates:
 1. John again encouraged Board and club members to attend the October 17-19 District 5240 Conference to be held at the Ventura Crowne Plaza Hotel. It was noted that approximately 11 members of the club plan to attend.
 2. It was noted that the District Governor will visit the club on January 13, 2026, the date of the first Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.
 3. Discussion was held regarding the many projects included among the goals and objectives of our new Rotary club. The Board and general membership need to decide which ones have the most impact on the community, which ones further the “branding of our Rotary club, and which ones the membership will truly support. It was agreed that this topic should be for focus for the October Board meeting. Jack and Kendall were asked to review the various intended projects and activities planned for 2025-26 and facilitate the continued discussion on which ones to continue and which ones, perhaps, to discontinue.
 4. Calendar – certain changes were made in the club’s meeting and activity calendar. Gary and Josh will collaborate to update the club’s calendar.
 5. Board of Directors – Motion (Gary) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That Juan Soto be appointed as a Director for the Rotary Club of West Ventura County to succeed Marta Golding Brown in this position; that the number of Directors for the Rotary Club of West Ventura County be increased to 14 members; that Diane Moss be appointed as a Director for the Rotary Club of West

Ventura County; that Secretary Gary make the appropriate changes in the club's *Bylaws* and *Continuing Resolutions* for 2025-26.

6. Diane Moss agreed to serve as the International Service chairperson. Juan Soto will serve as co-chairperson for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). A special Rotary District 5240 speaker will be arranged for a future presentation on TRF.

B. Membership

1. President-Elect/Membership Chairperson Cynthia reviewed the list of prospective new members. Board members updated their attempts to invite new members to the club. She encouraged members to keep in mind the "motivation," "ability," and "prompts" to use in encouraging others to become club members.
2. Jack overviewed his Membership Tiers Proposal. Discussion was held especially regarding the Tier 3: *Legacy Circle* membership. It was agreed that this topic would be continue on the next Board meeting agenda for further consideration.

C. Treasurer's Report: Marty overviewed his updated Treasurer's Report, noting that this is a working budget subject to change. He again invited Board members' questions at any time regarding the club's operations budget. Motion (Sam) / Second (Cindy) / Passed 12-0: That the proposed 2025-26 operations budget for the Rotary Club of West Ventura County be approved as presented.

D. Foundation Report: Cindy and Sam overviewed the club's Foundation budget. The Foundation Board will continue to look for investment opportunities which will yield a higher rate of interest. It was also noted that the club's Foundation is changing from a "private foundation" to a "public foundation," and a letter of approval from the IRS is anticipated.

E. Poinsettia Sales fundraiser: Mark updated the Board on the potential purchase of 100 poinsettias at ~ \$7.00 each, which will be sold for \$13 each – the profits going to the club's operations budget. The plants are to be delivered on December 2nd to a site to be determined and then picked up and delivered by club members.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Brewing Company in north Oxnard.

Topics for Future Consideration:

- ✓ Focus on 2025-25 projects and activities
- ✓ Recommendations for new members
- ✓ Consideration Tiered memberships

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 9-25-2025

1. David Aviles	18. Brant Gerckens	36. Marty Moss	Honorary Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaimene Nichols, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of Pacifica HS • Sara Tauber, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of St. Bonaventure HS • Marie Frick • Peter Higgins • Ellen Honorico • Larry Matheney • John Mattina • Erik Nasarenko • Melody Thurman • Sandy Warren • Linda Zaruka
2. Peter Barry	19. Kelton (Lee) Gibson	37. Patrick Mullin	
3. Lalaine Braime	20. Valeria Gonzalez	38. Bert Partida	
4. Robert Braitman	21. Juan Guerrero	39. John Pollock	
5. Sondra Briggs	22. Oscar Hernandez	40. Michael Reese	
6. Lawrence Bushey	23. Alan Kosh	41. Jaclynn Sanchez	
7. Josh Carsman	24. Cindy Kroeger	42. Suki Sir	
8. Daniel Cervantes	25. Rob Leatherwood	43. Juan Soto	
9. Rosanna Colin	26. Dennis Longwill	44. Mark Spellman	
10. Rich Cooper	27. Pete Marcus	45. Cynthia Torres	
11. Melanie Cota	28. Kendall Mattina	46. Paul VanAcker	
12. Gary Davis	29. Thomas McClain	47. Kendall VanConas	
13. Robert Davis	30. Tom McCoy	48. Kirsti Vomund	
14. Davina DeCant	31. Hugh McManigal	49. Bonaventure Wakam	
15. Ana DeGenna	32. Matt Meyring	50. Anita Zamora	
16. Tracy Eriks	33. Samuel Monroe	51. John Zaruka	
17. Ralph Garcia	34. Emma Morata	52. Stacy Zaruka	
	35. Diane Moss		

Rotary Club of West Ventura County— Board members

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