

Longview-Greggton Rotary Club

Board Meeting Minutes from 7/24/2019 Meeting

Club President Maines called the meeting to order with the following Board Members attending: Maines, Hill, Robertson, Yowell, Brunner, Koerner, R. Harris, & Sharp. Also attending were club members John Jetter, Michael Liverman, Ray Wright, John Ussery, and Roger Sage, Jr.

Secretary Robertson reported that as of 6/30/2019 the club had 88 Active and 6 Honorary Members and June attendance was 53.28%. He mentioned that he had received a new member proposal and had emailed it to Club Membership Chair, Koerner.

Club Treasurer, Laura Hill then said we still have several members who had not paid their dues. She mentioned that there were over 10,000 points in the club Visa Card account and recommended that we donate those points to the upcoming Community Food Drive. There ensued a discussion on the value of the points and that the points might also be used to provide door prizes for Rusty's Faffle. Laura said she would check into the monetary value of the points. She further told the board that our RI Dues had been paid, that the Clubrunner annual fee had been paid, and that she had not received a bill for District 5830 dues. Jetter said the district dues billing had been emailed to all club presidents around July 1.

Immediate Past Club Secretary, Donna Sharp then distributed the minutes from the June 2019 board meeting for the board members to review and made the motion to approve those minutes. Hill seconded and the minutes were approved without opposition or corrections.

Club Comptroller Jetter then then gave the board an overview of the club's financial position indicating that all club accounts had been reconciled. He indicated that there were still some accounts receivables due from the rodeo and that those would be billed again and should be collectable.

Club Administrative Chair, Randy Harris then told the board that all August programs were set and that he had asked Club Membership Chair Koerner to bring a Rotary Minute to each meeting.

Club Foundation Chair, Dave Yowell reported that from the last Cowboy Football Pot the Yellow Team with 36 points had won the contest and that he would get with the Yellow Team about awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship. He also reported that our club had contributed a total of \$412,099 to the Rotary Foundation since our club was founded.

Club Membership Chair, Koerner then told the board that Charles Rader had proposed

Braden King for membership under the classification of Banking. Robertson made the motion to approve the proposal, Sharp seconded and the motion passed without opposition. Braden's name would be read to the club at the July 26, 2019 meeting. Donna also indicated that she was looking for additional members to serve on the Membership Committee and hoped to get volunteers to step forward.

Club Fund Raising Chair, Colt Edward was not at the meeting but he was received by cellphone thanks to Immediate Club Past President, Scott Brunner so Colt could address the board. Colt proposed forming a committee to investigate changing the distribution of funds raised by the club to annually rather than semi-annually. The approach could include combining funds from both of our current fund raisers into one pot, then taking grant applications for those available funds. This would be a philosophical change from how we have done grant applications and identified recipients in the past. After a discussing the matter at length, Laura made the motion to allow Colt to pursue his recommendation, Koerner seconded and the motion was approved without opposition.

Donna Sharp then mentioned that she had heard a musical group from Shreveport at a recent Business After Hours meeting and thought they would be good entertainment for our Christmas part. She will check into that possibility.

Under Old Business, President Maines mentioned that several members had inquired about getting the menu for our club meetings prior to the meeting and that Hilton Garden Inn would do that for us. She also said that she was looking about the possibility of expanding the board to include positions with emphasis on Youth Services and Social Media. The idea seemed to get a favorable acceptance from the board and she said she would work on getting members to step into those jobs.

Maines then told the board that District Governor Finstrom had to cancel his August 2nd meeting with our board/club and did not know when he might reschedule.

Treasurer Hill then mentioned that there would be a special edition of Uniquely Longview magazine for the 150th Celebration of Longview's founding and thought the club might take out an ad like the Longview Rotary Club did. The magazine would be buried in a time capsule to be opened years down the road. A page ad would cost somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,300. After a lengthy discussion it was the prevailing thought of the board that the expenditure could be better used in our grant process than a magazine ad.

Club Member Sage then told the board that he needed help on selling sponsorship for our upcoming December fund raising concert at The Belcher Center and that the board needed to be thinking about future chairs to head up the annual event. He also suggested that the club might use the occasion for our Christmas party in advance of the concert earlier that

day/evening.

Past Rodeo Chair, Ray Wright then told the board that Homestead, who had been hosting our rodeo website, had abruptly closed our account with no reason given. He said Town Square was helping the media currently to keep the website up and running and that perhaps we could use Go Daddy as well.

President Maines then told the board members to be ready for the District Governor's so they could report on their area of responsibility.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Robertson, Club Secretary