



**Minutes
Rotary Board Meeting
August 5, 2009, Noon
B&E Marine**

Members Present

Dennis Boy	Bernie Scott
Pat Boy	Jim Scott
Mike Hackett	Bruce Smith
Pat Harris	Sandy Smith
Bryan Potratz	Suzy Vance
Carolyn Saxton	Julie Wozniak

Members Absent

Rod Bensz
Idene Goldman
Tom Keene
K.P. Nfr
Jim Welborne

Call to Order

President Bernie Scott called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present. In the absence of the secretary, the minutes of the last meeting were held for approval at the next meeting, by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Harris gave the Treasurer's report.

- 25 members paid dues in July.
- The miscellaneous income of \$265 included 10 wine stoppers purchased by Terry Sammann.
- Pat H. gave Bernie S. a letter she received concerning Rotary license plates and the \$15 rebate the club gets for each plate purchased.
- Administrative costs included year-end awards and club supplies.
- The line reading Lubeznik room charge includes a meeting at the NIEF building (\$80) and should probably just be listed as room charge in the future.

Carolyn Saxton made a motion to approved, seconded by Jim Scott. Motion was carried unanimously.

Club Chair Reports

Membership

- Dennis Boy announced that we currently have 64 active and non-exempt members.
- Carolyn S. suggested we need board approval for Jim White's leave of absence, but it was pointed out that he has not paid dues for this or the previous billing, so is not a member. He must either pay the \$138.50 for last 6 months and this 6 months, or reapply. Suzy Vance will talk to him and explain the situation.
- Andy Sperling needs to be deleted from the membership list, he is resigning from the club.

Bruce Smith moved, Pat Harris seconded motion to approve membership report. Motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report

Bernie S. requested that we consider a consent agenda for future meetings - membership report, treasurer's report, all committee reports to be submitted electronically to all board members in advance of the meeting. This would allow questions to be asked and answered, and resolved before the meeting so that we might move on to things that will help improve the club.

Pat H. moved to remove the Treasurer's report from the preapproval process and follow a consent agenda, seconded by Suzy V. The motion passed unanimously.

Bernie S. also talked about Polio Plus and Paul Harris Fellows. Both Jim Jeselnick and Jim Welborne are polio survivors. Bernie would like to have one of them give a talk on Polio Plus. He proposed using club designated funds to help club members working towards PHF.

Suggested ideas included:

- Instead of sending directly to RI, use the funds to designate members. The funds still go to polio plus. One big issue is how we decide who gets the extra help. First-come, first-served seemed like the most logical choice.
- It was pointed out that the club gets points when we send in club payments. Those points can then be awarded to the members chosen. Bruce S. is now in charge of PHF and EREY funds. The first 10 members who make their EREY donations.
- Points from members who have already become PHF's can be transferred to club points and then given out.
- Mike Hackett pointed out that this can only be sustained if every year the club contributes the \$2000. Would we continue to do this if the district discontinues the \$2000 requirement?
- The club could give points from our surplus. Bruce S. suggested we find out how many points we have to distribute and discuss it at our next board meeting.
- Give matching points rather than matching dollars. We can petition RI for points from deceased members.

Julie made a motion, seconded by Pat H. that, as treasurer, Pat H. submit a \$2000 check for club points, then we should offer the opportunity to members for up to a \$500 match if they make a contribution to either EREY or Polio Plus, but only for first-time, would-be Paul Harris Fellows. The contribution does not have to be high enough to make that person a PHF. Jim S. clarified that the EREY contribution can be designated as Polio Plus.

Carolyn S. suggested an amendment to the motion, to set a minimum amount of \$100.

Julie W. and Pat H. both seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

Bernie S. then asked for a vote on the amended motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Suzy V. suggested we do whatever it takes to update our website, to help get current information for any members.
- Jim S. suggested we check out Club Runner.
- We currently pay \$150 a month to Jim Welborne for hosting. Jim W. added the new officers on his own. Bernie needs to send new club info to Jim. Club chairs should probably update their info for Jim as well.
- Each member should look at clubrunner.ca before the next meeting and we can discuss what our needs are as well as what Club Runner can do for us.
- Our home page is outdated. Maybe just need to update home, splash page. Ask membership for suggestions as well.

Other New Business

Julie W. inquired about who is invited for the Children's Forum at Smooth Jazz. Bernie S. replied that kids from middle and high schools in LaPorte County. Julie was referring to the adult participants, and suggested Beth Andert from Elston Middle School as a source of referrals for kids who have a real interest in music. Bernie made it clear that we need to keep the event completely separate from the school programs because there is alcohol at the concert and the forum is a part of the event. Julie will contact Beth about inviting interested kids as individuals.

New Business

- Carolyn S. mentioned the Empty Bowl Project for feeding the hungry, making bowls filled with food that people will buy. She would like to discuss this subject at next month's board meeting.

- Pat H. reminded us about the Back to School Rally on 8/15 to contribute school supplies.
- Bernie S. wants a presentation on Congressional Awards at our next meeting.
- Members agreed that we will start the Paul Harris program tomorrow with updates for the membership.

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Next meeting, with consent agenda, will be Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at B&E Marine.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Boy (stand-in)