

**Rotary Club of East Hartford  
Board Meeting Minutes, January 22, 2018  
Site: East Hartford YMCA**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Dave Amberg at 5:28 pm

**Attendance**

Present: President Dave Amberg; Past-President Bill Saunders; Secretary Wes Willett; President-Elect Kevin Kickery; Treasurer Mary Martin; Director Emeritus Robert Wood; Jack Sayre; Ned Lynch; Anwar Hossain, Bob Buettner, Lionel Lessard  
Absent: Neal Cunningham

**Secretary's Report –Wes Willett**

- Minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting approved.
- Membership Status Report : As of January 22, 2018 Total of 52 members. 47 Active and 5 Honorary.
- Attendance: Month of December Attendance was 74.4%

**Treasurer's Report – Mary Martin**

- Current assets as of December 29, 2017: Operating: \$9,624; Charitable: \$28,184; Golf: \$736; Spring Raffle: \$4,312
- Transferred \$22,000 from Golf to Charitable
- Transferred \$1,208 from Charitable to Scholarship Trust Fund
- Awarded \$7,500 to EHPS School Leadership
- All outstanding bills are paid
- 11 members still have dues outstanding
- Treasurer's report stands as approved.

**Unfinished Business**

- Meeting Change : Jack Sayre reported that our current caterer was not very receptive to doing 2 dinners a month. We will need to explore other options. Goodwin College is an option for the location of the dinner meetings. Kevin Kickery will have someone talk to McNeely's catering about doing 2/3 lunches and 2 dinners per month.
- Raffle : Jack Sayre looked into selling the ducks but did not get far. The board voted to sell the ducks if a buyer can be identified

**New Business**

- Mystery Ride : Bob Buettner reported that Hope Firestone is looking at the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May to schedule the Mystery Ride. Cost will be around \$75 per person

- Potential Bike Ride Fund Raiser : Bob Buettner reported that he had been having some discussions with people from the Glastonbury and Manchester clubs about organizing a 3 club fundraiser centered around a bike ride. He asked for the Board's approval to continue the talks, which was granted.
- Other Fundraising Ideas : Lionel Lessard reported to the board on ideas that the Ways and Means committee had come up with. One was to sell a 1 time yearly sponsorship of the club to local businesses. This would cover them for the Golf Tournament as well as any other activities that the club promotes. Another was to have a wine, beer & scotch tasting night with silent raffles. Perhaps at Crystal Ridge. The board approved continuing to explore this. It was also proposed that we cancel the spring (duck) raffle due to member's unwillingness to sell tickets. The board did not have a formal vote on this proposal but subsequently agreed to continue the spring raffle at least until we could find other sources of revenue to replace it with.
- Guatamala Water Project : The club had budgeted \$1,000 for this. Approval was given to disburse the funds.
- Club Assembly : February 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a club assembly where President Dave will let the club know where we are with the lunch/dinner meetings. Ideas for other topics were solicited.
- Donation of Stock: Ned Lynch proposed a drive to encourage member to donate shares of stock that had appreciated. Kevin Kickery will look into the mechanics of how this could be done.
- District Governor : The District Governor will be visiting the East Hartford club meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Members of the board should plan to arrive ½ hour early.

#### **Set Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held February 26, 2017 at the East Hartford YMCA.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Weston Willett*

Feb 25, 2018