**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**September 24th, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**via Zoom**

* **Attendees:** **-** Ed Boeve, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Craig Leiser, Wendy Heck, Janis Donnelly, Mel Sullivan, Don Schuld, Kris Bowditch, Ted Nesse, Lonny Stormo, Rich Cummings, Brent Voight, Dave Waldschmidt, Jon Stillman
* **Previous Board Minutes - Margie Horning** 
  1. **Minutes Report –** Minutes from the August 27, 2020 meeting approved with no changes.
* **Finance Report - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Balance Sheet –** Report dated September 22, 2020, presented and discussed.
  2. **Income Statement** – Report dated September 22, 2020, presented and discussed.
  3. Item to note is that checks were written for grants and scholarships during the month. These represent almost all of the total funds budgeted for the year.
* **Meeting Structure/Flow (How does Zoom feel these days?)** 
  1. Most Board members felt that we were doing a good job of handling the Zoom weekly meetings. The agendas that Ed puts together really help to keep the meeting on track.
  2. The Hybrid meeting format was determined to be too complex for our club at the moment.
  3. Resuming meetings in person was discussed. Board members felt that it was prudent and responsible to not meet in person due to the increase in COVID cases in MN.
  4. Board members are encouraged to touch base with club members who have not been attending our weekly Zoom meetings.
  5. There was a request to get back to having the “Quote” of the day at each meeting.
  6. Adding survey questions and polls was another way that the members attending could voice their opinion.
  7. Board Members were encouraged to not dominate the meeting conversations but find ways to engage the quieter members of the club in discussions.
* **Long-Term Fund ‘Match’ Opportunity** 
  1. The Board discussed the pros and cons of creating a SSR endowment or Legacy fund at the St. Croix Valley Foundation. It could be viewed as a way to positively impact future generations.
  2. Income generated from the fund could be used to finance our club projects.
  3. An anonymous donor has agreed to match club contributions dollar for dollar up to $10,000. We believe the offer will be available until June 30, 2021.
  4. This item will be discussed further at future meetings
* B**irch Deer Project Update / Needs** 
  1. **Construction Phase –** Rich Cummings is heading up the project and he felt that the construction issues were under control. The work space will allow for social distancing and a safe environment for the workers.
  2. **Marketing / Sales Phase** – More help and guidance are needed in the marketing arena – things like high quality photos of our deer families, pricing, order form, sales tax issues, web page, securing a captive audience, delivery options, including “deer” kits as a purchase option etc. Many members of the club will be called upon to provide their expertise to make this fund raiser a truly fun and lucrative event.
  3. **Budget –** A budget will be put together and a line item will be added to our income statement
* **Other Concerns** 
  1. **Club Visioning Prep (Jason H.)** – scheduled for October 8, 2020 from 5:00 – 7:30
  2. **Strive Update (Brent V.)** STRIVE as we know it will not happen this semester. There was discussion related to awarding the 2021 scholarships to 12th grade students who participated in STRIVE last year. Brent will contact the Stillwater and Lake Elmo clubs regarding their input on how to handle the scholarships.
  3. **Membership** no report
  4. **Other School Connections Update** Dave Waldschmidt reported that all the literacy/media center projects the club is involved in are on hold at the moment.
  5. **Climate Action** Don reported that the current initiative is to have club members adopt storm drains. A report will be revealed soon as to club involvement and impact to the environment. A new climate/environment related project will be brought forward in the next few weeks.
  6. **Foundation –** Dayle Quigley (District Governor Elect for 2022-23) will be attending one of our meetings to help the club celebrate our commitment to The Rotary Foundation. Lonny will verify that the information related to the Foundation and our club are accurate.
  7. **Youth Exchange** – Kris Bowditch reported that there will be no youth exchange this school year. But is checking to see if the NorthStar Youth Exchange is holding interviews and applications for the 2021-22 school year.
  8. **Public Image** – no report
  9. **Literacy –** See school connections update above
  10. **End Human Trafficking** – no report
  11. **World Polio Day –** Jon Stillman reminded us that eradicating polio is still Rotary’s number **ONE** priority. We will somehow celebrate that as we participate in Rake a Difference Day. Mike McGovern, a Rotarian who is an expert on all things polio, will be the giving us the annual polio update program on October 27, 2020.
* **Old Business** - none
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **Virtual Happy Hour Thursday at 5:00 PM (Wendy H.)**
  2. **Roadside Cleanup on October 3rd at 8:30 am (Mark L.)**
  3. **Club Visioning Session on October 8th at 5:00 PM (Jason H.)**
  4. **Social Gathering on October 13th at Mary P. fire pit (6:30 PM)**
  5. **Board Meeting on October 22nd at 7:00 am**
  6. **Rake a Difference AND World Polio Day on October 24th (Ed & Jon S.)**

**Board Meeting Schedule - Thursday, October 22nd, November 19th, December 17th, all meetings begin at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom, adjourn by 8:00 am. 2021 schedule will be posted by November.**

Submitted by Margie Horning, Secretary 2020-21