

Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 28 2023 at 1:30 PM

Board members in attendance:

Dick Hall – President Elect and Treasurer, Patty Byers – President-Elect, John Thompson – Vice President, Bruce Jones – Immediate Past President, Tom Nickerson – Secretary, Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms, Ben Millick – Director, Quinn Slayton – Director, Zachary Newell – Director

Absent: Maggie McGauley – Director, Zachary Newell – Director, David Ertz – Director

Guests: None

Business:

With a quorum established, President Dick Hall called the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine to order on July 28, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the June 23, 2023 board meeting were approved. The board approved posting the minutes on the website within one week. (Bruce Jones moved; Patty Byers seconded. Vote unanimous)

Treasurer's Report: *Hall*

Dick Hall (Club Treasurer) reviewed the highlights of the Club's finances, specifically discussed:

- Nine members have unpaid dues; five members have communicated a payment plan; four members are at risk. Board members volunteered to follow up.
- Current membership: 100 - 93 active, 2 active under 40, 5 active satellite.
- Operating Budget is based on 95 active, 3 active under 40, and 8 active satellite. Potential budget shortfall is \$1,060.
- Charitable budget is still strong.
- Discussion on budget revisions:
 - Added \$500 to Satellite chair discretionary account to income and expense for Operating expenses;
 - Moved \$915 of Quickbooks cost from Operating to Charity to reflect usage.
 - Board approved the budget revisions. (Jake Bourdeau moved; Patty Byers seconded. Vote unanimous)
 - Board approved a motion to post the annual operating budget in members area of the website. (Bruce Jones motion, Patty Byers seconded. Vote unanimous)
- Year End reports have been sent to Bowen Depke and Scott Blakesless for review prior to filing tax returns.

Andrews Sq update; signage/dedication ceremony: *Jones*

Bruce Jones reported that he is continuing to follow up with the City of Portland. Timing still TBD but the order has been placed. We are waiting on confirmation of delivery.

Funding for Bayside Trees: Hall

Dick Hall reported that the grant from TD Bank has been reduced to \$12,000 and that the Bank is looking for an October planting date. The new arborist has not yet started with the City, so no firm date is set.

Club Protection Policy: Hall

Dick Hall reported that each club must vote annually on accepting 2023-2024 District Protection Policy or develop one of their own. The board discussed the policy and agreed to accept the District Policy. (Tom Nickerson motion; John Thompson seconded. Vote unanimous)

New Member Approvals: Hall

Dick Hall recommended approval of Trevor Putnoky (sponsored by David Putnam) and Corey Masson (sponsored by Niki Curtis). Notices of memberships were posted in the Windjammer for two publications.

The board approved both applications for membership. (Dick Hall motion, John Thompson seconded. Vote unanimous)

Welcome to the club Trevor and Corey!

Honorary Member Discussion and Approval: Hall

Dick Hall reported that the Rotary International recommends approving Honorary Members annually and usually for a period of three years. The Board discussed increasing engagement with our Honorary Members and will reach out to the Good Cheer committee for ways to do that.

Art Howe recommended Pat Knudsen as an Honorary Member.

The board voted to approve all current Honorary Members annually and to add Pat Knudsen. (John Thompson motion, Bruce Jones seconded. Vote unanimous)

Other Business:

Venue discussion – Dick Hall reported that Jan Chapman is working with the IHC on menu variety; Dick Hall followed up with the potential to meet at USM, but the expense was too great to consider at this time.

Socials discussion – the board endorsed continuing to hold socials each month.

Interact Club potential – John Thompson reported that two of the RYLA Camp attendees have reached out about starting an Interact Club at Deering HS.

Visioning – Patty Byers will explore with the District about holding a Visioning Event for the club.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Dick Hall at 2:35 PM. The next board meeting will be on Meeting on August 25, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the IHC.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Dick Hall, President