Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

## Board of Directors In Person/Zoom Meeting Minutes

# June 24, 2022

## Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce Jones, President Elect, Dick Hall, 1st VP, Roger Fagan, John Thompson, Ellen Niewoehner, Immediate Past President

## Absent:

Dave Putnam, Sgt-At-Arms, Directors Bob Clark**,** Ben Millick, Michelle DiSotto

**Guests:** Patty Byers, 2nd Vice President

## Business

The meeting was called to order on June 24, 2022 at 1:38 pm by Past President Ellen Niewoehner.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2022, board meeting were approved as is.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. Treasure’s report previously sent to Board
   2. Balance sheet fixed
   3. Operating account end of year totals just about on budget
   4. Charitable EOY also looking good
   5. Board thanked Dick for all his work updating and reconciling books
2. **BUDGET for 2022-2023 Rotary Year**
   1. Bruce submitted draft budget to Board for review
   2. Not in balance at this point in time, however shows $15k balance remaining at June 30 2023
   3. Caveat – no carryovers from previous budget, except:
      1. Restricted funds are an exception as well as money donated from donors outside of club
   4. International committee donor George Crocket donation to be used for funding grants in DR for water and other
   5. Bruce mentioned initiative End 68 Hours of Hunger as Club community service initiative, which will require funds ($40K placeholder in budget)
   6. Veterans Lunch also included in 22-23 budget
   7. It was moved and seconded to accept the draft budget. Motion unanimously passed by Board members present.
3. **Dues Discussion**
4. Unpaid dues list quite long
5. Portland Rotary must give account of dues to RI by July 1
6. Board decided to pursue an “exception strategy” by contacting members that we don’t often see regularly at club meetings about late dues and trusting that regularly attending members will pay
7. Bruce and Ellen have taken 13 members to contact
8. **Satellite Club Education Group**
   1. 10 members, 7 in Guatemala, 2 in CA, 1 in ME
   2. Paperwork completed to make them official Satellite Club with RI
   3. They received a $490 District grant and $1000 donation from Portland Rotary, plus another $3000 in outside donations
   4. Portland Rotary issued dues invoices and only 1 member paid
   5. Satellite Club has requested another district grant in 22-23 for Guatemala library work, was favorably received, could be $4000
   6. Satellite Club also requested waiver of annual dues for 21-22
   7. Meagan P and Sarah R committed to get the club to pay dues
   8. Board discussed the current situation with the Satellite Club. Directors felt that the club really has no skin in the game (not paying dues), and is really not playing by RI rules. Portland Rotary has waived dues and reduced dues and requested updates from them on their meetings.
   9. A proposal action emerged: we continue to support them with the District grant and commit $500 to them but end their status as satellite club.
   10. A motion was made and seconded to: Remove Satellite Club from the Portland Rotary Club roster before end of 21-22 year AND continue to support their application for the district grant in Guatemala. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Portland Sunrise Club – A new Satellite Club of Portland Rotary**
   1. We received inquiry by Portland Sunrise to become a Satellite Club of Portland Rotary
   2. A Motion as made and seconded to: Accept Sunrise as a Satellite club before 22-23 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.
   3. A motion was made and seconded that special dues rate for satellite clubs be eliminated. The motion passed unanimously.
   4. Therefore, Sunrise Sat Club Dues structure: Dues will be $200 same as Portland Rotary
   5. Sunrise bank account balance is $22K, they will bring budget to Board on how/where to use funds. Sunrise finances will be administered by Portland Rotary Club
   6. Sunrise Programs: They include Ronald McDonald project, Learning Works, Ocean Clean Up. Portland Rotarians can participate in their projects
   7. Mtgs will be independent of ours on their own schedule
   8. Name change will add “Satellite Club of Portland Rotary”
   9. Sunrise is currently recipient of a global grant for polio, they are not major grant holder. Grant ending in August and will need to submit a final report.
10. **Rotary Grove**
    1. Now planting trees on Bayside trail
    2. No account exists for this purpose historically
    3. Budgeted $250 for 22-23 year and thereafter
    4. A motion was made and seconded to contribute $1000 to City of Portland tree planting efforts this year. The motion passed unanimously.
    5. Portland Rotary Foundation Committee will recognize Jeff Tarling as Paul Harris fellow and inform Board
11. **Zoom Use during Club Meeting**
    1. Question asked: Do we continue?
    2. Hybrid mtgs is quite a production and some meetings no Zoomers
    3. Board agrees to continue as it provides inclusion for all members
12. **Flags for Heroes**
    1. 30% of raise will go to Ukraine relief
    2. 70% balance will go to Club supported charitable initiatives in 22-23 budget
13. **Other Business**
14. Hadlock Field meeting day coming up on July 15th. Get the word out for family and friends to attend.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 by Past President Ellen Niewoehner who mentioned it will be her last Board Meeting. The Board thanked her graciously for her service.

The next Board meeting will be on July 22, 2022 at 1:30 at the Italian Heritage Center, immediately following our weekly meeting.

Minutes submitted by: John Thompson

Approved by: Bruce Jones; President-Elect

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