

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

## November 13, 2024

**Present:** President Phil Spiller, PE Kim Carignan, VP Jessica Pate, Secretary Christine Johnson, Youth Services Chair Kathi Perkins, Vocational Service Chair Judith Reidman, and Eli Small.

Meeting called to order about 9:10 AM by Phil

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the October 9 meeting. Moved by Judith , Seconded by Kim. Approved Unanimously.

**New Members:** Deb McPhail and Kathy Vraux. Deb was a long-time Rotarian with the Sebago Lake Club. Kathy was a member of that club since 2015. They were both asked to leave this club in August 2024. There was extensive discussion about what can be shared about the situation in their previous club and why they were asked to leave. Phil will follow up with their club this week. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept their applications with a 5-1 vote (Jessica had to leave before the vote). As part of this discussion, it was recommended that the application form be modified to reflect "current/former club" rather than just "current club" to encourage both current and former Rotarians to provide their previous club's name and their member number, if they know it. This is helpful to the Secretary when adding/transferring members. The Secretary has that task.

### Club Items

**Upcoming Speakers & Programs:** Holiday luncheon now firm for December 17. We have filled our calendar into January, pending confirmation of WHS Interact for Dec 3. GHS has already confirmed that they will attend on that date. We have two folks to slot in for classification talks.

**Dues status:** No update as Karen could not attend the meeting.

**Trailer:** Trailer re-organization took place on Tuesday November 12 with Tom, Phil, Eli, Steve, and Dan. It only took about 15 minutes. A broken window was found and measured. We will probably cover that with plywood as a temporary measure.

**Master Calendar:** We are on target with progress on items from the calendar. Phil will continue to include a link to the document on meeting agendas.

### Projects/Fundraisers

**Golf:** One sponsorship still needs to be collected from Mainely Plumbing \$200. Christine reported that she finally heard back from Nick Plummer at Val Halla this week. We are on the calendar for September 22, 2025 for our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.

**Youth Services:** Interact will be our December 3rd lunch meeting program. RYLA Coordinators are meeting this weekend to plan for next year - Kathy will try to attend, if she has recovered. WMS Plaque is still being worked; a name mix-up is being addressed. GMS has been delivered. Kathi has asked the Interact Clubs for assistance with bows. Haven't heard back yet.

**House:** Walls were to go up last week or this week. Judith hasn't had a chance to drive by. Kim will check on it. The piece of equipment purchased in Hal's name is in use. The plaque has been obtained. It still needs to be placed on the equipment. Follow-Up note from Judith later in the day: Foundation is in. Stepped it down to make a daylight basement. Walls are up and trusses are coming 11/20. Renting a

crane to set them in on December 10th. Kids will be there all day. House committee should set up a meeting for 11/19 or 11/26.

**Foundation:** Steve was not able to attend the meeting to report. The Purple Pinkie Project amount raised by WHS was approx. \$155. It was moved, seconded, and approved to match this amount and to send this donation to the Rotary Foundation in their name.

**Wreaths:** With pre-orders, it looks like we have fewer than 3 dozen remaining. Need to firm up Emerald Management's order to be sure.

**Pizza Challenge 2025:** Correct date is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen could not attend. Karen will provide a report to the board this month.

**Gorham Action Team for Youth (GATY):** Tom Violette has agreed to represent Rotary at these meetings while the grant is being developed. Phil read the email from Assistant Superintendent Quinton Donahue and will forward it to the board. Kathi asks that she be copied on all correspondence on this subject. Kathi moved that we work with GATY on their upcoming grant writing process. Seconded by Eli. Approved.

**Pop Up Tent/Canopy:** Tabled to next month. More research required. We want to balance cost with quality to be sure we secure a durable product.

**Playground Map Project:** Kim is working on a project to paint a map at Canal School in Westbrook next summer. She has been doing research and she has been in contact with Dick Hall who holds the District's map template. We will need about 8 adults and possible support from Interact students if they are available next summer. It takes about 4 days to complete the project, including cleaning the space, painting and drying. Eli has a pressure washer that we can use. Phil suggested that we invite someone familiar with how it is done to come in and speak in February or March. Kathi suggested that we try to get a Canal school teacher to join us in person or via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at about 10:56AM

Next Board Meeting on December 11, 2024 at 9AM via Zoom