

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024

**Present:** President Crystal Brown, Immediate Past President & Secretary Christine Johnson, Youth Services Chair Kathi Perkins, Vocational Service Chair Judith Reidman, Protection Officer Dave Rolfe, PE Phil Spiller, VP Kim Carignan. **Absent:** Treasurer Karen Arnold, Foundation Chair Steve Rand

Meeting called to order about 10:06 AM by Crystal

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the May 8 meeting Moved/Approved

**New Members:** Application from Chris LaRoche Westbrook Development Corporation, Corporate Membership was approved. We also approved conversion of Katrina Desjardin's membership to a corporate membership for SBSI. She has been sent the updated membership form to complete for any of her staff members that she would like to include.

**2023-2024 District Grant:** Dedication ceremony completed and successful. Final grant report filed and accepted. Still some pieces that Christine is working through on branding, but all items are paid.

**2024-2025 District Grant Proposal:** Kathi has submitted the application for a pollinator garden at Robie Park in Gorham. Original request was for \$3446, of which \$500 is proposed from our club. Post submission, the barrel company agreed to a much lower price, so we revised it down to \$2186 with \$500 still from club.

**Global Grant:** Kathi provided an update. Our club has done all we can and is removed from further reporting requirements. Rotary money has been spent, although the project is not quite complete as local items are addressed.

**Hal Thomas Memorial:** Tool was presented during WRVC awards. Plaque will be produced by Crown Awards on Industrial Way in Portland. Judith and Karen to visit in person to arrange.

**Golf:** \$500 remains outstanding from 2023. Christine has forwarded outstanding invoices to the club contacts and has emailed each sponsor directly, as well. 2024 website is up. Dave's World is back as Goodie Bag Sponsor, Bill Dodge back as Putting Contest. We know of 24 golfers to date (goal 100), with at least 3 gold sponsors and two platinum sponsors secured. Crystal and Phil will work on the approach to IDEXX in the hope of bringing them on as an Underwriting sponsor again. Rock Row is unable to sponsor this year, so we have a big sponsor gap to fill with Scorecard sponsor.

## **Youth Services:**

- RYLA – We now have 6 students from GHS and 4 from Westbrook previously agreed to pay for a staff member. That is a total of 11 (budget 10). Approved to spend an additional \$400 for 2024 RYLA.
- Summer Exchange (short term) – GHS Student Lola went to Sao Paulo on June 8. Both girls come to Maine on July 1. Brazilian student returns July 28. This is a family-to-family exchange. We have invited them to a meeting in July and hope to slot them into July 16 for our program.
- Scholarships 2024 – GHS \$1500 Interact. One most improved \$500. Owens presented GHS. WHS no Interact, but Most Improved \$500 presented by Phil.
- Westbrook & Gorham Middle School Awards– Kathi will present WMS. Christine presented GMS. Plaque needed for GMS. New plaque needed for WMS. Kathi will order. Donations of \$50 each to 4 non-profits were given in their honor.

**House:** Some wall pre-construction has been complete inside at WRVC. Some modification to those pieces has been required. Fence is up around the property. Judith is working with Jerry Bryant looking for the next piece of land, but it has been a difficult search.

**Scholarships & Toolships:** 9 scholarships and one toolships presented by Phil and Judith at the WRVC Awards ceremony.

**Donation Votes** – Westbrook Strong 5K donation, approved \$500. Donation in honor of Woody Beach \$500 to University of Maine Foundation Beach Family Scholarship , approved. \$350 to FBC Westbrook for water filters in Guatemala, approved.

**Budget** – Prior to the meeting, Karen sent out an email with spending to date in a spreadsheet with proposed budgets for 2024-25 for both club and charities.

Meeting Adjourned at about 11:35AM

Next Board Meeting Wednesday July 10, 2024 at 10AM via Zoom