

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2024

Present: President Phil Spiller, Secretary Christine Johnson, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Youth Services Chair Kathi Perkins, Vocational Service Chair Judith Reidman, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, and VP Jessica Pate

Absent: Immediate Past President Crystal Brown, PE Kim Carignan

Meeting called to order about 9:12 AM by Phil

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July 17 meeting Moved/Approved

Club Items

Dues status – Five members have not paid dues yet. Dues invoices have been reissued to those folks. Several folks opted to pay for the year.

Year-End Financial Report - Karen shared an updated of the 2023-2024 financials. RYLA needs to be corrected to reflect \$4400, the RI Foundation Match will be added. Moved and approved to accept the final report with these updates.

Summer lunches - We have four dates remaining during which we must provide our own lunch. Sept 10 & 17, Oct 1 & 8. September 17 will be at Brookside. We'll discuss a plan for next summer in Spring 2025.

Google Drive – Consensus is to move forward with this drive to house club and board documents. We will work on reorganizing, as needed, to make it easier for everyone to use.

Open board position – Phil has proposed Eli Small to join our board. At this point, he is technically not “in good standing” because the dues for this half of the year remains outstanding. Discussion was held to vote on his approval subject to him paying his dues on or before September 1, 2024. It was moved and approved to add Eli to the board with this caveat.

New Members: Tom Violette has submitted his application. It was moved and approved to accept his application pending the usual publication process.

Projects/Fundraisers

Lobster Bake: Was a big success with about 40 attendees, including folks from the Sebago Lake club and some district folks. Phil mentioned that it will likely move back to Westbrook for next year unless someone else volunteers to host the event.

Golf: We are making good progress at nearly \$20K Gross revenue. 21 teams have signed up on our way to our 27-team goal. We need to push for more hole sponsors and teams, and will try to find a co-sponsor for lunch and an in-kind breakfast sponsor. Kathi suggested a separate email to club members regarding donations and hole sponsorships. Christine has contacted past Platinum Sponsors. Steve will contact two past Gold sponsors.

Youth Services: Akemi, our exchange student from Brazil, got home safely. Kathi will be meeting with Emily Gray, the new WHS Interact advisor when she returns to school. Kathi will also meet with Neile Nelson and her planned replacement. We hope that the 2024 RYLA participants will join us on October 1, but that is still to be confirmed. Middle school plaques are ready. Kathi will pick those up on Monday and will deliver to the two schools. Phil and/or Christine may join her as schedules permit.

Foundation: Info was added to the weekly club email in recent weeks. The plan is to add some reference to foundation giving at least once or twice a month. Steve's goal is to gain at least two additional Rotary Direct donors this year.

Trailer: Discussed new locking options, but there is more to discuss. Further discussion tabled until next board meeting.

House: Nothing new to report. Steve to follow up with the neighbor regarding the large trees on the property to close that loop. He left before he could report so Judith will follow up with Steve tomorrow.

Student Awards Process: Kathi posted a draft document on the Google Drive prior to the meeting. Moved and approved to accept the document. Christine will remove reference to draft and move into the Club Documents folder.

Wreaths: Christine will contact Karaboo Ribbons, our bow company, about product availability and pricing. She will also reach out to Maine Properties to be sure our relationship is still good.

Master Calendar: Mentioned quickly at the end of the meeting. Christine asked folks to review the calendar, with special focus on July and August to be sure we don't have outstanding action items. Ongoing updates welcome so we slot items into the correct/better month. Additions/deletions to reflect current practices, projects, and interests.

Meeting Adjourned at about 10:30AM

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