

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

## Board Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021

*Present:* President Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Fandell, Treasurer Aaron Paiton, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Foundation Chair Steve Rand

*Absent:* PE Andy Turcotte    *Quorum present?* Yes    *Others Present:* Crystal Brown, Holly Sargent

### Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:06 AM by Kathi Perkins
- *Secretary's Report:* March 9, 2021 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Dues - \$75 partial dues was only approved for 2020 first half dues. Dues bills were sent out prior to re-approval at this rate for second half. Board voted to continue this rate for this billing period. Timing of Bills: Kathi suggested that we work towards sending out dues bills prior to the start of each half. Back dues: There are active members with back dues owed. Aaron will wait until end of April before sending reminders and will include past due for currently active members. Bond: Chalmers has offered us a three-year Named Position Bond for \$50,000 limit/\$5000 retention at cost of \$173 total for the three years. CD: 1-year rates are so close to Money Market rate that it does not make sense to move money into CDs at this time as we start the next house project. Auditor: Board approved having Aaron move forward with securing an auditor.

### Committee Reports

- *Club Protection:* We do not need to hold a meeting covering this topic this year. We will send out notice to members to review the training materials on our website once it has been updated. Dave will send and Christine will post.
- *Golf Tournament 2021:* Ethan was approached by GCC to select our date either Thurs Sept 16 or Friday Sept 17. Board agreed that Friday is preferred. Kathi will let Ethan know the decision.
- *RYLA:* Only 40 students will be selected for District 7780 RYLA in 2021 due to expected COVID restrictions. Each Rotary club may send one student. Suggestion to clubs is to select one candidate and one alternate as not all clubs will send a student and our alternate may also be selected. Proposal: Ask each school, Westbrook & Gorham, to identify two candidates. We will interview and rank them 1-4. This provides a small pool for alternates and back-fills in case a candidate cannot attend or we are offered additional slot(s). We will also offer to pay for one staff member per student selected. Board approved this approach.
- *House:* Survey has been completed. Information has been sent to school. Square footage is just enough to allow for a duplex. Steve has spoken with Todd. Next step is a meeting to discuss design, possibly with services from Hillside Lumber. Judith will follow up.

### Unfinished Business

- *Final Report Golf Tournament:* Final NET \$10,235
- *Final Report Tree Sale:* Final NET \$5,812
- *Paul Emery Memorial:* It has been suggested we create a commemorative plaque for an outdoor space, then donate money for gift cards to support the Elite Membership culinary recognition program. Steve will follow up to determine if we can purchase the gift cards for them. The board voted to approve this proposal.
- *Guatemala Global Grant:* Deferred due to time.
- *Romania District Grant:* Deferred due to time.

### New Business

- *Global Scholarship Grant:* Board is not interested in being the lead club. However, we will consider making a donation if a lead club is found. Amounts discussed, but not settled and TBD.

- Seabag Fundraiser: Crystal joined us to present this idea and share with us what she learned from her research. We can work with Seabags' creative design team to develop a design for bags we want to sell. Must purchase a minimum of 20 bags. Must not undercut their retail price. Can have design both outside and inside the bag. Various sizes and price points of products available - wristlets, beverage bags, duffle bags, small bags, large bags, etc. Crystal suggested we have someone from the company speak to us about this as a potential fundraiser to help us better determine if we should move forward.
- In-Person Meetings: Full discussion deferred until next meeting. District is asking all clubs to identify opportunities to return to in-person meetings and/or hybrid meetings by July 1.
- Gifts for WRVC Staff: Discussion and deferred. Teacher appreciation week is first week of May and we may want to defer our gift until end of school year to avoid this busy period. Steve suggested we may want to discuss via email and potentially make a decision prior to next Board meeting.
- Honoring Bruce Dyer: Deferred to next meeting. Note: Dave tells that while Bruce is retiring, it won't be until next fall.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:30 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting May 11, 2021 at 10:00AM via Zoom.