

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2020

Board Members:

Present: President & Treasurer Mike Foley, PE Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman

Absent: Sgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* Holly Sargent

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:04 AM by President Mike Foley
- *Secretary's Report: March 10 meeting minutes.* Posted on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Mike went over the balance sheet. A little less than \$10K remains in charities account. However, we continue to have \$100K line of credit with TD to be used to complete the current house. Not much activity in the accounts since mid-March. Stipends for Interact have been sent. Westbrook checks have not been cashed. Dave Rolfe mentioned that the Road Race was cancelled again this year. We still have trophies in hand from 2 years ago - just need to change plaques for next year. No outstanding liabilities for the event. Dale Ave – Steve has arranged for paving

Unfinished Business

- Club Assembly – Cannot set a date yet. Will monitor on-line attendance and upcoming programs and work with Mike and Kathi's availability to set a date. Kathi suggested we have an information session to be sure members understand various aspects of the club's business. Steve suggested with set up a specific date to talk just membership so only those interested in participating in that discussion will attend.
- Lobster Bake- May be our first in-person meeting. Target date July 14. Will work with Henry to determine if/how this can be done at his home in Standish. This may be deferred into August depending upon risk of gatherings. Michael and Judith have offered their yards for gatherings/meetings.
- Need VP (PE for the new year) – Steve has made one contact to get the conversation started. The board members will continue to work on this.
- Scholarships & Tool Ship awards for 2020 – is at a standstill. No paperwork has been received from WRVC

New Business

- Christmas Tree Sale – Concern for ability to hold it at the current location.
- Golf Tournament – Still open question if that can be held in September. Will depend upon the evolving situation with the corona virus.
- Due to Bill's untimely passing, we are looking for an International Service Chair
- District Grant – Kathi has a proposal for a grant in Romania to equip a classroom with computers. Includes a component that engages students in WMS and the school in Romania on international learning. Bill had reviewed it and provided feedback and good suggestions on her proposal. Steve Moved, Judith Seconded to proceed with this grant. Approved. Club contribution will be \$520.
- COVID Grants – there are also opportunities for grants specific to COVID response. Need to confirm if we can have both DG and Covid DG. Holly will follow up.

Committee Reports

- Youth Services-RYLA & Youth Exchange – Youth Exchange program has been cancelled. Gorham Student may remain interested for next year. RYLA has been cancelled for June, but it may be held over Memorial Day weekend, depending upon camp situation at that time. Kids who were accepted for this year and who cannot attend in September will have the option to attend in 2021. Kathi suggests we hold the RYLA budget money against this potential need.

- Vocational Service & House Project – Cliff, Steve and Judith have been to the house. Working on connecting water. House has been locked up with lock box and code provided to the school. Walt Stinson is helping with the site plan needed to connect water and sewer. Judith reports that houses are still selling and prices are still strong. Goal before end of May is to get a handle on costs to finish the house. It may involve 3-4 contractors. Paint, tile, water/sewer, flooring. For consideration, once we know cost to finish and value of house if finished, possibly sell as-is. We need the costs and potential value to assess any offer if we go the as-is route. BH2M from Gorham has been hired for site plan for the new lot on West Pleasant St.
- International Service- Note about current district grant for water filters in Guatemala: Project is complete. Bill submitted final report with expenses, but there is some follow-up required to close. Christine will follow up to complete the paperwork. Global Grant Guatemala well: we are the partner club to the lead club in Guatemala. We will need to identify a new contact on our end to RI for that grant.
- Foundation Report – Steve will follow up with regular donors who usually contribute in May

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:19 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting TBD.