

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2021

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

Absent: None *Quorum present?* Yes *Others Present:* Karen Arnold

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 12:27 PM by President Andy
- *Secretary's Report:* August 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *President's Update:* Andy mentioned the COVID-19 testing site is up and running and they are set for volunteers for at least the first couple of weeks. His Dept is working with the schools to work out logistics so a vax clinic for children ages 5-11 can be held. He mentioned our Christmas tree dilemma and asked folks to put their creative hats on and think about other fundraising opportunities (see more below in Committee Reports and New Business). He thanked everyone for their help in ensuring the success on a number of projects that we recently completed or remain in the works.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Budget was prepared with collaboration among Aaron, Kathi and Andy. The budget was proposed based largely on last year's budget (not last year's spending). However, it needs to be adjusted based on likely loss of tree/wreath sale income and pending ideas for substitute fundraising. Andy will make updates with help as needed and send out again for review, discussion and final approval.

Committee Reports

- *Golf:* Three hole sponsors remain outstanding. We hope to see a check or two in the PO Box the next time mail is picked up. Follow up is needed.
- *Sea Bag Fundraiser:* By the end of the meeting, we had 12 sales. We need 3 more sales to get in line for production and 13 more sales to have the bags actually produced.
- *International Committee:* District Grant money was received and check sent to our PO Box. Aaron will arrange for a wire transfer to Romania that will include our \$500 contribution to the project.
- *Tree Sale:* Our regular tree provider cannot offer us trees this year. We have not been successful in finding trees elsewhere. We continue to work on this, but are not hopeful.

New Business/Announcements

- *New Member Application:* Janet (pronounced Jeannette) Dosseva submitted an application. The board voted to admit her to membership. Secretary will publish to the membership and follow up with Janet after the required interval.
- *Potential New Fundraiser:* The board had an extended discussion about potential ideas for a new fundraiser. Sell something else? A second golf tournament? An event like a car show or craft show? Pizza Challenge? Something at Westbrook Together Days? Road race or triathlon? General consensus was to not hold a second tournament and focus on growing our current tournament. Other ideas to be further discussed.

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 1:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next scheduled Board meeting is Nov 9, 2021 at 10:15AM via Zoom. However, a special budget meeting will be called to finalize our budget before this date.