

Ellsworth Noontime Rotary
Board Meeting Minutes
8:00 AM Darlings Chevrolet Conference Room
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

#### Attendance:

Leann Beal, Jennifer Saunders, Heidi Grindle, and Tiffany McMullen.

#### Old business:

#### E-Waste:

There was a discussion on following up closer to the event next year with the company rather than mailing a letter or having a debriefing meeting at this time. At that time we will make our expectations and conditions for the event very clear. It is very important to keep goodwill between the Club and the Company as it appears there may only be two companies that offer this service in the State of Maine. The Club experienced more problems with the prior company then are currently being experienced with this company. Tiffany will follow-up with Josh Kelsey to confirm whether or not he has met in person with the Company yet to have a debriefing discussion.

## New projector cord:

The Board does not believe they have seen a new cord yet. Tiffany will check with Josh Kelsey to confirm whether the cord has been donated yet.

## Ducky Race Day:

Tiffany explained Megan checked with the Chamber of Commerce, they did not approve the sale of Ducky Tickets at the Business After Hours event on the Thursday evening of Autumn Gold Weekend. Stanley Subaru has donated 100 bottles of water and Tiffany is checking with Josh Kelsey to confirm whether Home Depot will be providing water as well. The water will be sold at the Mill Mall and Harbor Park in addition to the Ducky tickets. A couple of members have committed to selling tickets for each time block requested. The only overhead the Club has with this fundraiser is the cost of the tickets and posters which is estimated at \$200. The Mill Mall location has been confirmed.

## World Day Polio event:

Leann provided an update on the Pints for Polio fundraiser idea discussed at the August Board meeting. The Pints for Polio concept started to become overwhelming for this year when the idea was shared with the Heart of Ellsworth Director. Leann investigated a bowling themed event with the owner of Eastward Family Fun Center, Paul Linscott. Discussions with Paul Linscott and his associate Scott led to an exciting opportunity for the Club to host an event called Strike Out Polio. This event would be held on October 24, 2017 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. A flyer has been attached to the minutes with all the details. Paul donated two lanes for kids to bowl on. He suggested keeping the scores on a white board and then awarding the team with the highest score a prize. The winning team would not need to be present to win. The Club would receive \$80 from the \$100 team entrance fee. Eastward Family Fun Center would keep the remaining \$20 to cover

expenses. The concept would be for each Club Member to create a team from their contacts as well as encourage outside groups to enter a team. Paul was willing to split the \$6.00 game fee evenly if anyone who is not affiliated with the event walks in that evening to bowl. Leann will create a Facebook event to advertise the opportunity to build a team, provide an email blast to the Chamber of Commerce to be included in their weekly email bulletin, send the flyer to Channel 5 to be included on their calendar of events during the news (if they still have one), hand out flyers to Club Members and provide a PDF of the flyer to Terry for the weekly emails. Tiffany will send the information to Scott Boucher with the goal of having the Strike Out Polio Fundraiser added to the Rotary Polio Event page for all Rotary Clubs to see. The night of the event there will be a purple table with information on polio, as well as purple balloons and purple nail polish for the kids. This year to keep the event simple, the Board decided to announce the winning team in the Heard Around Town section of the Ellsworth American rather than offering a prize and to hold off on having a 50/50 raffle; Leann will finalize the plans and clarify the team dynamics (whether all teams must have 5 bowlers or if some could have only 4) with Paul. The Board discussed building upon this fundraiser next year during March as a Club fundraiser, to include the students, offering prizes for the team with the highest points, and selling 50/50 tickets. Used in this capacity the Bowling Fundraiser could be used as a team building activity as well. The Board discussed hosting a walk next year for the Polio initiative, opposed to holding this fundraising event again.

## Community Service Project:

The Board decided it would make sense to start small this year with the community service project and identify a non-profit that could use some help cleaning up around their property, would welcome a small tree, and if donations allowed for it a few flowering annuals. Home Depot cannot commit to a particular donation of trees or flowers until February. Following the Strike Out Polio Bowling event, Tiffany will send out an email to Club Members looking for suggestions on non-profits that would like to be the benefactor of a spring beautification project. Heidi will relay the Board's appreciation to the Green Plan and Ellsworth Garden Club if they contact her following their monthly meeting. However, this year the Club is not prepared to make a significant financial or manual labor contribution to this project concept. The goal is to start small this year and build on the idea each year.

#### New business:

#### Member status:

Pamela Karwasinski submitted a letter of resignation. The letter is on file in the Secretary's binder. Leann motioned to accept the resignation letter, Jen seconded the motion. All Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## Membership status/dues:

Currently, there is only one member who has not paid their dues for the July-January portion of the Club Year. Tiffany will ask Crystal as Chair of the Membership Committee to check in with that member. The Board also thought it would be nice if Crystal could reach out to a couple of members who have not been at the meetings.

## Mount Washington Summit:

Annette Higgins sent a letter to Tiffany asking each Club to consider contributing toward the cost of planning and hosting the Mount Washington Summit. They were suggesting a contribution of \$500 from each Club. The Board had a lengthy discussion on this topic and ultimately decided not to contribute this year. The Club does not have a line item for this type of donation. It was determined the best course of action would be to acknowledge the request and politely explain we have not budgeted for this type of expense.

#### Website:

Anyone who is interested or likes to be creative can update the Clubrunner logos and pictures.

## Guest Thursday:

Tiffany announced there would be two Rotarians from Illinois visiting the Club meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017. She would like to create an official make-up slip to be presented to Rotarians visiting our meetings. This is a great idea and would make it easier when a make-up slip is requested. It would also be great to start presenting visiting Rotarians with the Club flag that was designed and purchased a few years ago.

## Committee reports:

## Jen Saunders, Treasurer -

Tiffany submitted an application for the Foundation Grant. The Club has been awarded \$750 this year. The funds will be used for high school scholarships.

## HeidiNoel-Grindle, Secretary -

Tiffany thanked Heidi for providing the attendance sheets to members during Club Assembly and for recognizing the members who are doing a great job.

## Mark Politte, Focus group -

The Board discussed creating a team of Club Members to brainstorm potential Focus Group recipients. The success of this project depends on Club Members finding potential businesses to take part in the Focus Group sessions.

## Leann Beal, Program -

The new process for scheduling programs has been very successful. All the meeting dates have programs scheduled except for the October 5 meeting; as this date was open the Board thought it might be good to have Scott Boucher speak on the Polio initiative in preparation for the Strike Out Polio event. The Board authorized the purchase of more Thank You cards; these cards are sent out to speakers after each meeting. Leann will be updating the Clubrunner calendar to reflect the student session topics, as the actual dates have already been placed on the calendar.

## Paul Pangburn, Students-

Tiffany will check with Paul to confirm whether name tags can be made up yet for the students. If all the authorization forms are not back yet, temporary name tags will be available for the September 28, 2017 meeting. Leann will confirm the topics for each meeting date with Paul, there is a possibility those have not been finalized yet. The topics have been selected; however, they may not be attached to an exact date yet.

## Crystal Richards, Membership –

The Membership seminar has been rescheduled.

## Josh Kelsey & Scott Fernald, Foundation Chair-

No report this month.

#### **Board decisions:**

Approved the resignation of Pamela Karwasinski.

Approved purchasing more Thank You cards.

## Follow-up Action:

Tiffany will email Members to seek advice on what can be done to promote the Focus Group sessions and how the Club can generate more interest from potential participants in the Focus Group sessions.

Leann will finalize the details of the Strike Out Polio event.

Tiffany will email a blast to the Members looking for potential non-profits that could benefit from a spring beautification project.

Next Board meeting: October 17th @ Darlings Chevrolet

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Date: September 24, 2017

Signature: Heidi-Noël Grindle

Submitted by Secretary Heidi Grindle Date emailed to President: 9/24/2017





# OCTOBER 24, 2017 STRIKE OUT POLIO

## With Ellsworth Noontime Rotary and **Eastward Family Fun Center**



Team	Captain:
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Address:

City/Zip:

Email:

Team Members:

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Return registration with a check made payable to Ellsworth Noontime Rotary to Leann Beal, 93 High Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605 by 10/20/2017

\$100 per team (up to 5 people)

Includes 1 game and shoe rental

4:30pm - 7:30pm

Family friendly event with activities for participant's children

> Highest scoring team will be recognized (Do not need to be present to win)

Great food & drink specials and MORE!

EASTWARD FAMILY FUN CENTER #25 Eastward Lane Ellsworth, ME 04605

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