District 5550 WCS FOUNDATION TELECONFERENCE CALL

APRIL 21, 2022

1. Call to Order – Eva called the meeting to order at 6:32. Eva’s opening remarks pertained to the Trust Indenture. She has reviewed it in detail and spent a great deal of time consulting with David Newman who was legal counsel when the Trust Indenture was written. This is an unincorporated trust with standing in D5550 and is autonomous. The trustees must be appointed by the DGE at the WCS annual meeting. The Trust must have a minimum of 10 trustees but is recommended there be at least 12. This provides a margin of safety should a trustee resign/pass away. This provides some clarification with more to come. Eva also welcomed Cameron Zywina to the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes Bob Durston/Art Beselt
3. Approval of Feb 17, 2022 minutes Peter Neufeldt/Gailmarie Anderson
4. Business arising from minutes Nothing
5. Treasurer’s Report – Brian Cocks

 Cocks/Durston Carried

1. Sub-committee Reports
   1. Project Grants - Jeff Miller

Applications have been submitted: 16 scholarship, 15 RYLA, 12 community, 3 International. There is enough funding for all grant applications except community projects. A 2nd call may go out after the Retreat if funds are available.

* 1. VTT – Gailmarie Anderson – no report
  2. Compliance Officer – Art Beselt

Some GG reports are overdue but most of this is due to Covid. All D5550 grant reporting by clubs is up to date.

Cocks/Susut Carried

1. TRF Report – Bob Durston

The 75 Day challenge was very successful in encouraging Rotarians and friends to donate. $115,115.63 US to April 18 to the Foundation Annual Fund. Last year to April 30, 2021 $99,356.62 was contributed.

The increase to date is $15,759.01. Congratulations.

Many Rotarians have been contributing to the Rotary Foundation Disaster Fund with all contributions to April 30 being directed to assist Ukrainian refugees.

Rotarians and friends have also been generous to other charities working in the Ukraine and neighboring countries such as ShelterBox Canada, Red Cross, Mennonite Central and others.

Rotary Disaster Fund, in aid of Ukraine has attracted donations of $6,000 from D5550 Rotarians, $9.5 million globally. Grants are being approved and funded quickly. RC of Melfort raised $9,000 through their Shelterbox fundraiser for Ukraine.



75 Day Challenge – Eva Vida

The Challenge was a success as the 3 goals were achieved:

* Increase awareness of the annual fund to Rotarians/non-Rotarians
* Increase contributions to the Annual fund
* Increase engagement and participation - Rotarians/non-Rotarians

Eva also reported donations to Polio Plus are down, in D5550 and globally. Fred reported that according to the survey Rotarians complained about being constantly asked for money. The 75 Day Challenge provided opportunity for Rotarians to reach out to community and not just Rotarians.

1. Canadian Ripple Effect Program – Gord and Deb LeMaistre



Gord reported the REP has been challenged with inflation resulting in higher construction costs. Covid has had a huge negative impact in the Guatemala population.

Durston/Beselt – Foundation Report and REP Carried

1. Strategic Plan Durston/Beselt moved further discussion be tabled to the retreat. Carried. Al Moulin suggested the District membership needs to be considered in the Strategic Plan
2. New and Unfinished Business

* Cameron Zywina was introduced to the committee

 Beselt/Durston – WCS Foundation accept Cameron as a member of the committee. Carried. Welcome Cameron. We look forward to working with someone who has such knowledge and personal experience in International Service.

* International Service Committee – under Christine’s management this committee is doing what it should – communicate, work with and support clubs engaged in International projects. Cameron will join Christine on this committee. Unless they have something to report this will come off the agenda.
* AGM date – May 19, 2022 6:30/7:30 In Brenda’s absence Bob will record and distribute the minutes.
* Annual retreat – Sept 30, Oct 1. Beselt/Durston – this meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Carried. Eva will follow up with the Russell Inn, with Jorrel and Susan (they need to be on site to handle the technology)
* Tabled until the Retreat – Rotaractor participation in District Grants (involve Cheryl Winger) and communication strategy

1. Next meeting – May 19 – 6:30/7:30 Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm CST

**Meeting Attendance Record:** District 5550 WCS Committee

\_\_x\_\_\_ Past District Governor – Gailmarie Anderson

\_\_x\_\_\_ District Governor – Dan Sutton

\_\_x\_\_\_ District Governor Elect – Fred Wright

\_\_x\_\_\_ District Governor Nominee – Sonya Susut

\_\_\_\_\_ District Governor Nominee Designate –

\_x\_\_\_\_ Chair – Eva Vida

\_\_x\_\_\_ Vice Chair – Al Moulin

\_x\_\_\_\_ Treasurer – Brian Cocks

\_\_x\_\_\_ Secretary – Brenda Banbury

\_\_x\_\_\_ Chair, District TRF Committee – Bob Durston

\_\_x\_\_ Grants – Sub-Cttee – VTT – Gailmarie Anderson

\_x\_\_\_ Grants – Sub-Cttee – Grants – Jeff Miller

\_x\_\_\_ Compliance Officer – Art Beselt

\_\_x\_\_ Gord & Deb LeMaistre

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\_x\_\_\_ Peter Neufeldt

\_\_x\_\_ Christine Hansen

\_\_x\_\_\_ Cameron Zywina