

**District 6000 Board of Directors  
District Office, Pella, Iowa  
December 5, 2019 - Minutes**

**Present:** DG Erna Morain, Tom Narak, Mike Ruby, Chris Knapp (by phone), Loring Miller, DGE Steve Dakin, DGN Alka Khanolkar, Devin Boyer, Shawn Mullen, Michelle Cassabaum (by phone). Non-voting members: Bill Tubbs, DGND Steve Wieneke and guests, Carolyn Scharff (District Administrator) and Steve Morain.

**Call to Order** – DG Erna called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**Quorum Verification** – A quorum was present

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting were approved

**District Governor Report** – DG Erna

- Determination of terms for At Large members of the Board of Directors, to be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting in March; effective July 1, 2020 – Shawn Mullen will serve a 3 year term, Michelle Cassabaum a 2 year term and Devin Boyer a 1 year term.
- Wrap Up of Club Visits – All club visits have been made, including a “get acquainted” visit to the Rotary Club of Denison. DG Erna has made plans to attend the RC of Wellman’s 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and RC of Muscatine’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- RD 6000 NEWS – going well. Lots of positive feedback from members.
- Festival 2020 – registration material will be available in January. The RI representative will be Susan Howe.
- NC PETS 2020 – Will be held in Rochester in March 12-14, 2020. Plans going well.
- AGs – good communication. Very supportive.
- Club goals – concerned expressed that 20 of the 65 clubs have not yet submitted their TRF goals or membership goals for this year.
- Foundation giving – Giving is up over last 3 years.
- Facebook Seminar – DG Erna attended a seminar recently getting ideas of how Facebook can help strengthen our district.
- RI Convention in Honolulu, June 6-10, 2020 – encouraged early registration to not only take advantage of lower registration fees but to get hotel booked because of limited supply.
- Visits to clubs by DGE and DGN – they are strongly encouraged to carry DG’s message and goals
- Newsletter Survey Results – After considerable discussion the board agreed to continue providing a hard copy of the newsletter to all members during the 2020-21 Rotary year. Editor Bill Tubbs stated he was optimistic that he could sell sufficient advertising to defray the majority of the cost of the print copy, providing a hard copy is mailed to all members. DGE Steve Dakin stated he is willing to cover any shortfall of ad revenue to ensure there would be no net cost of the print copy to the district in the 2020-21 year. DG Morain presented to the Board of Directors the results regarding the delivery of the 3x a year newsletter with the recommendation to only send the print copy to those requesting it.

**Budget and Finance Committee Report** – Chair Chris Knapp. A motion was made and passed to accept the 2021 budget as presented by DGE Steve Dakin. A final ratification will be made at the Annual Meeting at NC PETS in March 2020.

**District Committee Reports**- Received and filed. They are available upon request.

**District Governor Elect Report** – DGE Steve Dakin

- District is in need of 8 Rotarian volunteers for 2020 RYLA
- Expressed concerns about the slow process of activating registration for NCPETS.
- Announced that district 5610 in South Dakota will be joining 2020 NCPETS as a pilot.
- Great visit with RC of Denison

**District Governor Nominee Report** – DGN Alka Khanolkar

- Continuing Interest in district for growing Rotaract
- Attended the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations in New York
- Planning for the district breakfast in Honolulu is going well
- Getting close to finalizing a location for 2022 District Conference

**Other Reports** - none

**New Business** - none

**Old Business**

- a. Greater Des Moines Club – now in good standing with paid dues
- b. Visioning/Strategic Planning – planning and preparation are under way.

**Other** – In order to support the activities of District 6000 at the 2020 Rotary international convention in Honolulu, a motion was made to authorize paying the expenses for Carolyn, our District Administrator, of registration, lodging, and transportation. Motion carried.

**Next scheduled Board meeting**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th from 1-3PM at the district office in Pella, with a Budget and Finance committee meeting from 11-1 prior to it. **Note:** we may decide to have this meeting via Webinar and there is a possibility the date may be changed.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Ruby, Secretary