

**District 6000 Board of Directors
District Office, Pella, Iowa
February 13, 2020 – Minutes**

Present: DG Erna Morain, Tom Narak, Mike Ruby, Chris Knapp, Loring Miller, Steve Dakin, Alka Khanolkar, Shawn Mullen, Michelle Cassabaum. Non-voting participants: Bill Tubbs, Steve Wieneke, Carolyn Scharff (District Administrator), Steve Morain. Absent was Devin Boyer. Because of inclement weather many attended the meeting via GoToMeeting.

Call to Order – DG Erna called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm

Quorum Verification – A quorum of members was present

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Dec. 5, 2019 meeting were approved

District Governor Report – DG Erna

- **Annual Meeting Items** – Items to be voted on by club Presidents-elect at NC PETS include the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting, financial statements from the 2017-18 Rotary year, proposed Operating Budget for 2020-21, proposed By-law Amendment, section 4.2, approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to increase dues from \$30 to \$35, and approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the 2022-23 District Governor, Steve Wieneke from the Rotary Club of Ankeny
- **Proxy Voting at NCPETS** – As an FYI, DG Erna is asking board members to give thought to proxy voting consideration for PEs who are not able to attend NCPETS. No action requested at this time but if action is taken in the future it will require a by-laws change and we want to be sure not to discourage PEs from attending NCPETS.
- **RD6000 News** – continues to be well received and positive feedback
- **Clubs** –
 - There are still a few clubs who have not reported their goals. PDG Jacque Andrew is making contacts with these clubs and will be sure their goals are entered.
 - DG Erna has attended some of the 100th anniversary celebrations of clubs this year
- **Rotary Club of Denison Update** –
 - We are still waiting on RI on the steps necessary to move forward to have this club join District 6000. We are assuming everything will become official as of July 1, 2020 but no confirmation as of yet.
 - Chris Knapp (District Foundation Chair) is working with RI and the President of the Rotary Club of Denison to have funds transferred to D6000 for Foundation grant use.
- **RD 6000 Festival** – Plans are going well and registration material will be available soon.

Budget & Finance Committee Report – Chris Knapp reports that District Accountant Jon Augustus states that currently we are in a good financial position and most of the financial activity takes place in the second half of the Rotary year.

DGE Report – Steve Dakin

- Steve emphasized the urgent need for more RYLA volunteers. He will develop a brief job description of this position so it can be publicized and shared with potential volunteers.
- RI encourages Rotary leaders to take a course on preventing and addressing harassment.

- **NCPETS** – Will be held March 12-14 in Rochester.
- **Pre-PETS** – Will take place at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18.
- **AG Terms of Service** – There was discussion on the AG Terms of Service. A motion was made by DGE Steve Dakin and seconded by PDG Tom Narak to amend the Policies and Procedures Manual as attached.

DGN Report – Alka Khanolkar

- Would like to get an assistant trainer in place next year to be mentored by current Trainer Ron Heideman. The assistant will then become the District Trainer effective 2021-22 Rotary year.
- Attended the SCRYE conference in January. Very beneficial
- Plans going well regarding the District breakfast in Honolulu. Reservations starting to arrive.
- Plans to have a joint district conference in Coralville with District #5970 April 23-24, 2022.

DGND Report – Steve Wieneke is exploring options to offer RLI sessions in SE part of district to encourage larger participation.

District Office Report – District Administrator, Carolyn, asked board members to start thinking if we need to back up any important district records that are currently stored on Past District Governor and District Team Chairs computers.

New Business – Chris Knapp presented the RYE budget for the 2020-21 Rotary year, mentioning that the only source of revenue is from fees charged to outbound students. The concern is that the number of outbound students is declining and if the trend continues it may end up with a deficit spending budget. The board was asked to accept the budget as presented. Shawn moved and Steve Dakin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

- **Visioning/Strategic Planning** – DG Erna has appointed DGE Steve Dakin, DGN Alka Khanolkar, and DGND Steve Wieneke to study and make recommendations of how to implement some of the items that were suggested in the April 6, 2019 District Visioning session.
- **Guardian of Integrity Nominations** – Deadline to get the nominations to Carolyn at the district office is March 1.
- **District Newsletter** – Bill Tubbs needs an earlier deadline for the final issue of this year's newsletter since he will be out of the country with fellow North Scott Rotarians in late June.
- **Xicotepec Update** – Tom Narak reported there will be 35 people on the March 14-22, 2020 trip.

Next Board Meeting – this will be held at the district office in Pella from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Thursday, May 21, with a Budget & Finance Committee meeting from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Mike Ruby, secretary