



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
District 6000**



**Loring Miller  
District Governor 2015-16**

**MINUTES**

District 6000 Board of Directors  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
Via GoToMeeting

**PRESENT:** DG Loring Miller (chair); John Ockenfels, Gov. 14-15; Jacque Andrew, Gov. 13-14 (secretary); Terry Geiger, Gov. 12-13; Chris Knapp, Gov. 16-17; Mike Ruby, Gov. 17-18; Tom Narak, Gov. 18-19, Donald Patterson, Gov. 11-12, Bill Tubbs, Gov. 04-05 (ex-officio) and Carolyn Scharff, Administrator (ex-officio.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair DG Loring at 3 pm. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was presented by Miller and on vote of a motion from Narak and second by Knapp, it was approved.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Knapp and second from Ruby to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 16, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

**BUDGET and**

**FINANCE:** The financials from first six months of the year were reviewed as no meeting was held.

**DG REPORT:** DG Loring reported that all was going well in the district. At this point TRF donations are up and this could be on track to be a record year.

DRFC Geiger reported that Community Service Grants for the year were \$110,041 and there are eight Global Grant applications from 10 clubs in 8 countries with a district contribution of \$260,603.

IPDG Ockenfels reported on Nepal disaster relief. In response to a devastating earthquake in Nepal district 6000 Rotarians helped pack meals at Outreach, Inc. in Des Moines. The meals were packed in two sea containers bound for Nepal. District 6000 committed to paying for the cost of shipping one of the containers and a portion of the second through the Humanitarian and Education Fund (HEF). For political reasons, the containers have been detained outside of Nepal. D6000 has not been billed by DHL for the shipping cost.

District administrator Carolyn Scharff reported that only one club had requested recognition points for two members who had qualified as a new donor and at a new level. Geiger added that his review of eligible donations at the end of the Rotary year would be used to award additional points.

Public Image Chair Andrew reported that there were emails sent to all club PI chairs regarding Rotary's 111<sup>th</sup> birthday encouraging club recognition of the milestone and to encourage support of DG Loring's conference ball drop fundraiser to benefit clubfoot braces.

Membership report was given by Andrew and DGN Ruby, both members of the committee. The West Liberty club was recognized for its significant growth and District committee chair Wayne

Steen's efforts. Awards for membership increases in small, medium and large clubs will be presented at district conference.

DG Loring reported on the District Conference planned for March 31, April 1 and 2 in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn. PRID Donald Mebus of District 5790 in Texas will be the President's Representative. Mebus is slated to be the aide for RIPN Ian Riseley of Australia. Featured speakers will include RID Jennifer Jones who will be RIVP in 2016-2017; Ann Lee Hussey, polio survivor and leader of many polio national immunization day trips and Dr. Troy Paino, president of Truman State University. Ockenfels reminded the group of the quilt auction that will happen at conf.

Geiger reported on Rotary Leadership Institute which he chairs for District 6000. He reported the upcoming classes: Feb. 27 in Iowa City (class 1 is full ); June 11 in Des Moines (all 3 classes) and Oct. 15 in Iowa City (all 3) and April 23 in Omaha/Lincoln (District 5650).

Ockenfels reported on Rotaract and Interact. New Rotaract clubs are in development under the sponsorship of East Polk County and Decatur County (Graceland). A new Interact club has been chartered at Hoover High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Under project reports, DG Loring reported on the Ponseti clubfoot braces fundraiser which will culminate at District Conference with the ball drop. More than \$9,000 has been raised to date with many clubs yet to submit their contributions.

The application for the Jefferson Highway Scenic Byway has been submitted to the DOT.

**DGE REPORT:** DGE Chris Knapp reported on Iowa Miles of Smiles Team (MOST). He and Vernetta were among the 42 participants. He said there is a possibility the project will expand to include cataract surgeries.

DGD Tom Narak reported that the Xicotepec team will be in Mexico March 12-20 with 54 participating including 6 Interactors but fewer pharmacy students than usual. The Zika virus is somewhat of a concern.

Ockenfels reported on FAMSCO/HEF. The HEF board recently met to consider the future of FAMSCO. The future of FAMSCO is in limbo due to the lack of a location for accumulated supplies and cost of shipping.

Under DGE Knapp 's report, he lauded the International Assembly training and the theme Rotary Serving Humanity chosen by RIPE John Germ. Training is underway for Grant Management Seminars with 37 attending the West Liberty session representing 15 clubs. Plans are being developed for District Assembly on April 16. He is anticipating North Central Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, March 10-12. He and NCPETS vice-chair Andrew agreed that preparing presidents to lead their clubs is one of the most important efforts of Rotary.

PDG Tubbs reported that there were 12 nominees for the Guardian of Integrity award to be recognized at conference.

**DGN REPORT:** DGN Ruby reported that he was considering a multi-location conference following a survey of a number of District Rotarians. He will have a phone conference with a PDG from Texas who did the same thing last year and markedly improved attendance.

No report from DGD Narak.

DG Loring reported that RYLA may max out available facilities this year and that the working relationship with D5970 is going well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DG Loring reported on the increased frequency of membership referrals coming from RI. District membership chair Wayne Steen will be asked by DGN Ruby to draft a policy regarding the procedure for the handling of those referrals ensuring follow-through and response.

DGE Knapp addressed the need for a policy regarding NCPETS attendance. Knapp, Ruby and Narak will meet to discuss and draft.

DG Loring reminded the group of the Rotary night at Iowa Public Television Friends night on Saturday, March 19. More volunteers are welcome.

DG Loring urged registration for the Rotary International Convention and PDG Andrew reminded the group of the Zone Great American Breakfast Event on Monday, May 30 at the Kintex Center.

DG Loring suggested annual budgets/PandL reports for all activities/projects of the district. Discussion followed with a request for these budgets.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the board of directors was changed to Thursday, May 19 following a 1 PM Budget and Finance meeting. This is a change from the scheduled date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

DRFC Geiger moved and IPDG Ockenfels seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:19 pm. Motion passed.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Jacquie Andrew, Gov. 13-14