

MINUTES
DISTRICT 6000 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday May 23, 2017
Pella Iowa

PRESENT

Gov 16-17 Chris Knapp – Chair	Gov 15-16 Loring Miller – Vice Chair
Gov 17-18 Mike Ruby	Gov 18-19 Tom Narak
Gov 14-15 John Ockenfels – Secretary	Gov 13-14 Jacque Andrew
Gov 12-13 Terry Geiger	Gov 19-20 Erna Morain
Gov 04-05 Bill Tubbs (Ex-Officio) by phone	Carolyn Scharff, District Administrator (Guest)

1. Gov. Knapp called the **meeting to order** at 11:35
2. The **Agenda** was approved with several minor additions
3. Sec. Ockenfels noted that there was a **Quorum** present.
4. The **minutes** were approved as presented. (Narak/ Miller)
5. The **Budget and Finance Committee** report was approved as presented. The actions of the budget and finance committee were accepted (Andrew /Miller)
6. **NCPETS** – Discussed issues of PE Attendance at PETS with focus on how to encourage a better turnout.

Jacque reported on the outcomes of using Ames for NCPETS when it is hosted by the Iowa districts

We still need a PDG D6000 to join NCPETS BOD and succeed Jacque as chair in 2021 -2022.

7. District Reports -

District Newsletter challenge – We discussed the impact of having a pilot project to print and mail a hard copy of the district newsletter to every Rotarian in the district. It was decided to proceed.

Foundation Report – Terry Geiger – Annual Fund (including Polio) YTD is approx. \$362,000, YTD. This is 85% of the goal. We still have 6 clubs that have not given any money to The Rotary Foundation. The Endowment Fund giving is at \$96,807. Polio giving is currently \$69,807, slightly behind this time last year. It was noted that the Ames Morning club is at 435% of their goal.

District Grants – The Grant application deadline has been moved up to June 1st starting in 2018. This is done to get the projects moving sooner.

VTT status for Brazil (D6000) – Clubfoot doctors training continues to move forward and is showing good results so far.

Mexico (D5970) with participation from D6000 is stalled while D5970 works through some major changes to the host district in Mexico. There are significant challenges to overcome.

Santiago Chile – Science Kits for poor schools in Santiago area are waiting for final approval from our committee (RI has already approved).

Grant Management Seminars – GMS- Planned and Ready to GO. We still need more clubs to encourage members to sign up. The time goal this year is be completed in 3 hours or less. Discussed methods to encourage better participation by club Grant Chairs.

RLI – Terry noted the upcoming sessions in Des Moines (April 1st) and Iowa City (Sept 30). He discussed the proposal for a new pricing structure to attract new members.

Grant Management Seminars – All but 6 clubs attended GMS this year- Overall evaluations are positive and the dates are set for next year.

District Governor Report – Governor Knapp

District Conference – Reviews – Survey

- The reviews came back indicating overall satisfaction
- The conference was on Budget
- The speakers got good reviews
- The change in the awards and photo format was positively received
- Herb Wilson was awarded the Service above Self award
- Bill Ashton was recognized for his outstanding service to the Rotary Foundation through his projects in India.

The legacy dinner project successfully raised \$1,061,000 for the Foundation

The Polio statue project was supported through the auction process which raised over \$8,000 for the statue. There was additional discussion of ongoing Fundraising through the sale of “Bricks” to install around the base of the statue.

The auction also raised another \$12,000 (?) for the Deb Ockenfels quilt which is planned to be hung for display in the U of I Hospital.

A discussion was held regarding the prospect of sending 2 district Rotarians to Chicago Zone in the categories of Youth Leadership and Young Professionals. 2 people have been selected and a budget of \$2000 each for expenses has been approved.

AG update – Chris Bertelson has been selected as the newest AG. He has already been very active.

Norwalk Chartering – Tom Narak & Chris Knapp presented the latest information regarding the planned charter celebration for the new Norwalk Rotary Club. Many district leaders are expected to attend.

District Governor Elect Reports – Mike Ruby - Mike has visited all 66 clubs as he prepares for his year as DG.

He noted that he has a very good relationship with all of the clubs

International Assembly report – He now feels well trained and had a great time meeting the rest of his class. He noted that seeing the other districts from around the world truly shows just how good D600 really is.

District Projects – Mike reported on his project of the supporting the World Bicycle Relief Effort, noting that some clubs have already borrowed the bike to use for their fundraising to support the project.

District Conference – Mike discussed his plans of having a non-standard conference and holding the small assemblies from April 12th to 14th 2018 in 5 different locations, in order to encourage better participation of the members. He has already selected the area chairs and will make more decisions in the fall. He plans to have the PDG social prior to the gavel passing in Muscatine.

District Governor Nominee Report – Tom Narak - Tom has started to visit clubs so that he and they will form a better relationship over time. He discussed the current plans for Xicotepec. Tom noted that Chris Nelson will be the district training chair for at least one year.

District 6000 breakfast at Atlanta – We have 83 people signed up so far, out of 98 registered.

Liz Cox will be his Public Image chair. Tom has selected the Sheraton in Des Moines for the District Conference in May of 2018

District Governor Nominee Report – Erna Morain – Erna is also an AG and is continuing to visit clubs and support the bicycle project. She continues to study the upcoming district role and programs in preparation to be the DG. She is making plans to attend the Chicago Zone and may

be doing an NID to India. She noted that she got a contribution to the Legacy Dinner by hosting a small group at her home.

Past District Governor Report – Loring Miller – Loring is making plans to visit Cuba and will be looking for rotary opportunities while he is there.

Alumni Report – Loring is very disappointed in the response to numerous inquiries in the attempt to set up a data base in D6000. He will continue to work on this project next year as well.

District Projects Updates

- a. **RAG4Clubfoot** will have a breakout session at Atlanta. Iowa's Gift to the World matched by John Buchanan has raised over \$45,000 so far with a goal of \$300,000. The RAG is hiring a part time person to replace Tomeka Petersen as the administrator.
- b. **Iowa MOST** – is conducting the Salmon sale Fundraiser again this year. They are still planning to incorporate an eye surgeon for next year in Guatemala.
- c. **Xicotepec** – Good program at the district conference, the students were outstanding and the guests from Xicotepec had a great time.

8. New Business

- a. 3 year appointment scheduling – Policy proposal of staggering terms and also look at COL and Alt COL, Foundation, Membership, Public Image and others. A 3 person committee of Mike, Tom and Erna were appointed to review and come up with suggestions to set up roll over procedures.
- b. The District office lease Rent discrepancy was discussed and determined to be the actual current rent paid for a number of years. It was determined that we should not try to make any changes at this time.
- c. A memorial of \$100 was sent as a remembrance for PDG Don Patterson.

9. Old Business

- a. Iowa RYLA update -- Some issues and opportunities were discussed including the concerns of Young RYLA, and the need for more trained counselors. We also discussed the appointment of new BOD members from D6000.

10. Other

- a. There will be an RLI session in Omaha on June 3rd
- b. We all want to sincerely Thank Terry Geiger for his long and outstanding service to District 6000 as District Governor and as a highly regarded leader for all of us. His term on the Board of Directors ends June 30 2017.

THANK YOU TERRY

11. Next meeting set for Sept 28 2017 in Pella

12. Meeting Adjourned