

Minutes D6270 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting, 2021 – 2022 Year  
November 9, 2021, via Zoom

*RI Vision – Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

**Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by DG Lisa Werner at 3:34 PM.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Present: Lisa Werner, Mike Phillips, Don Griffing, Dennis Swetlik, Mark Ruedinger, Lisa O'Halloran, Edwin Nyakoe-Nyasani, Jeff Potts, Jessica Gatzke.

Guests: Thom Arndt, Pete Bosch, Tim Crawford, Tim Freudenthal, Gregg Hatt, John Henderson, Colleen Inman, Administrative Assistant Dana Kohlmeyer, Robert Marszalkowski, Kelly Mundell, Larry Myers, Cindy Petted, Jeff Reed, Angie Rester, Nancy Rhodes, Amanda Sacks, Natraj Shanker.

There was a quorum present to conduct business.

DG Werner requested that discussion of spending the District's surplus funds be added to the agenda. Moved by Don Griffing to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Dennis Swetlik. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

No items were requested to be pulled from the consent agenda. Consent agenda items were: Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2021, DG Line Reports, AG Reports, Committee Reports, and Miscellaneous Reports. Moved by D Swetlik to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mike Phillips. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports**

Moved by D Griffing to accept the Financial Reports and place on file, seconded by Jeff Reed. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Governance Committee** Jeff Reed reported the committee will discuss removing the two-signature requirement for the Finance Committee in the Manual of Policy and Procedures (MoPP) at their December meeting.

**District Summit** DG Werner reported on the District Summit held in October and attended by twenty-four district leaders. Discussed several topics for district operations and district growth.

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Notes were provided in board packet. Planning to hold another Summit Friday morning of the District Conference to continue discussions.

**District Sexual Harassment Policy** DG Werner reported that RI updated their Sexual Harassment Policy (SHP) in 2019, but there is no mandate for districts or clubs to have a SHP. She suggests we add a Code of Conduct/SHP to MoPP and hold an annual meeting covering what it is and how to handle it, or create short videos clubs could use. There will be an optional session at President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and the RI Learning Center has a module for harassment training. It is unknown if any D6270 clubs have a SHP in place. Assistant Governors can be used as a liaison for clubs.

**Youth Protection Policy** DG Werner reported that the policy is outdated. Our prior Youth Protection Officer, John Scherer, moved to California and Pam Seidl (Neenah) and Gregg Hatt (Waukesha Sunrise) were appointed recently to replace him and will work on updates. Since Youth Protection information did not go out to clubs before July 1, DG Werner discussed it at a President's Town Hall. Rotarians with any one-on-one contact with students need to complete the online application forms for a background check to get approved. Rotary Youth Exchange Officers will need to complete the process before students arrive in August. Please support this process of keeping students safe if you hear backlash because Rotary requires a separate background check in addition to the one schools require.

**District Conference** Dates for Tri-Con are April 29 – 30, 2022 and it will be held at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI.

**Covid Policy** DG Werner lead discussion about creating a District Covid Policy. Clubs handle meetings on an individual basis; some members have had very strong feelings about the way their club handled meetings. Not sure if clubs are discussing/surveying membership as a whole or if club board is creating their policy. RI has basically said listen and follow local and federal guidelines and offered a FAQ page. Nancy Rhodes is on a covid task force representing Zone 29 and indicated that the trustees recently approved a statement about practices that is now going to the board. Kelly Mundell indicated that Central States Rotary Youth Exchange decided to require all students to be vaccinated and follow requirements of the country where they will be hosted. Overall, it seems like a good idea for District to have a policy in place, but best to wait for RI guidance.

**Spending District Surplus** DG Werner solicited proposals for spending down the district's surplus of funds. In the past, public image grants were offered. Suggestions included: allow clubs to nominate 'emerging leaders' and district pays for their attendance at conference; provide financial support for Rotaract members to attend conference; provide scholarships for Rotaract PEs to attend PETS; ask clubs to submit suggestions for how to use surplus funds. Discussion will continue so keep thinking about ideas.

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**Old/Unfinished Business**

**Environmental Task Force** A chair still needs to be named.

**Announcements**

Congratulations to Pete Bosch, candidate for District Governor for the 2024/25 Rotary year!

**Adjournment**

Moved by D Swetlik, seconded by M Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Kohlmeyer, District Administrative Assistant

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