

DISTRICT 5970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 1, 2020

ZOOM FORMAT

1:30 P.M.

The December 1, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Neil Fell at 1:30 p.m.. via Zoom format. The following Board members were present: Board Chair Neil Fell, DG Lowell Stoolman, DGE Jeff Hassman, Foundation Chair and DGN Don Meyer, and District Treasurer Eric Levenhagen. Also present District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet, and Decorah Rotarian and PDG of District 6220 Christina Hall.

Moved by Hassman, seconded by Meyer; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Board of Directors meeting
- RYLA Board minutes of August 7, 2020
- RYLA Youth Protection documents
- DG Line minutes of November 17, 2020
- District Foundation Committee minutes of October 5 and November 12, 2020
- Electronic Votes
- Google Analytics for August, September, and October, 2020
- Public Image minutes of November 10, 2020
- Assistant District Governor meeting minutes of October 7, 2020
- Membership Committee minutes of October 7, 2020

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- DES Activity Report
- DG Report
- DRFCC Report
- DDR Report
- 2019-2020 Stewardship Report
- Committee Reports (Rotaract/Interact, Youth Exchange)

Foundation Chair Meyer reported that there is still \$125,000 in uncommitted DDF funds. District 5970 is 21% ahead of last October in Annual Fund Giving.

Moved by Stoolman, seconded by Levenhagen; To approve Committee and Leadership reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the period ending October 31, 2020 and the review of the draft Form 990 were discussed. Deadlines for submission of the 2021-2020 budget were also discussed. The budget will need to be presented to the Finance Committee prior to the May 4, 2021 Board meeting. Moved by Fell, seconded by Hassman; That Financial Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

One Rotary Summit

DGE Hassman reported that One Rotary Summit will be virtual this year. Tentative dates are January 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and January 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. He is going to add Pre-PETS to it as well to encourage PEs and PENs to attend.

NCPETS

NCPETS will be virtual in 2021 and will be held over a span of 12 days. The cost will be \$150 per PE and PEN. DGE Hassman explained that there are costs for the platform, the producer, credit card fees, speaker gifts, and other incidental expenses. It was agreed that PEs would pay the registration fee and they would be reimbursed upon confirmation of attendance.

Virtual District Conference

DG Stoolman has received word from RI President Knaack that no travel is allowed until June 30, 2021, so his conference will have to be virtual. He has an IT expert in his club that is helping him and he is working on getting speakers. There was some discussion on foregoing a District Conference this year, but he plans on going ahead with it.

Youth Exchange Update

DGE Hassman reported that they are not doing any short term exchanges. Recruiting is currently going on with students and they are planning on a good group of outbounds and inbounds in August, 2021.

ADG Training

DG Stoolman is disappointed with the effort of some of the ADGs. It is difficult when most clubs are not meeting or only meeting virtually. There was some discussion on future ADG training.

Tina Hall - E-club

Tina Hall, Decorah Rotarian and Past District Governor from District 6220, met with the Board to report on progress with the new E-Club, focusing on the environment.

- The club will sit in District 5970, but members might be from anywhere. They will focus on going to the nearest geographic club and coordinate with projects.
- They are looking at possibly \$200 per year in dues, along with District and RI dues.
- PDG Fell asked if there could be any grant money from the District for seed money - how would that affect the budget and would it set a precedent?
- The District needs to look at an e-pay option.
- Her next step is to talk to the ADGs to continue to nurture satellite and alternative clubs.

DG Stoolman is encouraging every club he visits to get involved at the District level. There are lots of great committees to join.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.