

DISTRICT 5970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 1, 2021

ZOOM FORMAT

1:30 P.M.

The February 1, 2021 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 PDG Michelle Bell. Also present District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet, and Decorah Rotarian and PDG of District 6220 Christina Hall.

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 second meeting of the proposed Paths and Pollinators E-club will be held on February 5, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom. This will be a meeting to introduce the potential members to each other. It is proposed to meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.
- They are looking at possibly \$200 per year in dues. She is proposing charging enough so they can pay District and RI dues with a little left over for matching funds for grants. They will also encourage donations to The Rotary Foundation.
- It will need to be determined whether the club will be sponsored by the District or an existing club, or if it will be a satellite club. If it is a club, there will be a \$15 per member charter fee.
- Members of the club will not be limited to those in our physical District.

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

Minutes of **12-1-20** BOD Meeting
DG Line minutes of 1-19-21
Google Analytics for November, December 2020
Public Image Grant application spreadsheet

The Board reviewed the following reports:

Leadership Reports (DG)
DRFCC Report
DDF Report
DES Activity Report
Committee Reports (YRYLA, Membership, RYE)

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

Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2020 were discussed. Deadlines for submission of the 2021-2022 budget were also discussed. The budget will need to be presented to the Finance Committee prior to the May 4, 2021 Board meeting. Those attending the Zone Institute in Houston will be encouraged to pay whatever travel expenses possible from this year's budget. Moved by Fell, seconded by Hassman; That Financial Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hot Meals USA

DG Stoolman reported that Districts 5630 and 6000 would like our participation in the Hot Meals USA project, financially, by providing volunteers, or both. They are reimbursed by FEMA for the food, but they need funds to purchase the food prior to distribution. A truck has been purchased and is located in Cedar Rapids. It can be used for other events in the community if it's not needed for disaster relief. On March 2 the Cedar Rapids Rotary Metro Council will meet, and Lowell has arranged to speak and will also arrange a speaker from the Hot Meals USA group to attend. Lowell would like to support this project in some fashion, and the Board felt it was worth pursuing.

One Rotary Summit

One Rotary Summit was held virtually on January 26 and January 30, 2021. It went well and the virtual option was good. Links to the recording and the powerpoint presentation will be available on the District website.

NCPETS

Virtual NCPETS will be held March 12 and 13 and March 20. There will be optional sessions on March 16 and 18. The District only session will be from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on March 20. Registration has been slow, reminder email links will continue to be sent out. DGE Hassman is looking for facilitators for some of the sessions.

Virtual District Conference

DG Stoolman's District Conference Committee has begun working on the conference. He is in the process of lining up speakers. There will be a District-wide meeting during the conference to approve 2019-2020 Financials. They will need to be sent out to Club presidents 30 days prior to the meeting.

ADG Training

DGE Hassman will need to replace several ADGs. He needs to find out which of them want to continue. We need to find out why ADGs leave the position. Club presidents will be surveyed to see what value ADGs provide to their clubs. The Board needs to determine if they add value to the District. Do the ADGs know what is expected of them.

Global Grant - India Tissue Bank

PDG Bell proposed a donation of \$2,000 of DDF funds to the Global Grant for a Tissue Bank in Jaipur, India. She has received commitments from the following Clubs: New Hampton, Rockwell City, Ely, and Linn County, for a total of \$500. The Foundation Committee recommended approval unanimously. Moved by

Bell, seconded by Meyer; To approve a \$2,000 grant of DDF funds to the Global Grant for a Tissue Bank in Jaipur, India. All ayes. Motion carried.

DG Nominating Committee

PDG Bell is the Chair of the Committee. She has called for nominations. The deadline is the end of March and interviews will be held sometime in April. The bylaws require a past club president to be on the Committee, and she is proposing Dennis Jordan of the Cedar Rapids Rotary club. Moved by Bell, seconded by Hassman; To appoint Dennis Jordan to the DG Nominating Committee. All ayes. Motion carried. It was felt that the bylaws stating the composition of the Committee need to be amended. This could be voted on at the Business meeting during the District conference.

Conflict of Interest Forms

Conflict of interest forms need to be completed by Board members every year. On July 1, DES Kolbet will send out the form to the BOD to be completed.

John Wasta will be the Foundation Chair effective July 1, 2021. This is a Board position. He will be invited to attend the May 4, 2021 Board meeting.

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Stoolman; That the meeting be adjourned at 2:48 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.