

Northfield Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting

**Thursday, September 13, 2018
10:45 a.m. to Noon
United Methodist Church Library**

Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

Present: Scott Richardson (President), Jean Wakely (Immediate Past President), Todd Thompson (International service), Jenni Roney (PR/Communications), Kari Nelson (Secretary). Barry Carlson (President Elect/Membership) participated by phone. Jake Conway (Community Service) arrived 11:22.

Absent: Virginia Kaczmarek (Treasurer), Vicki Dilley (Rotary Club Service). Note - Chris Heineman (Fundraising) has resigned due to job change.

Action Items

Approval of August 9, 2018 minutes. Moved by Carlson, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried; minutes of August 9, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Presented by Richardson in Kaczmarek's absence.

1. Balance Sheet Report (as of 09/10/18):

- Reminder: There is \$500 pending in "Due to ISP – TBD". This is a donation from Jim Pokorney. He's working with Charlie Cogan about where the funds might be needed most.
- We added a \$1,415 district match and a \$500 donation from The Rice Lake Rotary (WI) for the "Due to ISP – Togo" account. We budgeted \$2000 in our budget for Togo. Charlie Cogan is working on transferring the total soon.

2. Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison Report:

- We ended with 893 riders in the Bike Tour (compared to 814 last year). Revenue and expenses have not all come in yet but numbers look strong.
- We currently have 16 members with balances owed for the July-Sept dues. Only two are accounts I'm reaching out to with more than normal communication. Neither have attended a meeting in the current or last quarter.
- Carl Caskey's local donation team awarded \$400 to the Public Library for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration 9/15.

3. Approved Budget compared to actuals:

- Normal revenue and expenses

Thompson clarified that we are transferring just over \$4,000 to the educational project in Togo, approximately \$1,500 of which is from our International Service budget, with the remainder from other sources, including \$500 from the Pokorneys. We have also committed \$1,900 to a Tanzania water project. So \$1,500 remains uncommitted in our International Service budget.

Motion to approve Treasurers' Report by Thompson, seconded by Roney. Motion carried; Treasurer's report approved.

Approval of New Members.

Membership of Tony Huettl was approved by electronic voting. Nelson will send new member welcome letter.

Carlson will arrange formal induction of new members on October 11, when District Governor will be with us. District Governor wants to be informed of new members and special events affecting members, so he can send personal notes to them. Carlson will handle this communication.

Web Site Development

Roney reported that Communication Committee recommends moving to Club Runner for our website. Club Runner is designed by Rotary. It efficiently and comprehensively integrates all the functions we need, is integrated with Rotary International and comes with strong tech support. Meredith Galdeen and Jesse Steed have offered to help oversee the transition. Cost is approximately \$70 per month, with approximately \$200 one time setup fee. Motion by Roney to update our website with the full package of Club Runner, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried; the club will transition to Rotary's Club Runner. Special thanks to Neuger Communications for their many years of assistance and support.

Discussion

Bike Tour Report

Very successful bike tour, with 893 riders. Everything went well, even with the last minute route changes because of weather-related trail conditions. Already thinking of more ways to market for next year.

Next Steps for Next Big Idea

Discussed how to keep the Next Big Idea process moving forward. Consensus was to seek some climate change proposals to include in the club survey. Richardson will work with Hillman to make sure the survey measures level of enthusiasm for the potential projects.

Board Seat Vacancy

Richardson in discussion with a candidate to fill Chris Heineman's position on the Board.

Moving Four-Way Taste to Ethics Team?

Discussion of future of Four- Way Taste fundraiser, given Heineman's departure. Wakely will facilitate transition to new committee.

September Summit

Board members will serve as table hosts for One Rotary Summit on Tuesday September 18; all club members encouraged to attend.

Information:

Director Reports

Thompson reports conversation with a Canadian club that may be able to get matching Canadian government funds for Phase II of the Guatemala project, but matching funds are dependent on the Canadian club being the international sponsor of the project. Thompson checking to see if RI would still match our contributions if we are no longer the sponsor.

Youth Exchange Barbecue Sunday, Sept. 23.

All members encouraged to attend.

District Governor to address us on Oct. 11.

Carlson moved to adjourn, Conway seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:53.