

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Board Present: Vern Chase, Kathy Dahlstrom, Pauline Gubbels, Pam Halsan, Staser Holcomb, Michael Kealy, Pam LeMay, Val Mohney, Joel Phillipps

Guests Present: Elizabeth Crouch, Pat Thorpe

Representatives Present: Kirk Greiner (Edmonds Rotary Foundation)

Board Absent: Alex Hopkins, Doug Purcell, Don Schmutz, Larry Throndsen

Call to Order: Staser, 3rd Quarter President, called the meeting to order at 7:30am. He announced that a quorum was present.

1. Agenda: approved.
2. Secretary's Report: February 6, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes distributed at the meeting were approved.

Action Items

Secretary's responsibility will be to send the approved minutes of the previous month's board meeting to the webmaster as well as to make copies for each table at the business meeting following the board meeting. This will also be done for the current month's "approved draft" minutes.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Joel reported that all necessary paperwork designating him as the new club treasurer has been completed. The "ship is afloat" with the following balances:

\$10, 527	Crime Watch	\$4,230	General Fund
\$75,603	Money Market	\$9,224	Waterfront Festival

Action Items

Joel will send reminders to those still owing dues. He will prepare a quarterly report to date with budgeted and actual income/expenses including reserve funds. He will also send the financial report to Kirk for the club website.

4. Directors' & Vice-President's Reports:

Vice-President – Pauline was complimented on the very professional presentation she made at the March 4th club business meeting. She, in turn, thanked her committee for their continuing hard work. Pauline proposed two changes to the Strategic Plan document that will be voted on at the March 11th meeting:

- A) Move the goals and objectives referring to the local scholarship program from Service Projects—Community Service to Rotary International

Foundation. After discussion, it was agreed to leave the local scholarship program where it currently is in the document.

- B) Remove the Edmonds Rotary Foundation Objective “Establish a program to solicit funds from outside sources for RCE (Rotary Club of Edmonds) approved projects.” After discussion, it was M/S/P to amend the document by removing this statement.

Action Items

Pauline will relay to Don Henderson the above (B) change. Don will email the amended Strategic Plan to all members. Members will be encouraged to read the plan and to send any questions, comments, concerns to Pauline. The plan will be presented for a second time at the March 11th meeting. Club members will be asked to vote to adopt or reject the Strategic Plan.

Membership – Michael announced that Dave Gebert has resigned. He also reported that he could find no rules or policies that would prevent spouses or partners from being members in the same club.

Service Projects – No report

RI Foundation – No report

Public Relations – Vern asked the board to approve the April 8th business exchange visit to Paine Field to stand as a meeting. M/S/P He also reported that a public relations plan for the Waterfront Festival is in place. The festival website listing this year’s sponsors will be updated in April. Current sponsors are also listed on the 5K run poster.

Club Administration – Pam H. reported that she has programs planned through April 29th. Members are encouraged to share ideas with her. Due to their popularity and community building, the “re-classification” talks will continue @ about 1-2 each month. She also mentioned that a club banner has been purchased to display at community events (ie the Easter Egg Hunt). She is trying to locate the framed original club constitution. The board discussed the importance of the caterer having food available by 11:30am so that the meetings can begin/end in a timely manner. The board agreed to extend its current contract with the Edmonds Conference Center for meeting 2008-09.

Action Items

When Pam H. makes the monthly program sheet, she will include who is introducing the program or speaker. She will also speak with Matt McKay to ensure that his staff has the luncheon meal ready by 11:30am. Board members are to give Kirk a bio sketch that he will place on the club website as an introduction to the goal of having bios of all members on the site. Prior to the April board meeting, Pam H. will send all board members the bylaws with her proposed revisions. Pam L. will prepare the rental contract for club meeting space for 2008-09.

Fund Raising – No report

5. Unfinished Business – Staser reported on Alex’s behalf that the memorial plans for honoring Dave Stern are proceeding with an anticipated mid-May ceremony for the Edmonds Office of the Year. 10 people are registered for the May 16-18 District Conference. Staser and Elizabeth encouraged everyone to attend.

Elizabeth also reported that the \$8000 check from the district for post tsunami relief should be received soon. It will be given to our club treasurer who will then give it to the Edmonds Rotary Foundation for future club projects in this area.

Action Items

For the next board meeting, each committee director will prepare a description of the committee including its function and those currently on the committee. The website may need updating. Elizabeth will follow up with her offer to prepare a display board for club meetings. The display board will include each committee, its function and members. All members will be encouraged to participate on a committee.

6. New Business – Staser shared a memo from Mike Montgomery inviting the club to attend a April 3rd evening meeting with Julian Bolz to learn more about the Afghan School Project. Staser will attend on behalf of our club. It was M/S/P to support the fundraising car wash for Lamin Manneh’s Gambia Project. This will provide the option for checks to be made out to the Edmonds Rotary Foundation as a pass-through for the project. Kirk briefed the board on a concept for helping meet the matching grant challenge posed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the aim being to complete the Polio Plus campaign within the next three years. The concept involves soliciting target community members for substantial contributions to a Rotary International project. The Edmonds Rotary Foundation (ERF) would undertake such an effort only if it was approved and supported by the club and coordinated with District 5030. This was a useful discussion, helping to clarify the relationship between the rotary Club of Edmonds and its 501c3 foundation. Having a representative of the ERF at the board meeting was most useful.

Action Item

Kirk will discuss details for the pass-through with Lamin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Next meeting will be on April 2nd at 7:30am in the Port of Edmonds Boardroom. Any director unable to attend is requested to send a report to Staser who will be presiding one more month due to (4th Quarter President) Elizabeth’s previous family commitment.

Respectfully submitted—Pam LeMay