

The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: May 17, 2022



Attendance:

Present

Rebecca Lamper (Chair), Catherine Ristola Bass (President), Elizabeth Scott (Incoming President), Kathy DeVries (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Kris Reinhardt (2023), Jim Hagel (2024)

Absent

Jason Gargala (2022), Janet Huyser (2022), Charlie Soria (2023)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Rebecca called the meeting to order at 11:44 am
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the correction that Treasurer Bev did not get a vacation after tax time.
3. A discussion was held concerning the club's meeting venue because it might affect the discussion of the dues amount that was next on the agenda. Although David is still looking for other venues, only Haworth Hotel and the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club have suitable facilities and catering. The cost to meet for lunch is about the same. A majority of the board members present prefer to stay at the Yacht Club for meetings. It was moved and approved that a survey is sent to all club members concerning their preference for meeting location. The board will take the results of this survey into account and decide at the June meeting where we will meet from July through December.
4. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the amount to charge for dues for the coming 6-month period. Points that were made in this discussion included.
 - There are benefits to including the cost of the meals in the total billed. It encourages members to attend meetings, it spreads out the costs of meeting location to the whole club, and it is far simpler to bill and collect.
 - In the recent past the combined dues charged did not cover the cost of meals. The board agreed that dues should be sufficient to cover expenses.
 - There were many different suggestions on how to calculate the cost of dues. It was decided to take the total expenses listed in the club profit & loss statement and divide it by the current number of members.
 - The club gives a discount for members who live out of Michigan for part of the year, and this should continue. This compensates for missing meals.
5. Using the suggested calculation, it was moved and approved to charge dues for July-Dec of \$554.

6. Larry wondered if we could offer an option to pay dues monthly instead of biannually. Bev thought that could be done. She will put a note on the invoices offering a monthly payment. It was moved and approved that monthly payment would be offered by check or automated withdrawal from a bank account.
7. Catherine reported that she is still looking into a printed directory. She is thinking that interested members would pay for the printed directory. The cost would be around \$10.
8. Because of Elizabeth being gone July 7 and Catherine being gone July 14, it was decided to have the presidential installation at the June 30th club meeting.
9. It was approved to add Judy Zylman (former president) and Mary Hoogstra (widow of John Hoogstra) as honorary members.
10. Programs are set through July. The Major Donors luncheon has been moved to June 23rd.
11. Adjourn. **Action**> Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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Present

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Absent

Jason Gargala (2022), Janet Huyser (2022), Charlie Soria (2023)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Rebecca called the meeting to order at 11:01 am
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the correction that Treasurer Bev did not get a vacation after tax time.
3. For the challenged students' money given to West Ottawa (\$1,000) there was both budget money and donations (about \$500). Bev asked the board how to record the transactions, so it was clear in the future how the money was handled. After a discussion, it was decided that the donation should show as income and the check to WO as an expense. The charity balance sheet still shows money for the Windmill Island project in our charitable fund. Bev confirmed that the money has been given to the City of Holland and this will be reflected by the end of the year balance sheet.
4. Catherine reported that 45 people signed up for the dinner tonight.
5. International service requested that the remaining amount of our pledge for the Pine Ridge water project be transferred to the Rotary Club of Boulder. This was approved. Kathy noted that our district has changed its by-laws to allow the use of "local district grants" outside of the district.
6. The money for the Global Grant for Homa Bay Kenya will be administered by Rotary International. There is a slight administrative fee, but this is so much easier for international transactions.
7. Elizabeth reported for community service that we have 3 more months of formal support with our refugee family. After that, the team will continue to be friends with the family. There were enough people to handle the Tulip Time Grandstand Greeting. On the highway cleanup day, there was too much rainwater in the ditches to allow finishing the cleanup. The Moraw family finished the cleanup by themselves. Elizabeth expressed concern that some contingency is made so that this does not fall on the event chair.
8. Catherine reported for Youth Services that the RYE conference in April was excellent, but that there will not be the usual conference at Calvin University this year. We have not been assigned a second exchange student yet. If we do have one assigned, we will have 30 days to find a host family.

Leaders for the 21st Century is not taking place this year because the schools did not recommend any students. It is possible that we will be able to start it again next year. We are sending 2 students to the Life Leadership Conference in June. The Interact Club at West Ottawa will need to work on recruiting in the fall because almost all its members are graduating. Holland High School did not allow outside people to work in school buildings this year, so the Interact Club couldn't meet.

9. Tonight's party will auction off some experiences as a fundraiser.
10. Adjourn. **Action**> Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.

John Hoekstra, secretary