

# The Rotary Club of Holland Board Minutes

Date: April 15, 2026



## Attendance:

### Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Ed Swart (President), Kate Fornarotto (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Loren Meengs (2027), Bonnie McManus (2028), Bob Nida (2028)

### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 11:06 am
2. The minutes of the March board meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Unpaid dues were reviewed. It was decided to terminate Michael Doversberger due to a year of unpaid dues. Chuck will send a termination letter.
5. Chuck has more bank forms that need to be signed. He will get the appropriate signatures.
6. The credit charge processing fees were reviewed and it was decided to switch to Stripe for processing as they seemed to offer the best deal. Chuck was authorized to terminate the Paya account and sign up for a Stripe account. It was also decided that we will modify the ClubRunner payment to charge 3% for credit card transactions.
7. Club service projects will be Kids' Food Basket during the day and Community Action House Food Club in the evening.
8. Ramon Costelo will be inducted this week.
9. Bob asked how we were going to record attendance for activities outside of the weeks when we are at Boatwerks. It was decided that we will have the same sign in sheet for service and social activities.
10. The ad hoc committee revising the constitution and the bylaws is continuing their work. They hope to have it finished by the end of this Rotary year.
11. David and Chuck asked for more time to present the club budget because of the difficulty of working out charges with the new schedule. David asked for some guidance on meals. Some members have indicated that they would like more variety than wraps or sandwiches. Each luncheon we serve 28 meals at about \$25/meal. A buffet or larger meal will add to the cost.
12. Kate confirmed arrangements for Tulip Time and the EPIC Day of service. She will talk about both at the next club meeting.

13. Kate is unable to be at our 30 April meeting and talk about PELS. John Shea will be our speaker, talking about PELS, Polio, and The Rotary Foundation. We will also have a vote for additional board of directors at the meeting. Ed and Kate will introduce the nominees at the 16 April meeting.
14. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Rotary Charities Board Minutes

Date: April 15, 2026



## Attendance:

### Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Ed Swart (President), Kate Fornarotto (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Loren Meengs (2027), Bonnie McManus (2028), Bob Nida (2028)

### Absent

Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Kathy called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm
2. The minutes from the March board meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted. The international dinner fund raiser brought in \$12,000, which will be split among the three clubs.
4. The revised photo contest winners need to be sent their winnings.
5. There was a discussion about how we could support the restaurants that participated in our fundraiser. We will send out a list of the sponsors to our members. John will look into incorporating their logos as sponsors on our website.
6. There was a discussion about how we could formally present our motorized shopping cart gift to Community Action House. Ed will contact Mark about this.
7. John Helm would like to have the club participate in a Habitat for Humanity project.
8. Mike has the information on the city of Holland bench project, but had no report.
9. We are scheduled to have a boy from Germany as an exchange student in the fall. A host family needs to be secured. The committee is meeting later this month.
10. The planning for Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is nearly complete. Recruiting of students has started. The grants from the MACC and LMCU are set. The Adient Foundation has not responded to our grant proposal.
11. The Life Leadership applications from the Holland Interact Club have been submitted. West Ottawa is pending.
12. Kathy reported on her fact-finding trip to Kenya. She was able to meet with all of our potential Rotary partners and visit the 3 hospitals. The Kenyan government classifies healthcare into 7 levels (community health workers, dispensaries, urgent care type facilities, and 4 levels of hospital care). This project would increase the level of maternal and infant care at each hospital. The total project

would be a global grant project of about \$100,000. The board voted to support the project and allocate \$5,000 toward the initial funds required. David pledged to add another \$5,000.

13. The proposed reorganization of the Holland Rotary Charities was discussed.
  - a. The new charities board is seen as a fiduciary that collects, invests, and spends money as directed by the club committees. The committees of both clubs (many are joint) will propose a committee budget along with a proposed way of financing the projects. There was concern raised that this would contribute to a very competitive atmosphere as the committees may go after the same funding source and promote their projects over other committees.
  - b. All moneys currently held in designated funds would be guaranteed to be spent for those purposes. Currently about \$37,000 of the \$88,000 is designated. If the current board wants to designate more funds, they can do so before the end of June.
  - c. The proposal is for a board of 5 persons. It was pointed out that the current 12-member board has 9 members with a total of approximately 21 years of tenure on the board plus 3 members who can serve indefinitely. This gives more experience than the proposed board with 6 years of tenure plus the treasurer, who serves longer.
14. Adjourn. **Action>** Kathy adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary