

The Rotary Club of Holland Board Minutes

Date: March 18, 2026



Attendance:

Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Kate Fornarotto (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026), Loren Meengs (2027), Bonnie McManus (2028), Bob Nida (2028)

Absent

Ed Swart (President)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 11:05 am
2. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. It was moved, seconded, and approved that any bank account belonging to the club or charities shall require the signature of one officer holding the position of President (currently Ed Swart), President-Elect (currently Kate Fornarotto), Treasurer (currently Chuck Warren), or Secretary (currently John Hoekstra) for transactions under \$5,000. For transactions exceeding \$5,000, signatures from any two of the aforementioned officers shall be required.
5. The resignation of David Steenwyck was accepted as of March 4. It was decided not to charge him for January or February dues.
6. Ramon Castelo's membership application has been processed. Bob will publish this to the club for official notification.
7. Kate will be purchasing a feather flag with our club's name to be used outside of Boatwerks when we meet and for projects.
8. The ad-hoc committee is working on updating the constitution.
9. There was a discussion on the club budget for the 2026/27 Rotary Year. David will prepare an estimate on meal expenses with the change to fewer meals. Meals expenses are a major portion of our budget.
10. Kate reported on the plans for the EPIC Day of Service on May 16th. Both Interact Clubs, both Rotary Clubs, and the Rotaract Club have agreed to participate. The project will be for the City of Holland Parks and Recreation Department. It will probably be in the morning.
11. The Tulip Time Parade float arrangements are complete. The West Ottawa Interact will again have a boat to emphasize their water safety projects. All Interact, Rotary, and Rotaract Clubs will participate.

12. It was moved, supported and approved that Kate be designated as our voting delegate at the PELS meeting.
13. John Gronberg and Jim Crozier have been recommended to serve on the board.
14. It was requested that committee information, such as chairs, be placed on the ClubRunner site for help in contacting. John will take care of this.
15. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

The Holland Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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Absent

Ed Swart (President)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm
2. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. Kathy reported that she has signed conflict of interest statements from all board members.
5. The Photo Contest committee proposed that the winners of the contest be changed to avoid conflict of interest. The proposal is that Kathy DeVries and Bob Nida be removed as winners because of their membership on the board. Bob Chaphalkar had 2 photos in the top six and the committee is recommending that he be given only the higher award. The proposed new winners are Gary Bogle (\$1,000), Bob Chaphalkar (\$500), and Jenny Murphy (\$250). The motion from the committee was approved. Chuck will make the necessary corrections to award the prizes.
6. Kathy reported that the international dinner brought in around \$12,000 to be split between the three clubs.
7. Mike Moraw is totaling the final donations for the CAH shopping cart so we can present it to them. The matching money from the district has been received.
8. The first highway cleanup is coming in May.
9. There has been no update concerning the bench project in collaboration with the City of Holland.
10. Kate reported that Kenza has been doing well on getting donations to finance her exchange year.
11. Planning for the Leaders for the 21st Century conference is moving forward. The students need to be recruited.
12. Four students from each of the Interact clubs will be sent to the Life Leadership district conference.
13. Kathy reported that we have a signed contract with the well drilling company in Haiti. It has to be determined whether it is safe to travel the roads to the drilling site. The alternative is to helicopter the drilling rig and personnel to the site. The next step is to determine whether there is water present at the site, then it needs to be of drinkable quality, and finally there needs to be enough

water to supply our communities. If all of these conditions are met, we will write a global grant for an engineering study to move the water and then build.

14. Kathy and Scott are leaving soon for Kenya. They will visit the 3 hospitals we are hoping to include in a project as well as the potential partner Rotary Clubs.
15. There was a discussion on transitioning the board membership to include representatives from both Rotary clubs. Some of the points discussed were:
 - a. The board is generally positive on the change.
 - b. There is somewhere around \$82,000 that was raised by the noon club and should continue to be utilized for noon club projects. Some of this money is already designated, so this might not be a difficulty.
 - c. The board members could be designated by positions. For example, the presidents and treasurers of the two clubs, etc.
 - d. There needs to be a new method for creating the charities budget. Some of the line items are already joint projects.
 - e. It was suggested that fundraising income be allocated based on the relative memberships of the clubs involved in the fundraiser.
16. Adjourn. **Action>** Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:57 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary