

The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: July 17, 2024



Attendance:

Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Howard Fink (President), vacant (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), Jim White (2025), Loren Meengs (2027)

Absent

David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Janet Huyser (2025), Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm
2. The minutes from June were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. The board reviewed the fiscal year expenditures for the last fiscal year. Expenses exceeded income by about \$4,000. The earlier board action keeping dues at the same level was discussed and it was decided to increase the dues by \$25 per 6-month billing period. We currently have 45 active and 13 honorary members.
5. There are 3 members (Dick Chambers, Terry DeHaan, Marvin Younger) who have paid at the absent members level. According to the by-laws absent members must be gone for at least 4 months of the year and must request this status annually from the membership committee. After discussion, it was decided to bill everyone at the active member rate and communicate to members that they need to request to be billed at the absent rate.
6. With the resignation of Lori Varner as program committee chair the board discussed working on recruiting multiple people to work on this committee. Loren is willing to be on the program committee and will work on recruiting a new chair. Clubs use multiple models to select programs (each member takes a week, a committee is responsible, or a single person handles it). Each month has an international emphasis (Aug-membership, Sep-education, Oct-community development, Nov-Foundation, Dec-disease prevention, Jan-vocations, Feb-peace, Mar-water, Apr-maternal/child health, May-Youth, Jun-Fellowships)
7. Kathy has also been working on recruiting a president-elect and a president-elect-nominee.
8. The district governor will be visiting on 29 August. Our club has, in the past, produced a lengthy printed report for the governor. As a PDG, Jim mentioned that our club is the only one that presents anything in writing. Given the short time, it was decided that we will not produce a written report this year.
9. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

Date: July 1, 2024



Attendance:

Present

Kathy DeVries (Chair), Howard Fink (President), vacant (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), Jim White (2025), Loren Meengs (2027)

Absent

David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Janet Huyser (2025), Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

Guests

none

Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm
2. The minutes from the June meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. The upcoming Pickleball Tournament fundraiser was discussed. It was decided to authorize payment to Ryan Settlemeyre and Jenna Timmer of PROmotion Pickleball to manage the tournament.
5. There was a lengthy discussion on what needed to be done for promotion of the tournament. The board decided to authorize the tournament planning committee to make all decisions concerning the running of the tournament. Jim reported that he has been asking for donations to sponsor a court for \$100/day. Miller-Knoll (furniture) and Revolin Sports (local pickleball equipment manufacturer) have been approached about sponsoring the tournament.
6. Jim will be making a presentation to LMCU next week about becoming the sponsor of Leaders for the 21st Century. Jim will be asking for a multiple year commitment to fund the program. LMCU started as an educational employee's credit union so this is a good fit.
7. There was a lengthy discussion concerning Howard's idea about Rotary taking the lead in forming a Lakeshore Festival of the Arts. The board generally liked the idea. There were questions as to whether it was an appropriate project for a Rotary Club. Some of the concerns were:
 - a. An arts festival does not really match any of the Rotary areas of focus.
 - b. Howard thinks little or no money would be brought in so it would not be a fundraiser.
 - c. Howard is proposing that only Park Township be involved initially rather than an area-wide effort. He explained that it would be easier to start small.
8. The board suggested that Howard take the festival idea to the Community Service committee. This committee has representatives from all of the area Rotary Clubs and could give helpful feedback.
9. Adjourn. **Action**> Kathy adjourned the meeting at 9:54 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary