

# The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: March 14, 2023



## Attendance:

### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Elizabeth Giddings (President), Kathy DeVries (Incoming President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Larry Schuyler (Administrator), Janet Huyser (2025), Gary Bogle (2025)

### Absent

Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024), Jim White (2025)

### Guests

John Gronberg

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action**> Catherine called the meeting to order at 11:05am
2. The minutes from the January meeting were approved. There was no February board meeting.
3. The financial reports were not ready because of the change of the meeting date.
4. Robert Ortman has been responsible for storing, maintaining, and entering the Rotary float in parades for many years. He no longer wants the responsibility. The Lakeshore United Rotaract Club is willing to take over the float and make it available for the use of the area Rotary Clubs. John Gronberg had originally acquired the float and was present to assist us in the decision. It was decided to offer the float to the Rotaract Club for a nominal fee. This will allow them to prove ownership if they decide to license it as an official trailer.
5. Ken Austin resigned from the club. Gary is going to send cards to members who don't attend meetings inviting them to join us at a meeting. Bev Loughlin has indicated that she will be stepping down as treasurer at the end of the calendar year. There was a discussion about how to go about finding a replacement. It was decided to ask former Rotarian Steve Bauman if he would recommend an accountant who is community service oriented and might be interested in the position. Ed Swart will be asked to work on this replacement.
6. Elizabeth starts her new job on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. She hopes to be available to lead meetings until the end of her term as President, but there will be times when she will need a substitute on short notice. It was decided that past presidents and board members will be asked to indicate weeks when they will be willing to lead the meeting on short notice. Elizabeth will work on some mechanism to make the meeting agenda available so the person stepping in can have it. Esther Fifelski will be co-chair of Community Service along with Elizabeth. The board of directors meetings will need to be moved to the evening to accommodate Elizabeth's work schedule. Catherine will send out a poll to see what day and week will work best for the new meeting time.

7. There was a discussion about when the meeting location should move back to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC). The room at Macatawa Legends can accommodate only about 35 people. The general consensus was to move back to MBYC either right after Tulip Time or early June. The board empowered Sargent-at-arms David to talk to MBYC and decide on a date for the move.
8. Gary presented some concerns that were raised by a member to him. The member wondered why we had to have fund raisers and where the money went. This person also wondered how districts and zones fit in. Gary answered the member's questions. However, maybe there are other members who would appreciate a brief talk or article about how Rotary works. Gary suggested that this could happen on a weekly basis. The board acknowledged this as a concern, but there was no action taken.
9. Adjourn. **Action**> Catherine adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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### Absent

Kathy DeVries (Incoming President), Bev Loughlin (Treasurer), Charlie Soria (2023), Jim Hagel (2024), Jim White (2025)

### Guests

John Shea – Heart Safe project

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Catherine called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm
2. The Holland Heart Safe project was represented by John Shea. This project is working to increase the number of CPR trained adults in the Holland area. They have just received a \$6500 donation from the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council (MACC). They asked if Holland Rotary Charities would accept the donation as a registered 501c3 organization. The money will be used to purchase CPR dummies and other instructional material. The Rotary Clubs would be partners with the efforts and handle purchasing the equipment. If Rotary is involved there is also the possibility that one of the clubs could qualify for a district matching grant to increase the funds. The board approved this request.
3. The Pets Photo Contest is underway. There are printed cards to hand out with a QR code that points to the contest website. These could be handed out at dog parks and left at veterinarian offices or boarding kennels. John sent out an email describing how to post notifications on Facebook and Twitter of the contest.
4. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary