

09/20/2024 Vinings Cumberland Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 20, 2024
12 P.M. – 1 P.M.

In Attendance: Shawn Bendig, Brant Campbell, Jolene Northrop, Ann Hudgins, Todd Ash, Betty Smith, Thomas House

Meeting called to order by President Shawn Bendig.

Quorum confirmed.

Brant requested approval of the minutes from August Board Meeting - Unanimous approval

Brant mentioned that the action items from the last board meeting. They are listed below for awareness, however were not covered in the meeting. Please provide status if there are updates.

Actions and Owners from 08/23/24 Board Meeting:

1. Shawn will reach out to Alec Smythe regarding the potential decommissioning of DACDB for cost savings.
2. **(complete):** Brant will add Dorothy Sullivan and remove Ron from local, district, and international membership rolls.
3. **(in progress)** Shawn will collaborate with Jolene to list members requiring Red Badge Training.
4. **(in progress)** Brant will compile the required information for the Global Grant submission. – The team is responding to the questions from Diane Lopez with Rotary International – Global Grants - Latin American
5. **(complete)** Ann and Shawn will email details and the September 1st reservation deadline for the train trip.
6. **(complete)** Shawn will check with Shirley about using last year's Christmas party venue.

After the meeting, Brant provided the following action items in the minutes from the **09/20/2024 Board Meeting:**

Actions and Owners

1. **Budget:** Jolene will reach out to Skip for the race management invoice.
2. **Race Update:** Jolene will follow up with Jamie and Todd about unpaid sponsors.
3. **International:** Brant will follow up with Dr. Steve Rosen for the Bolivia cleft palate project.
4. **International:** Brant will follow up with Todd to understand his Global Grant process.
5. **International:** Brant will inform Ross about inviting Dr. Steve Rosen as a speaker.
6. **President's Succession Training:** Brant will assign Joe Bartenfield action on membership meeting panel.
7. **General Observation:** Shawn will follow up on the club's involvement in the Polio Plus event.

Shawn asks if Friday is working well for our Board meetings. Consensus was yes from those in attendance.

Budget

- Todd provided an overview noting that the 5k race account is ~\$86k. Skip's bill/invoice for race management pending and (action) Jolene will reach out to Skip for the invoice. Last year we paid ~\$12k. There may be additional income from sponsors, see 'Race Update' section for additional detail.
- \$46k is the charity fund balance
- \$29.5k is the operating account balance
- Past due members, Casey Field, past due for last and has not paid this quarter. Shawn has spoken with him recently and will reach back out.
- John Collins, Anamoly, and Nate Mueller.

Race Update

- Financial report pending once all expenses are settled
- (action) Jolene will follow up with Jamie and Todd about who has not paid from sponsors and Corporate sponsors.
- Cobb Rotary Council – Jolene mentioned she attended and enjoyed. It would be a good idea to have an event in the future in conjunction with the council.

Membership

- Dave Schwickerath (District 6900 Membership Chair) was our guest speaker in the last President's Succession Training session. He had innovative ideas for the club. Shawn shared some of the ideas with the board as noted below.
 - o Member line at meetings, have a greeter, Thomas says he can lead the effort
 - o Please let Shawn or Joe Bartenfield of any prospective members
 - o We need to ramp up our membership efforts as a board, reaching out at meetings, etc.
 - o Jolene reiterates that our corporate members are full members and we need to focus on making sure they feel they are members
 - o Joe created a strategy document for membership and will share with the board
 - o Send out vision statement from
- Red Badge training, Dorothy and Donnel are the only remaining we believe, but Shawn will send Jolene a list of members needing red badge.

District Grant

- The district grant funding is \$2k, we requested 2.5k, but received 2k. Betty, Dave and Shawn are leading the effort this weekend with Table on Delk.
- Todd advises that the club matches, so he will write the check for \$4k, which is the match

- The board voted and unanimously approved an additional \$1k, so total of \$5k will be the check amount for Table on Delk.

Local

- The 12th of October is scheduled for the Bike donation organization event with Casey and Campbell High School Interact
- Betty is in the process of working on another project for October
- December will be the Youth Villages project.
- Todd has stepped up to lead the cemetery project

International

- Sent email to Dr. Steve Rosen for Bolivia cleft palate and awaiting a response. (action) Brant will follow back up. The project is scheduled for January.
- Awaiting Luque, Paraguay Agua Fresca chair in Mid-October to complete documentation. Rotary International requested 10 additional documents requiring visits to the schools in both Nueva Italia and Luque, Paraguay. Visits will be carried out by the local Luque Club.
- Todd asked if the Luque Club was aware of the amount of funding involved. Brant advised that they are. The Global Grant was submitted and now Rotary International has requested additional detail. Jolene also advised that the Global Grant process is lengthy. Todd had a more streamlined experience with a past Global Grant. (after meeting, (action) Brant will follow up with Todd to better understand Todd's Global Grant and his methodology)
- (action) Brant will let Ross know that we would like to have Dr. Steve Rosens as a program speaker in the near future.

President's Succession Training

- Great meeting with Dave Schwickerath (District 6900 Membership Chair), Shawn noted that maybe we have him included in the membership meeting with panel. (action) Brant will assign action to Joe Bartenfield.

District Conference

- Members are saying that they cannot get registered due to technical issues with the district website for registration
- Any new members will have registration paid by the club
- Bill Thornloe has explained in meetings of availability in the hospitality house where new members are welcome to stay

General Observation

- Public Image – Thomas reminds that we should be sharing posts which helps raise awareness of the club.
- Betty asked about the Polio Plus event and (action) Shawn will follow up to determine what we will do as a club.

Train Trip

- Anne sent an email to all who are going and Todd is tracking payments from members

Foundation

- Fiona is out today

Christmas Party

- We will work with Shirley for the Christmas party this year and plan for Barnsley next year.

Meeting adjourned by President Shawn Bendig