

DISTRICT 5970  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2019 - 11:00 A.M..  
CLEAR LAKE, IOWA

The Rotary District 5970 Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clear Lake Best Western Holiday Lodge. The following were present:

PDG Jim Coloff – Board Chair  
PDG Ralph Smith  
DG Neil Fell  
DGE Michelle Bell  
DGN Lowell Stoolman  
DGN-D Jeff Hassman  
DRFC Don Meyer  
District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet

DES Kolbet informed the Chair that a quorum was present.

The Board will discuss whether or not to continue with the “Rotary Minute” at the next Board meeting.

The following discussion was held regarding consent agenda items:

- Global Grants need to be finalized

Moved by Michelle Bell, seconded by Don Meyer; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Financial reports. Suellen explained that the RYLA District 6000 receivable represents the amount of reserves held by the RYLA Treasurer that belongs to District 5970. They also discussed what would happen if District Conference registrants cancelled at the last minute because of weather. No refunds will be given. Moved by Michelle Bell, seconded by Ralph Smith; To approve the Financial Reports as of March 31, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil Fell reported on the District Conference as follows:

- No refunds will be given after final numbers have been given to the Conference venue. Next year a cancellation policy will be included in the registration.
- They discussed having a District-wide planning committee, rather than it being the entire responsibility of the District Governor’s Club.
- What can be done to get District Rotarians to attend the conference.
- Michelle Bell has put together a Leadership Group to plan next year’s conference. Each District Governor can handle the Conference as they wish.
- There will be no actual Duck Race because of the weather. Ducks will just be picked out of a tub.

2019 Zone Expenses were discussed because the budget is very high. It is in Kansas City September 25-29. Michelle stated that in the previous by-laws no expenses for Past District Governors or any spouses were covered. It was the feeling of the Board that the only spouses that should be covered are the District Governor Elect and the District Governor Nominee since there are programs for their

spouses. Whose expenses are covered will be defined in the Policies and Procedures. They will be the District Governor, the District Governor Elect and spouse, the District Governor Nominee and spouse, The Foundation Chair, the Membership Chair, the District Trainer, the Public Image Chair, and emerging leaders as approved by the Board of Directors.

Michelle Bell presented a final budget for the 2019-2020 year, recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. It includes net assets released from restriction from liquidated Donor Advised Funds, which will cover Public Image Grants. The Rotary Youth Exchange budget includes six outbound students. Moved by Ralph Smith, seconded by Neil Fell; That the 2019-2020 Budget be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Publicity for the Public Image Grants was discussed. This will be talked about in the Public Image Breakout session. A video promoting the grant will be prepared.

Dates for 2019-2020 Board of Directors meetings were set as follows:

Saturday, August 24, 2019 - Marion - 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 6, 2019 - Online (Zoom meeting) 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - Online (Zoom meeting) 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 24, 2020 - Cedar Rapids Marriott - 10:00 a.m. (before the District Conference)

Michelle Bell's draft of the Policies and Procedures was reviewed. The Board needs to review them and let Michelle know what needs to be changed. Hopefully the Plans and Procedures can be approved at the August Board meeting and once they are approved, the Board can update the by-laws so they are not in conflict. The Youth Protection Policy should be complete and will be added.

The DGN-D selection Committee will meet on May 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Charles City Library.

The Youth Protection Policy was discussed. Ralph Smith is not confident Clubs will be able to comply. District 5960 has a centralized procedure that goes through their website. He wants something that we can use and enforce. He will pursue the kind of system that District 5960 uses and work on a centralized way to accomplish a successful policy.

Don Meyer reported that DDF funds for a Global Water Sanitation Project has been approved but the amount of the grant is \$24,250 and anything over \$20,000 requires Board approval. Moved by Don Meyer, seconded by Michelle Bell; To approve the additional funding over \$20,000 for the Global Water Sanitation Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed allowing Rotaract, Interact, and Rotex clubs to be able to apply for District Grants. Rotaract and Interact would have to go through their home clubs. They will see if Rotex clubs can apply for grants on their own.

The next meeting will be held in Marion on August 24, 2019 at 10:00 p.m.

Moved by Neil Fell, seconded by Don Meyer; That the meeting adjourn at 1:06 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Suellen Kolbet

District Executive Secretary

