

Rotary Club of Wiaraton Minutes

May 9, 2024

Nora circulated sign-up sheets for the BBQ with Southampton Rotary Club, Committees for the next Rotary year and attendance numbers were taken from those in attendance for the Paul Harris Dinner.

Our meeting began with the Induction of new members Kristan and Mike Revell by Membership committee members Pat and Jackie, sponsor Bev, along with the mentors Glenda and Trevor. We are so thrilled to have them join our club!!! Welcome!

Nora went over plans for our next Rotary year with a focus on Membership, Projects, Programs and Fundraising. The net membership goal of 32 (will be +2) as we anticipate one more new member before June 30 – we are currently at 29.

Programs we will continue with are Interact, Inbound and Outbound exchange students, Ryla(youth leadership program) and Service projects.

We continue to reinvent our fundraising events and are involved with Wiaraton Homecoming Weekend, a new Golf Tournament, Shore to Shore, Wine Survivor, possible Car Rally and a Shred-it event.

Nora will send online vote out for approval to provide funding to the Rotary Foundation \$3,000 and Polio plus \$2,000. Once decided, we will receive a survey to vote on budget.

Collaboration with other groups will continue to grow including other Rotary clubs, organizations, municipality, etc.

Currently our membership dues are not covering the cost of Rotary International and District fees, the difference is being paid out of fundraised dollars. Nora will send out a survey to decide on what the membership fee will be July 1.

The executive would like to once again look into a charitable status for the club. The assistance of an accountant would be needed but no decision would be made without club approval.

Scott provided a proposed budget for next year – copy is attached. Scott went over what our club has raised in funds over the past 5 years and congratulated everyone on \$324,164 just in fundraisers. Revenue for next year has been planned conservatively as we wait to see how WHC and our Golf tournament go. Our expense priorities will be District and RI dues, Club admin, Membership and Public Image and donations given to Foundation and Polio Plus. The remaining balance is our appeal budget. We have applied for two district grants to assist with Scholarships, RYLA, Santa float, Food Bank, Youth exchange, Interact and with the district grant we will get approximately 1/3 back – these are expenses we were already spending.

As was previously approved, next year the club will have a possible deficit of \$15,000 to enable appeals to be funded, however that may be reduced if our fundraisers are successful.

Bev updated us on WS#12 – 3 books of tickets left to sell with only 10 days left.

WHC update from Mike M and Jackie – 7 Rotarians attended the food handler course and 3 more are taking the course online. There will be at least one certified food handler on ea shift in the food both. They have added another musical event for Sat afternoon – Jenny and Robbie Robinson. Next Wednesday the billboard on the hospital hill will be updated with info regarding the new 50/50 draw(WHC and the hospital foundation). The committee applied for a grant through the TSBP - \$40,000 available and currently 9 applicants. Jackie will no longer be on the WHC committee but she and Dave will be running the food booth and they will need everyone's support. Glenda will be working on the schedule for volunteers very soon.

Shore to Shore – if you haven't signed up to volunteer, please speak to Rebekah.

Golf tournament – please sign up if you intend to golf. We still need sponsors and silent auction items.

PH evening – we confirmed # of attendees, a motion was made to apply for a liquor license and everyone was in agreement with Rebekah applying online. The 3 recipients of a PH will be Josie Myles, Becky Knight and Dan Lisk.

Motion made by Scott, seconded by Glenda to change the signing officers for the club(effective July 1) to Heather Brush, Glenda Jamieson, Nora Walden and Mike Mason. A copy of the minutes will be provided to bank at our appointment.

We have a \$200 appeal from PSDS. The \$1,000 provided to PSDS earlier has been returned to us as the school trip was cancelled. Nora will send out an online vote.

Fall Road cleanup will be on a Saturday – date TBD.

Ron Gatis shared a request from the Propeller Club to remove “Meeting Place” from the name – it would just be The Propeller Club. Our club had provided funds and manpower several years ago to replace the roof on the building and rather than adding Rotary Club name to it, Meeting Place was added. Ron made a motion we approve their request, seconded by Mike Mason. We voted unanimously to agree with changing the name as requested.

Summer BBQ's. Nora will host one but looking for 1 or 2 more hosts.

Eric shared 4 success stories for his grandchildren and paid funds to the party pig. Mike McMillan shared a success for his son in law for a work promotion to Seargent in his police career.

50/50 draw winner was Rebekah!!!

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is our Paul Harris evening at Evergreen Resort on May 23 at 5:30pm

