**BOARD MEETING July 29, 2021 MINUTES**

*This was the first Board Meeting for year 2021/22. Held at President Jeff Melanson’s home in Winslow.*

*Meeting started: 3 PM; end 4:30 PM extension granted by the Board*

**Attending:** Jeff Melanson, Bob Barton, John Dalton, Dan Eccher, Jeff Jolicouer, Peter Garrett, Kim Lindloff, Erin Merrill, Suzanne Uhl-Melanson, Sarah Wadick

**Absent**: Christine Black, Maggie Bryant, Tina Chapman, Chris Gaunce, Tom Longstaff

1. **Minutes from past meeting**: Motion to approve: first- Jeff Jolicouer/ 2nd- John Dalton; unanimously approved
2. **Treasurer’s Report**: Tax return is ready but the Club did not file for the previous 2 yrs because the Club could not get financial statements from the previous club treasurer Bruce Harrington. Bob Barton shared that penalties could be as much as $1800.

**The Board wishes to extend a sincere Thank You to both Bob Barton and Sarah Wadick for persisting and finally completing the returns once the information was received.**

1. **Club Administration**: ( Erin Merrill) The August Blood Drive is in good shape with 31 slots out of 50 taken.

It was recommended that going forward, any **club member who sponsors a speaker** should introduce that speaker on their day of presentation

1. **Membership**: (John Dalton) Currently 31 club members have not paid their dues
2. **Community Service**: (Christine absent) Peter Garrett is working with Pat Theriault on a **memory** bench for her husband and past president Wayne Theriault. She would like one on the Rotary Centennial Trail and will wait for a visit from her children in August to choose a location on the trail.

It was discussed that our club should have an **offsite meeting and dedication ceremony** for Wayne when the bench is installed.

**Little Free Libraries**: It was noted from the visit to the library on North Street with the DG Doug Curtis, that the library is in desperate need of repair. Also the Rotary wheel needs to appear on the libraries. Rene Burdet has volunteered to be involved in the replacement and recommends adding an asphalt roof to avoid water damage. Buffy will supply a new library that was an extra one and Christine will coordinate having it located to replace North Street.

The Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce may have books to donate after their November book drive

1. **International Service**: (Peter Garrett) Peter expressed concern that the Pledge of Allegiance is not keeping with Rotary International’s political commitment. The club offered to bring up the subject if there is enough interest at a club assembly.
2. **Vocational Service**: (Chris Gaunce absent) There seems to be genuine interest from Thomas College for a Roteract Club
3. **Foundation**: (Tom Longstaff absent) No report
4. **Ways & Means**: (Suzanne Uhl-Melanson) Discussion centered around bringing **Radio Auction** back into the format- an on-line auction would take place during the week with a last day live Radio Auction. **For 3 purposes: Fellowship, marketing of Rotary and boosting bids**. No motions were made. Board asked Suzanne to come back with some dates.
5. **Public Relations**: (Maggie Bryant absent) No report
6. **NEW BUSINESS**: **Houle’s Corporate membership vot**e- motion Dalton/ 2nd Uhl-Melanson: approved unanimously

Board recommended that the **District Grant Subcommittee be formed and be part of Community Service Committee**

**Riverwalk Clean-u**p: 15 Rotarians have signed up w/some non-Rotarians too

**Taste of Waterville update**: Jeff Melanson found a Food Truck (Pinky D’s Poutine Factory) to participate in the Taste with our Club. Our Club and Sunrise Club will pay for their registration and he agreed to contribute 10% of his proceeds back to Waterville and Sunrise Rotary Clubs. 50/50 tickets will be sold at the Rotary table.

**Dues invoicing schedule**: will begin November 1, 2021 in hopes of receiving all dues by January 1.

**In person meeting protocol**: Because some meeting attendees may not be vaccinated, **mask wearing** will be required for future meetings to protect all.

**Club Assembly**: Board recommends that an **agenda be presented to all members prior to the** **assembly** (before the day of the assembly).

**Persons winning 50/50 will sell tickets during the next meeting**. It was suggested that Chuck Bickford be a permanent Greeter

**Noted: Rotarian magazine** in the August issue highlighted Rhoda Reads book as a choice for young children as recommended by past club president Sarah Sugden (now residing in Wisconsin).

**Rotary minute**: Current presenter can assign the next presenter

**NEXT MEETING: Chamber of Commerce 3rd Thursday of each month 3-4 PM; please MARK your calendar.**