



**ROTARY CLUB**  
OF  
**SPACE CENTER**  
"Service Above Self"



***Minutes of the Board of Directors***

***September 19, 2006*** (Updated 10/13/06)

**Members in attendance:**

Geoff Atwater, Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, Rafael Lugo, JB Fox, Bill Taylor, Scott Rainey, Mark Humphrey, Mike Cornett, Tony Bloomfield, Pam Culpepper, Jerold DeWease, Dick Kidder.

**Members absent:**

Art Wood

**Visitors:**

Suzi Howe, District Governor, Pat Doughty and Jon McKinnie (Red Badges), Laura Hale and Art Oswald.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of last meeting were approved as edited.

**Treasurer's report**

No report presented

**Resignations**

None

**Membership**

New member process - Geoff Atwater requested Bill Taylor look at Article XII, Section 5 of the Club's by laws to be sure that the Club's procedure and practice on new members complied with it. A general discussion followed related to the delays new proposed members have been experiencing in getting their red badges, specifically Jon McKinnie who was approved by the Board on July 18, 2006. Bill Taylor noted that he will reconcile any differences in our procedures by either changing the procedure or requesting a change to the by laws and work on streamlining our procedures such that red badges are handed out in a timely manner. He also noted seven people were in the membership pipeline of which four planned to receive their **blue** badges on September 25.

Laura Hale provided an overview of the orientation procedure for the red badgers pointing out the fiscal responsibilities for all Rotarians. Jerrold DeWease asked if the Memo of Understanding was well received by the red badgers and she said it was.

New Member.-

Bill Taylor presented Hilary DiRenzo for Board approval as a new member. Following a brief discussion, Ms. DiRenzo was approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

- Geoff Atwater suggested a new feature article be started in the Blastoff where one member of the Board will write about his/her area of involvement in the Rotary on each Blastoff publication. The idea was received favorably and Geoff proceeded to pass a sign up sheet scheduling assignments for each Blastoff publication.

- Geoff Atwater presented a request to donate \$5,000.00 to the Pass Christian Rotary Club of Mississippi. Geoff explained that the city of Pass Christian was totally destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and that the members of the Rotary Club have reformed and initially conducted their meetings on a bare slab. A brief discussion followed, including the suggestion to get the \$5k from the revenues received from the Boots and Black Ties event. The motion was presented and passed unanimously.

- Jerrold DeWease presented a suggestion from the Rotary Foundation Committee to order a banner similar to the one the Club has containing the list of names of Floyd Boze fellows. This new banner would contain the names of the Paul Harris fellows and will be displayed during the meetings. A discussion followed including the demonstration of the Floyd Boze banner and the process and cost to add new names, etc. The banner with the present set of names would cost around \$700.00. The Committee requested permission to use monies from the ones designated for the Paul Harris Fellow match to obtain the banner. The Board had no objections and suggested the Committee proceed with the project.

## **Old Business**

- Comments were requested from the Board about the new meeting/banquet facility. The comments were in general positive with some discussions about the location of the podium and the light from the windows. Food was seen to be an improvement from the previous location. It was also mentioned that Bay Oaks is allowing to either have coffee and desert or salad bar when paying the \$5.00 attendance fee.

- Art Oswald reported that the operations activities of the reception desk at the meetings were still being worked out. Several changes have been made including **the need for members to sign in when they arrive in order to receive credit for attendance.** This

is important to note since many members have gone through without signing in and there is no one to make note of their attendance later on. Art also mentioned the desire to use red badge members at the receiving desk. This is something that the Club used to do before.

- Geoff Atwater handed out a check for \$8,000.00 to Treasurer Gary Johnson consisting of the matching Rotary International portion of the \$16,000.00 donated last year to the School in Mississippi after the Katrina hurricane. Suzi Howe mentioned that this was an example of "Rotary International Foundation at work". That the matching money was possible due to the club participation in the Rotary Foundation activities such as Paul Harris Fellows, the sale of raffle tickets, donations, etc.

### **Director Reports:**

**Membership** (Bill Taylor) – none

Public Relations (Scott Rainey) – Suggested that Shannon Bloomfield be given a recognition for her outstanding work producing the Blastoff for the last year. He suggested a Paul Harris Fellow be given to her by the Club since she already has a Floyd Boze Fellowship. The Board was in agreement but no action was taken. Scott also suggested adding to the Blastoff the names of members that still owe dues to the club and the members that have been missing at the meetings. A discussion followed where the suggestion was made to approach it in a positive manner instead, adding names that have good attendance. Members that are missing meetings or that have not paid the dues need to be contacted by mail, phone or email. This could be something that their individual sponsors could be assigned to do if they are still in the Club.

**Club Service** (Mark Humphrey) – The Golf committee was active and doing very well. Dick Kidder added that now that we are meeting at Bay Oaks, they will allow us to have our golf group play there once in a while.

**Grants** (Mike Cornett) – He has been talking with Mike Hess to head up the Boots and Black Ties event next year. One of the conditions to take that position Mike Hess has presented is that the dress code be relaxed. No comments were made about this by the Board one way or the other.

Cornett also informed that the coordination continues with the Armand Bayou Nature Center to present a grant application to improve the nature center trails making them handicap accessible.

**Community Service A** (Tony Bloomfield) - Reported that Pat Doughty has accepted to head up the Interact effort.

**Community Service B** (Pam Culpepper) – The Scholarship committee under the leadership of Belinda Skloss, has crested their timetable. The process of identifying and selecting students from the high schools will begin in January.

The Health and Safety committee headed by Jennifer Keller reported that the third immunization date will occur on September 21st at Interfaith Caring Ministries as part of the Blane Grant Immunization project. The previous two immunizations events occurred on July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**International Service A** (Jerrold DeWease) – Reminded everyone that the All Club Meeting was on October 4 and he is collecting the money for the attendance which is \$35.00 per person.

**International Service B** (Dick Kidder) – Dick has been talking with Dr. Fustok to help with the Guerrero Clinic project. Dr. Fustok is interested and may actually go to the Clinic during one of next years working sessions at the Clinic. Dick also added that Johnny White and his wife are planning to go to work at the Clinic during their next working session this October.

**Vocational Service** (Art Wood) – None

**Treasurer** (Gary Johnson) – Reported that there are still many people that owe their dues. We should have a message in the Blastoff stating the importance of paying the dues. He also questioned the policy of allowing payment of dues in two installments and added that this practice adds a lot of burden on the Treasurer.

**Sgt. at Arms** (Rafael Lugo) – Suggested that we should have a sign placed at the entrance of Bay Oaks Country Club indicating the meeting day and time. He also requested direction on how to go about it. Discussion followed including where to get the sign and where it could be placed. Rafael will follow up on this task.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Wednesday, October 4, 2006.** All Club Meeting with attendance of Rotary International President Bill Boyd of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, New Zealand.
- **Saturday, October 28, 2006.** Shrimporee Festival at Clear Lake Park.
- **Monday, February 12, 2007.** DG Suzi Howe official visit to SCR
- **February-March 2007.** Boots and Black Tie Ball
- **Friday, April 20, 2007.** RNASA Banquet and Awards Ceremony
- **April 26-29, 2007.** District 5890 Conference in Puerto Vallarta

Motion was made to adjourn.

The next regular SCR board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 7am at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Respectfully submitted:

(Original signed)

Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr.  
Secretary