

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

GLACIER CANYON LODGE AT THE WILDERNESS, WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

MAY 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by the President, District Governor Dean Ryerson.

Forty-eight member clubs were present, constituting a quorum by representing 81% of our district clubs representing 88% of the total membership. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the annual business meeting of May 31, 2013 were not read because they had previously been distributed.

A motion to approve the *minutes from the business meeting* of May 31, 2013 was made by Jim Allen (Baraboo) and seconded by Dale Leffel (Marshfield). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer, Dick Spencer, presented and discussed interim financial statements from July 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014. We are expecting to end the fiscal year under budget projections by approximately \$10,000 - \$20,000.

Discussion about the Foundation Charitable Trust and the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Dave Warren explains the details of the flat fee structure of the outbound youth exchange program in our district.

2014-2015 District Budget

District Governor-Elect Dave Warren presented the 2014-2015 Operating Budget. The budget details were distributed at the meeting. The district budget enables us to continue to serve our clubs and district programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, and Group Study Exchange (Vocational Training Teams). The budget also funds our Financial and Administrative Services which range from check writing and managing receipts to operational duties like website, communication, and training.

The Budget for 2014-2015 is presented without an increase in member dues. The district finance committee along with the leadership team has balanced the budget without increasing dues.

A motion to approve the *2014-2015 District Operating Budget* was made by Dean Dickinson (LaCrosse Downtown) and seconded by Scott Ryan (Holmen Area). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Board Member Elections

Dean Ryerson, District Governor, introduces and thanks the current Board of Directors for 2013-14.

The District Nominating Committee has nominated three at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors for 2014-15. The nominating committee nominates At-Large Member John C. Brevik of The Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours, The Rotary Foundation Chairman, Joe Ruskey of Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien, and Rita Clavadatscher, Assistant Governor Group 5, Rotary Club of Horicon. No other nominations were presented. Rob Stroud moves to close the nominations.

Motion to approve members John C. Brevik, Joe Ruskey, and Rita Clavadatscher to the *District Board of Directors* was made by Matt Roethe (Stoughton) and seconded by Susan Beety (Menomonie). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dean Ryerson for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Chuck Hansen, PDG, presents the *District Governor Nominee Designate 2016-17*. The nominating committee nominates, Dean McHugh of The Rotary Club of Holmen Area, as District Governor Nominee Designate 2016-17. Dean Ryerson moves to close the nominations. Motion to approve Dean McHugh as *District Governor Nominee Designate 2016-17* was made by Scott Ryan (Holmen Area) and second by Jim Olson (Beloit). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dean Ryerson explains that Rob Stroud, PDG, will continue on the board as Vice Chair for 2014-15. This is a new board position that Rotary International requires to help fill the role of district governor in the event that the current District Governor cannot complete his term.

The District Nominating Committee Review

Dean Ryerson for the District's Nominating Committee chaired by Chuck Hansen, PDG, presents the nomination for the District's representative to the Rotary Council on Legislation is Dean Dickinson, PDG, from LaCrosse Downtown. Mary Kessens, PDG, from Rotary Club of La Crosse-Valley View is selected as the alternative representative.

Motion to approve Dean Dickinson as primary district representative and Mary Kessens as the alternative representative for the Rotary International Council on Legislation was made by Jim Barnier (Chippewa Falls) and seconded Joe Ruskey (Prairie Du Chien). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the nominating committee (see below) for the District Governor Nominee Designate for 2017-18 was made by Matt Roethe (Stoughton) and seconded by Chuck Hansen (LaCrosse Downtown). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee 2017-18

- Rob Stroud, Rotary Club of Madison
- Dave Warren, Rotary Club of Janesville-Noon
- Dean Ryerson, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne Middleton
- Mary Van Hout, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Dean McHugh, Rotary Club of Holmen Area
- Debbie Fox-Schroeder, Rotary Club of Sun Prairie

The Rotary International Council on Legislation Review

Dean Dickinson reviews the proposed changes to Article 4 of The Rotary International Constitution. The proposed change to the language of the Object of Rotary to encourage and foster

Motion to approve the restated Object of Rotary for the Rotary International Constitution was made by Chuck Hansen, PDG (LaCrosse Downtown) and seconded by Chuck Gibbons (Wisconsin Rapids). Discussion from the floor. Cathy Statz (Chippewa Falls) proposes an amendment for wording for the Object of Rotary. Change the word "encourage" to "expect." Change the third "encourage" to "advance international understanding." Motion to approve the amendment of the restated Object of Rotary for the Rotary International Constitution was made by Dave Warren, DGE, (Janesville Noon) and seconded by Jacqui Sakowski (Madison Horizons). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed. *See Page 5 of the minutes for the full wording of proposed changes of The Object of Rotary.*

Request from the floor to email the final wording for the Object of Rotary to the district membership.

Other Business:

Chuck Hansen, PDG, discusses The District 6250 Charitable Trust and how it can help local clubs.

Dean Ryerson presents district service awards to Chuck Hansen and Toni Pabon

Dave Warren presents the following clubs with the Presidential Citation Awards.

Presidential Citation (achieved 3 requirements)

- Chippewa Falls
- Caledonia
- La Crosse After Hours
- Valley View
- Madison Downtown
- Menomonie
- Tomah

Presidential Citation with Distinction (achieved 4 requirements)

- Madison Horizons
- Reedsburg Western Sauk County
- Horicon

Dean Ryerson presents the following Rotary Clubs with the Rotary Club Central Award:

- Beaver Dam
- Columbus Fall River
- Edgerton
- Fort Atkinson
- Horicon
- Janesville
- Jefferson
- La Crosse After Hours
- Lodi
- Madison Breakfast
- Madison West
- Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Marshfield Sunrise
- Mayville
- Menomonie
- Neillsville
- Oregon
- Portage
- Prairie Du Chien
- Reedsburg Western Sauk County
- Sauk Prairie Area
- Tomah
- Viroqua
- Waunakee
- Wisconsin Rapids

The motion to *adjourn the meeting* was made by Chuck Gibbons (Wisconsin Rapids) and seconded by Mary Feldt (Madison West Towne-Middleton). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

- 51 Clubs Represented • District Total 63 Clubs • 81% represented
- 2,612 Members Represented • District Total 2,981 Members • 88% represented
- 109 Electors Votes • District Total 123 Total Electors • 89% represented

Delegate Electors in Attendance:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4
Baraboo	42	2	Jim Allen			
Beaver Dam	30	1	Dennis G Levenhagen			
Beloit	65	3	Jim Olson			
Black River Falls	40	2	Max J Michaelson Jr			
Caledonia, MN, USA	25	1	Tom Murphy			
Chippewa Falls	72	3	Mark Broses	Cathy Statz	Jim Barnier	
Columbus / Fall River	28	1	Henry St. Maurice			
Eau Claire	41	2	Patrick Thoney			
Edgerton	45	2	Deb McCool-Cloute			
Holmen Area	28	1	Scott Ryan			
Horicon	15	1	Kim Dezeeuw			
Janesville	101	4	Marcy Weber	Steve Servantez	Dave Warren	Dan Drozdowicz
Janesville Morning	35	1	Gayle Lunder			
La Crescent	22	1	David Ebner			
La Crosse	160	6	Bill Pritchard		Dean Dickinson	Cheryl Hanson
La Crosse After Hours	47	2	Mandy Nogle	Ryan Bayerkohler		
La Crosse-Valley View	69	3	Steve McCombs			
Lake Mills	37	1	Boyd Forest			
Lodi	20	1	Doug Richmond			
Madison	509	20	Rob Stroud, Jim Ruhly	Lew Harned	Paul Riehemann	Renee Moe
Madison After Hours	32	1	Pete Balestracci			
Madison Breakfast	24	1	John Feller			
Madison East-Monona	15	1	John Marhoefer			
Madison Horizons	22	1	Jacqui Sakowski			
Madison South	72	3	Alan Selene			
Madison West	40	2	Melissa Bjerke	Corday Feith		
Madison West Towne-Middleton	68	3	Jeannine Desautels	Svein Morner	Mary Feldt	
Marshfield Sunrise	57	2	Roberta DeVetter	Dale Leffel		
Medford Morning	24	1	David Hraby			
Menomonie	63	3	Susan Beety	Christopher Smith	William Bustic	
Menomonie-Sunrise	31	1	Gus Myran			
Mt. Horeb	31	1	Rob Helvey			
Onalaska Hilltopper	31	1	Greg Marso			
Oregon	41	2	Jan Bonsett-Veal			
Portage	37	1	Dave Bieno			
Prairie du Chien	35	1	Joe Rusky			
Reedsburg-Western Sauk County	24	1	Beverly Hoege			
Sauk Prairie Area	9	1	Margo Zeman			
Southwestern WI - Platteville	27	1	Marie Whisenant			
Stoughton	49	2	Thor Anderson	Matt Roethe		
Sun Prairie	52	2	Laura Jennings	Laurie Kreuger		
Tomah	32	1	Lenny Bakken			
Viroqua	13	1	Jeff Gohlke			
Watertown	67	3	Jeffrey Tate	Sandee Macht		
Waunakee	88	4	Linda Olson			
Waupun	20	1	DeAnn Thurmer			
Wisconsin Dells	32	1	Juli Mor			
Wisconsin Rapids	95	4	Bruce W. Rokke	Chuck Gibbons		
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	48	2	Nancy Mischnick			

Clubs Represented by Proxy:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Neillsville	15	1	Jerry Cleveland, Marshfield
Richland County	17	1	Mary Beth Growney Selene – Madison West Towne-Middleton

**PROPOSED ENACTMENT
TO RESTATE THE OBJECT OF ROTARY**

Proposed by the Rotary Club of La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & THE STANDARD CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 123 and 198 of the MOP)

ARTICLE 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to ~~encourage and~~ foster through fellowship the ideal of service as a ~~basis of worth enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:~~

- First.* ~~The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;~~
- Second.* ~~To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say, and do; business and professions; the to recognize recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of~~ to understand that each Rotarian's the occupation of each Rotarian as provides an opportunity to service society;
- Third.* ~~To encourage Rotarians to apply The application of the ideal of service in each all all Rotarian's personal, business and community life; aspects of their lives;~~
- Fourth.* ~~To advance The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons~~ people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

THE RESTATED OBJECT OF ROTARY

ARTICLE 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to foster through fellowship the ideal of service;

To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say and do; to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations; and to understand that the occupation of each Rotarian provides an opportunity to serve society;

To encourage Rotarians to apply the idea of service in all aspects of their lives;

To advance international understanding goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT STATEMENT

The Object of Rotary is one of the foundational documents of Rotary International. All Rotarians should understand and be conversant in the Object of Rotary as it bears directly upon the Rotary Motto, Service Above Self, the Four Way Test of the things we think, say, and do and the five core values of Rotary, Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity, Diversity and Service.

The restatement of the Object of Rotary creates congruency with recent actions of the Council on Legislation relating to the qualifications for membership as is evidenced in Section 2 (a)(3)(4)(5)(6) of the Constitution of Rotary International.

Composed in an earlier time the language and word structure of the current version of the Object of Rotary is difficult to master. The restated Object of Rotary, in its simplicity, will lend itself to a broader understanding of what is essential in our purpose as Rotarians.