

Putnam County Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
July 7, 2004

Board Members Attending: Tom Midkiff, Mary Keely, Cheryl Rust, Don Broyles, Brian Wadsworth, Rick Slater

Board Members Absent: Peter Faulkner, Sam Sentelle, Lana Newhouse-Taylor

Guests: Bob Keely, Randy Lucas

President Don Broyles called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM

Don read the minutes of the June 8, 2004 meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Monthly and yearend financial information was presented. After a brief review, the financial statements were approved by voice vote.

The Fund Raising Committee asked that their report be moved to old business.

The Membership Committee reported that Lana would take over as chair since she is now the past president. Cheryl will still be involved. She would like to have a committee meeting in September.

The Public Relations Committee reported that Sam will still be involved and will continue to update our website. Rick noted that the two Charleston newspapers have agreed to include information about the activities of our Rotary club. He was asked to submit the information about our golf tournament as soon as possible.

The Golf Committee presented a report with the current status of sponsors and teams, a Rotary donations summary, and the new golf letter bearing the logo of The Jack Whittaker Foundation. Randy will have a sign made with our sponsor's logo for the tournament. Bob Keely has the hole signs and will get them ready for the tournament. He will also complete signs for each hole showing a Rotary project and/or donation. Randy reviewed the status report and answered questions. Several board members offered to make additional contacts.

The Community Service and Education committee reported that we would probably begin an Interact Club at Winfield High School next year. Tom thanked everyone for making flood relief donations to the Red Cross. He also noted that Junior Achievement would probably qualify for a matching grant with Rotary International funds. Tom suggested that Mary research the possibility of RI matching funds for the Y bathhouse project.

Don read the application of a new member, Karen Broach, Vice President of Operations for Charter Communications. The Board approved her application. It was suggested that the Membership Committee take all new members to lunch following their acceptance as a member to explain the ideals of Rotary and their commitment to our club. The club will pay for the applicant's lunch. Cheryl also stated that we need to create an orientation for all new members and perhaps some of our current members.

It was determined that our club has four Honorary members. Those members will not be billed for dues. However, a letter will be mailed thanking them for their contribution, inviting their participation and accepting any donation to our general fund.

Our semi-annual dues statement from Rotary International was discussed. We removed five members from our roster who are no longer active in the club. It was suggested that at our July 20th planning meeting, we ask each member to bring the name of a possible member for our club. Since our membership is now below 50 members, we need to strengthen our roster with active and supportive members.

Don presented his goals for the new year. They are:

1. Increase membership
2. Continue with annual projects
3. Complete our centennial project
4. Complete an international project
5. Sponsor three fund raising events
6. Sponsor a family picnic in September or October
7. Become more visible in our community
8. "Every Rotarian Every Year" adopted for our club

Don will meet with each committee chair within the next month. He suggested a possible committee structure change based on RI guidelines. Five committees are suggested: 1) Membership, 2) Service Projects, 3) Foundation, 4) Public Relations, 5) Club Administration. He will review that information with each committee.

On July 27th, Vinnie Kudva will speak to our club about the Rotary Foundation.

Rick suggested that we consider "selling" sponsors for some of our meetings. We can solicit a donation from a corporation and then allow them to make a presentation to our club as sponsor for that meeting.

August programming is incomplete at this time. He will ask for volunteers at Tuesday's meeting. The last meeting of each month will be reserved for education about Rotary, committee reports and any necessary business. Marty Chapman will arrange September's programming. Rick Slater will arrange October's programming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.