

Rotary Club of Putnam County
Special Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2007 8:30am

Board Members Attending: Don Broyles, Mary Keely, Bob Keely, David Powell, Sam Sentelle, Tom Midkiff, Randy Lucas (proxy for Laberta Salamacha) and James McKee.

Absent: Terry Mathias, Rick Slater

Call to Order: Mary Keely

Mary announced that Terry Mathias had emailed her the following: “Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am resigning as president-elect and board member of the Rotary Club of Putnam County effective immediately.”

There was a brief discussion. According to our Charter, our club President must have been to PETS. There are a few members of our club who have attended PETS in the past (Mary, Bob, Don, Randy, Rick Slater). However, our District Governor Elect, Tom Greenstreet, has indicated that he could “waive” this requirement if a replacement President-Elect would be attend the District Assembly in Beckley on June 9th to be “trained” by Tom in the president’s duties and roles.

Randy suggested that instead of one person filling in as President-elect at this late date, perhaps we could consider a “president by committee” until such time that Tom Midkiff could assume the role.

Tom stated that he definitely could NOT step in at the beginning of the upcoming year but may be able to begin his term 3 – 6 months earlier than planned.

Bob interjected that Mary, as current president, could continue to serve.

Sam suggests that only two of PETS trained members that have not yet been president be considered. Both deferred, Bob stated that his prior Red Cross commitments would not leave him sufficient time to devote to the presidency.

Don asked if Sam would consider becoming the new president?

Mary asked if Randy would consider it for six months?

Randy interjected that since Mary has been president for one year and acted as president for much of the year before, that it might not be fair to her to continue.

Bob asked if Tom would be able to step up next January.

Tom would not promise January but thought it would be more likely that he would be able to step up in April – Randy stated that this would definitely eliminate him due to tax season.

Don recommended Sam again for at least nine months.

Mary recommended Sam or Randy for at least six months – Tom is willing to review his status in October.

Tom brought up the idea of another member not currently on the board? Bob stated that he felt that president –elect should have at least attended some District level meetings/conferences.

Bob – back to Mary – Mary said she would be willing to do it to keep the club going in the right direction.

David Powell stated that he also thought that it really wouldn't be fair to expect her to continue after having the job for so long already.

Tom again wanted to consider other members who would “step up” (as an example, Brad Boerger?) He suggested that someone (like Brad) could function as the president with a different “mentor” (past presidents/board members) each month (or two months).

Randy suggested that Sam could also be president with “mentors”.

Don added that a newer member might not be able to develop an effective plan for the upcoming year.

Mary asked Don if HE would be able to be president for at least six months?

Don agreed if others willing to help him “make a plan”.

Randy added we should all agree to not turn Don down if he asks any of us for help during his interim term.

Randy agreed to preside over June meetings (since Mary will be out of town for 3 weeks in June) since he is already getting speakers for June.

Sam made motion, seconded by Bob and agreed to by all, that Don Broyles become interim president for at least six months, to be reviewed with Tom in November!

Other business: Motion by David seconded by Don, James McKee be named our new Treasurer. (as past Treasurer Randy agreed to help James as much as possible)

James will hopefully meet with Terry today to secure the checkbook and Treasurer records.

Sam made motion, seconded by David that the following names will be added as signatories on the club bank account: James, Don, Mary, Laberta, Randy

Discussed Nominating Committee and its duties

Mary presented new member application from George Smith, State Farm agent in Teays Valley – motion by Don, second by Sam to present new member application to membership at the next meeting.

Discussion of membership committee chair position – decided to wait and see if Terry will continue to chair.

Brief discussion of Club picnic, had trouble with dates will reconsider later.

Meeting was adjourned.

There were no takers on “Hiawatha Sam’s” offer to provide canoe rides in the Keely pond (especially NOT from Don)