

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

August 24, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	David Winter-Secretary
	Nicole Keller
	Jerry Clark

Motion by Dave, second by Manny, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020. Motion approved.

Pres V advised that he had contacted TD Bank and found out that the old accounts were grandfathered in with no fees or minimums. But since the accounts were closed, new accounts there would have both fees and minimums. Thus, Treasurer Manny advised that new accounts have been opened at Fulton Bank where there are no charges or minimums. He also advised that all dues were paid on the same day the accounts were opened. The Club Express bill has also been paid.

Pres V and Nicole discussed the problems with Club Runner. Pres V sent documentation to District Administrators outlining open issues which cannot be resolved at the club level. He received a response from Melanie they are working on a fix.

Pres V expressed disappointed there has been no response to three separate communications that he made to DG May on a number of issues. In all three he has asked for permission to meet w/ Melanie to try and more informally resolve open issues. Melanie has expressed a willingness to meet with him if approved by DG May. So, this remains in an open loop. The club past voted unanimously for he to resume his individual arbitration on most of these issues if he cannot find any more informal solution. He continues to want to avoid so doing that if there is any possibility of alternative resolution. He said he would continue to provide updates.

Nicole expressed serious concerns that AG Alice does not respond to e-Club e-mails and only corresponds with negative comments. Pres V stated that AG Alice may have created discord among club members, but that DG May turned down the club request made by Jerry following club majority vote that she be replaced. Both Jerry and he informed DG May that we will always do all possible to continue to work effectively with AG Alice.

Manny and Pres V are working on a new e-meeting platform and both believe the new program will work. It may be operational for our next meeting on September 14.

Dave suggested making a donation to a Louisiana Club for hurricane relief. Dave will follow up at the next meeting.

Pres V advised there are still old website issues with the one old independent site which is still under domain w/Dave GoWell. Also, he reminded that updates to the ClubRunner site still must be made. Pres V said he would reach out to Bud as our Chair of Public Relations to see if he could help with updates.

Dave GoWell suggested a new member from Uganda. Pres V also stated that his niece, Nancy Glowicki, works with special needs children and is also a prospective member. But that he felt she could also be a good candidate for the Rotary Peace Fellowship certificate program either in Thailand or Uganda which prohibits Rotarians from being eligible. He is going to ask her to be a guest at a future meeting.

Pres V told DG May that our club could meet with her for her annual visit on a Wednesday night as has been tentatively scheduled in November. He also requested AGAIN closure on the financial audit issue.

Pres V stated that he spoke to the contacted provided by Nicole with the Indian Rocks Rotary Club out-of-state regarding our participation in their out-of-state raffle. He reiterated that while we had been prohibited to participate in the raffle last year by PDG Joanne, the State of N.J. had thereafter provided written confirmation that an N.J. permit was NOT required to participate in the Indian Rocks raffle. He said he provided a copy to the district on which they have been silent. It was his decision that we are in full legal compliance to participate in the out-of-state lottery and he had asked Indian Rocks for our usual 400 annual tickets to sell. He also reminded that he had asked for some district assistance in fundraising to help offset the impact that their undue interference last year had on losing our one main annual F/R event, but that request has also gone unanswered to date.

Pres V was thrilled to advise that Cathy Hiltner said that all District Grant had been accepted but the grant amount had not yet been determined. The food pantry is now supporting almost 1,000 families and an industrial freezer had been obtained from a closed restaurant. Pres V thanked Jerry for all his help and advice on the grant application. He said that he was going to ask Dave Cornwell, the food pantry director, to be a guest speaker at the next meeting. Dave and his brother's construction company have also been super-helpful with the renovations at the Veterans Center, providing the trade labor to the materials assistance received from the Home Depot Foundation. Dave W advised that his family trust would contribute up to \$500.00 to the project if the District Grant was not fully funded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.