

**MINUTES**

**District Board Meeting**

**June 4, 2021 • 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Via Zoom**

**Welcome - Curt**

**Roll Call – Present in Bold**

**Gov. Curt Reis; Gov. Elect Don Fritz; Vice Gov. Lynda Henningsen; Past Gov. Lenora Hanna; District Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Trustees:** Reg. 1 Gary Muckel, **Reg. 2 Barb O’Donnell, Reg. 3 Norma Beaver; Reg. 4 Gary Lindgren, Reg. 5 Andy Webb and Reg. 6 Jim Dane; Financial Advisor Larry Ziska (left 6:45)**

**Kiwanis Children’s Fund Advocate/District Foundation President Jody Melcher (left 6:34); District Foundation Treasurer Lonnie Shumate (left 6:30)**

1. **Approval of Board Minutes of March 12, 2021 – Curt**

*Motion by Dane, second by Webb to approve as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **Administrative Reports**
   1. SLP administrators – No reports this time
   2. District administrator – Lisa – nothing additional to written report submitted in advance
2. **District Foundation Report – Lonnie**

There has been about $12,000 in club gifts this year. There are still more Crossman Fellowships available. Memorial donations to date for Frank Murphy are $700. Memorials for Gus Erickson are being received. The refund checks to clubs for the cancelled 2021 Camp OK have been mailed. Plans for 2022 Camp OK are in the works.

1. **Kiwanis Children’s Fund Report – Jody**

To date, 63 clubs in the district have donated $20,623. The goal was set at $28,919. That’s about 50 percent of the clubs making donations.

1. **Membership Report and Membership Initiative – Curt**

There has been a loss of three clubs this year. Membership net loss year to date has been hovering around 85 for the past several months. District membership blitzes are being planned again. Brad Boyd has asked to meet in July with a District membership team.

1. **Update on Secretary of State Filings – Gary M.**

The list of clubs not in compliance is getting shorter, but the need is still there to contact and push completion of necessary filings.

1. **Finance committee reports – Larry/Gary L.**

Budget revenues and expenditures year to date were reviewed. It was noted the LeRue estate money has not yet been set into its own line item. This is necessary for tracking of those dollars that are to be spent over the next several years. It was reported that there are some unpaid bills, but that will be rectified. Ziska is also working with the Key Club administrator to revise the Key Club budget for the coming year.

*Motion by Lindgren, second by Webb to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **District treasurer resignation & consideration for remainder of 2020-2021** – Gary L.

District Treasurer Sue Griffith gave her resignation to Lindgren in May. It was effective June 1 and she did not ask for payment for the month of May. It was his recommendation that Ziska return to the position of District treasurer until the end of the current financial year and that he be given the monthly compensation that Griffith would have received.

*Motion by Webb, second by Beaver to accept the resignation of Griffith and appoint Ziska as District treasurer until Sept. 30 with a compensation rate of $750 per month. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **District Bylaws – 2021 Resolution for Amendment No. 7** – Lisa

Kiwanis International will be changing to dues, not the current fees, for new members beginning Oct. 1. New members will pay the same amount as renewing members, but there will be a prorated discount applied to each month. That proration is basically an incremental 1/12 discount every month. As a matter of housekeeping, the district must change its bylaws. New member “fees” need to be stricken and replaced by new member “dues.” The district has also had a policy allowing former Service Leadership Program members to have the first two years of their dues waived when joining a Kiwanis Club. It was recommended by KI that this also be added to the bylaws at this time. District Resolution Chair Jan Burch has prepared a resolution calling for Amendment No. 7 to the Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaws (see attached) to be put to a vote by House of Delegates on Aug. 7. The proposed Bylaw to be presented to the delegates was also reviewed.

*Motion by Webb, second by Dane to adopt 2021 Resolution for Amendment No. 7 and call for said amendment to be put to a vote of the delegates on Aug. 7. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **Election of Officers & Trustees at District Convention – Lisa**

The deadline for trustee candidate application was June 1. John Boltz in Region 1 and Gary Lindgren in Region 4 remain the sole candidates in their respective regions. Notification has been given to the membership in those regions. Dale Doudna, who was tapped by the District nomination committee, remains the lone candidate for vice governor. He has been properly vetted by KI.

1. **District Convention – August 6-7, Sioux City, IA – Curt**

Plans are progressing for the convention with both in person and virtual attendees. Registration opened this week. Attendance is expected to be less than the normal 200. The board will meet during the day on the Friday of convention.

1. **International Education & Leadership Conference – Curt**

Reis and Hanna are attending in person. From the District, there are 11 registered for in person and 36 registered for virtual.

1. **2021-2022 Division Leadership and Lt. Gov. Elect Training – Don**

Recruiting of Lt. Govs. continues with 11 divisions still open. Training will be conducted virtually, with an in person component to take place in Sioux City Aug. 6.

1. **Repair and/or purchase of retractable banners & Officer Banners** – Lynda/Lisa

The six retractable SLP banners purchased in 2005 are in either disrepair or are missing. The cost to purchase a new banner is about $300. An inventory of flags and officer banners also shows some are out of date with the old Kiwanis emblem. These banners and flags are also about $300 a piece. The recommendation is to 1) see if any of the old SLP retractable banners can be fixed and/or order a new one with all SLPs represented 2) order a new retractable banner with the District name on it; and 3) replace any officer “home club” banners with old emblem.

*Motion by Webb, second by Lindgren to approve purchase of new retractable banners, a new Kiwanis flag with stand and new officer “home club” banners at a cost not to exceed $3,000. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **Club Leadership Education** – Lisa

Virtual Club Leadership Education has been set up for June 12, July 14 and Aug. 23. So far, 56 of the 157 clubs have reported officers for 2021-2022. Costs for virtual CLE remain similar to last year and clubs will again be assessed only $10.

1. **Amplify: District Scholarship & Participation Update** – Don/Lisa

The District will be getting $800 for the 27 registered participants. A get together for the Amplify participants is being planned for the Friday of convention. It was suggested that it would be nice to give them a small thank you to show appreciation for leadership. Brichacek was directed to check the Kiwanis online store for options.

*Motion by Lindgren, second by Dane to purchase leadership thank you gifts for the District’s Amplify participants, not to exceed $800. Motion carried unanimously.*

1. **Promoting Leadership across District –** Curt/Don/Lynda

This is a part of the District’s strategic initiative and needs to be reviewed on a regular basis. A leadership campaign is being developed.

1. **Division restructuring committee** – Don

No report, but this needs to be put on the priority list. A committee will be formed with the intention to put something before the House of Delegates in 2022.

1. **LaRue Committee update** – Lynda

The two $500 scholarships for Key Club were awarded in May. Aktion Club advisors are expected to discuss what they could use funding for during their meeting at District convention. Contact with Circle K will also be maintained.

1. **Other**
2. The first district board meeting for 2021-2022 will be Oct. 1 and 2 and Mahoney State Park near Ashland.
3. Gus Erickson’s funeral service will be Monday, June 7. In recognition of the service given by Gus and Jane at both the district and international level, it was agreed that a memorial donation would be appropriate from the District. *Motion by Lindgren, second by O’Donnell to donate $500 to the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation and $500 to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund in memory of Gus Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. by Dane, Second by Lindgren. Motion carried unanimously.*

Submitted by District Administrator Lisa Brichacek

**DISTRICT BYLAWS**

**2021 RESOLUTION for AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN**

Whereas the Nebraska-Iowa District (hereinafter referred to as the “District:) adopted its bylaws effective August 6, 2016, to be effective October 1, 2016; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustees”) wish to amend said bylaws; and

Whereas the Trustees recognize the desire of the Kiwanis International Board to make changes in dues and fees; and

Whereas the Trustees wish for the District to follow recommended changes in dues and fees; and

Whereas the Trustees wish Kiwanis International to continue handling dues billing and collection; and

Whereas the Trustees recognize that the term “fee or fees” will no longer be used; and

Whereas the Trustees recommend the pro-rated dues schedule for any new member effective October 1, 2021.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Trustees, on behalf of its members:

1. support the desire of Kiwanis International to make changes in dues and fees;
2. desire to follow recommended changes in dues and fees;
3. support the fact that the term fee or fees will no longer be used;
4. support the efforts of Kiwanis International to bill clubs for dues and collect monies as appropriate;
5. support the recommendation that pro-rated dues for new members will be effective October 1, 2021;
6. urges the full adoption of the above-stated resolutions and the subsequent changes to the District’s bylaws which shall result in the approval of Amendment Number Seven to the District’s bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees will

1. present such changes for ratification as Amendment No. Seven at its meeting on June 4, 2021;
2. obtain the necessary approvals from Kiwanis International;
3. present to House of Delegates at District Convention on August 7, 2021;
4. make the necessary changes to the District bylaws to be effective October 1, 2021; and
5. notify District membership via electronic means as well as post such changes as Amendment Number Seven to the District’s bylaws on the District’s web site: www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org