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**District Board Meeting**

**April 29, 2022 Minutes**

**DoubleTree Conference Center, Omaha, Nebraska**

**Minutes**

**Welcome and Roll Call – Quorum Established**

Present: Gov. Don Fritz; Gov. Elect Lynda Henningsen; Vice Gov. Dale Doudna; Immediate Past Gov. Curt Reis; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Larry Ziska; R1 Trustee John Boltz; R2 Trustee Barb O’Donnell; R3 Trustee Norma Beaver; R4 Trustee Gary Lindgren; R5 Trustee Andy Webb; R6 Trustee Jim Dane.

**Approval of the Agenda – Don**

*Motion by Boltz, second by Webb to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Beaver, second by Dane to approve the minutes of the Jan. 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Dane, second by Doudna to approve the minutes of the Feb. 28, 2022 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Dane, second by Beaver to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022 board worksession. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Dane, second by Reis to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 board worksession. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Discussion Items**

**Governor’s Report** – Don

The challenge is to be a district of greatness, not just pockets of greatness. Word has been received that the Columbus Kiwanis Club is closing. Perry Kiwanis Club might also close and Harlan and Harlan Golden K clubs are considering a merger.

**Finance Committee Report** – Gary

No progress has been made on the bookkeeper contract negotiations that the board approved at the January meeting. This has been delayed because of Ziska’s job and workload. The finance committee will meet next in May.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Larry

Budgets year-to-date for district, Circle K and Key Club were reviewed. Circle K still has deposits outstanding from its convention in March. The investment account at Edward Jones has been established.

**District Administrator Report** – Lisa

In addition to the advance, written report, it was reported that Perry and Harlan were the only two clubs that still had a balance due with charter suspended status and that 22 Kiwanians took part in the recent Club Leadership Chat on membership.

**Strategic Planning update** - Don

Timeline: complete Action Steps to themes and indicators asked for by July 1; review at Aug. 5 meeting; finalize October meeting.

**Policies & Procedures Revision** – Don

Another worksession will be planned in June. The goal is to have the entire document reviewed and ready for action by the August meeting.

**LaRue Grant Update** – Lynda

Applications for the SLP grants are slow to come in. There have been a total of five for K-Kids and Builders Club. None have been received for Aktion Club. The $900 allocated for Circle K convention registration was used.

**CLE Training** – Lisa, Lynda, Don

Two sessions in June and July are currently scheduled, but more may be needed. KI has handed over the certification of CLE trainers to the districts and an online application and approval process has been established. Divisions should be setting up in person training schedules soon.

**Regional Meetings & Trustee Elections** – Lisa, Barb & Norma

Region 2’s meeting was held April 19 with 13 clubs having delegates present. Brian Wells, current lt. governor for division 20, was elected as the regional trustee for the three-year term that begins Oct. 1. Region 3’s meeting is scheduled for May 7. Region 3 leadership has been working to make sure a quorum is present. Curt Reis, current immediate past governor, is the lone candidate for trustee.

**International Convention update** – Lisa & Don

Registration closes May 1. More than 30 from the district are signed up to attend in person so far, including seven lt. governors, three lt. governor elects and five board members. There are also virtual registrations.

The contracted cost for the chartered bus to Indianapolis is $7,200. Currently, there are 18 reservations and the expected collections at this time are under $4,000. The $206 per person cost was set on an anticipated 35 riders. There have been questions received in the district office about whether the bus will be cancelled. Board members expressed support for having the bus go, even if it meant the district would have to pick up some of the contract.

**District Convention update** – Don

Details are falling into place for the Aug. 5 and 6 convention in Lincoln. A Circle K activity is planned for Friday evening and Saturday features a round table discussion and educational breakouts. The House of Delegates meeting will be Saturday afternoon.

**Key Leader** – Lynda & Don

This will be held Oct. 28-30 at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland, Nebraska. Promotion of the event needs to start soon.

**Lt. Gov. Elect Training** – Lynda

Twenty lt. governors are confirmed for 2022-2023. Divisions 3, 4, 12, 15 and 22S are still open. The class list of 2022-2023 lt. governor was presented to the board. Some divisions held elections for their next lt. governors. But those divisions that did not hold elections, per District bylaws, should have lt. governors appointed by the board.

**Region and Division study committee** – Don

No work has yet been done on this and plans are now to move this to next year.

**Midyear Conference, leadership development & award presentation** – Don & Lynda

Decreased participation and late winter weather have been challenges for Midyear Conference, even before the pandemic. Options discussed were discontinuing it, continuing it, combining/replacing it with another event that promotes leadership building. The only consensus was that there should be some type of in person gathering in the district late winter or early spring. Discussion on this is expected to continue.

**Top Progress Award** – Don & Jim

Although this award had been discontinued several years ago, it has remained in the policy and procedures. Several board members stated it is repetitive of other awards like distinguished club and club excellence. But several board members also stated the original intent of the top progress award was to recognize the club president. The award was referred to the Awards Committee for further review.

**Awards & Scholarship Committee** – Curt

The Awards committee has been informed that Mark Holmer is no longer able to continue to organize and implement the Layperson of the Year Awards due to his health. Given the number of years that he has dedicated to this award and all his efforts to promote and bestow them to fellow Kiwanians, the recommendation is to change the name of the award to honor Mark Holmer and to have these awards now be reviewed and handed out by the awards committee. The committee has also discussed comments made at last the District convention that the layperson award needs to be less specific about religion and the criteria wording will be tweaked this year. Criteria focus would still be on the first two objectives of Kiwanis. Board members agreed these were good changes. But it was asked that the word “service” be added to the award title to help push the first and second Kiwanis objectives that are a part of the criteria for nomination. Also reported was that four scholarships will be awarded as part of the District’s scholarship program for Key Club. No applications had been received for the four Circle K scholarships available, and that deadline has been extended to May 15.

**Nomination Committee** – Curt

This year’s nomination committee is Reis, chair; past governors Sue Waldren and Lenora Hanna; and past lt. governors John Boltz and Barb Hames. John Boltz, current trustee for Region 1, was asked to be a candidate for vice governor and he accepted.

**Action Items**

**Finance Committee Recommendations** - None

**Awards Committee Recommendations**

*Motion by Dane, second by O’Donnell to rename the district’s Layperson of the Year Award to Mark Holmer Layperson Service Award. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Nominating Recommendations**

*Motion by Webb, second by Dane to accept the recommendation of the nomination committee and support John Boltz as candidate for 2022-2023 vice governor of the district. Motion carried unanimously.*

**2022-2023 Class of Lieutenant Governors**

*Motion by Henningsen, second by Beaver to accept and/or appoint the 2022-2023 lt. governor elects as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**International Convention Related Items**

*Motion by Webb, second by McDonnell to proceed with the chartered bus for transportation to and from Indianapolis and have the district subsidize the contracted cost as needed. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Additional Action items** – None

**District Committee Chair & SLP Written Reports Received By Board**

Membership – Gary W. & Jim D.; Kiwanis Children’s Fund – Jody; Nebraska-Iowa Foundation – Jody; Aktion Clubs – Jim B.; Circle K – Travis; Key Club – Tracey; Builder’s Club – Jim D.; and Kiwanis Kids – Jim D.

**Adjournment**

*Motion by Curt, second by Boltz to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Submitted by District Administrator Lisa Brichacek*