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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

District Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 28, 2023 via Zoom

9:02 a.m. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Governor Lynda Henningsen

Roll Call – all present, quorum established

Governor Lynda Henningsen; Governor Elect Dale Doudna; Vice Governor John Boltz; Immediate Past Governor Don Fritz; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Larry Ziska; and Trustees Keith Prettyman (R1), Brian Wells (R2), Curt Reis (R3), Gary Lindgren (R4), Andy Webb (R5) and Jim Dane (R6). Also present, KI Area Director Brad Boyd.

Minutes of Meetings

Approval of Oct. 15, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Dane, Second by Wells to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Dec. 21, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lindgren, second by Webb to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Governor's Report – Lynda Henningsen

The conference with governors in Las Vegas was very good and there was a lot of information discussed. The conference also included Service Leadership Program administrators, and Nebraska-Iowa had good representation with three SLP administrators.

Service Leadership Reports – SLP administrators

Oral reports from Key Club Administrator Tracey Domgard and K-Kids Administrator Jim Dane. Written reports from Aktion Club Administrator Jim Brewer and Builders Club Administrator Sue Waldren. No report from Circle K Administrator Travis Grafe-Cline. It was also noted that Jim Brewer has reported this will be his last year in his position.

Compliance Chair Report – written report from Gary Muckel regarding clubs currently out of compliance with Secretary of State Office and/or IRS.

Administrator's Report – Lisa Brichacek

In addition to written report, information relayed about past dues payments; Aktion Club district dues; electronic payments; Kiwanis Engage; and signature projects.

Finance

1. Treasurer's Report & Budget Review Larry Ziska reviewed year to date revenue and expenses compared to one year ago.

2. Treasurer's Transition Update – Larry Ziska and Curt Reis reported no activity since December's decision to proceed.

3. Finance Committee Report and Recommendation – Gary Lindgren

A. Edward Jones Investments Report

The investments have been monitored by both David Muff with Edward Jones and the Finance Committee. Muff reported to the committee in January and there have been some losses due to the current market.

B. District Dues Adjustment

The drop in membership has been one of the biggest factors in revenue generation. The last few years' expenses have been below budget because of COVID, but began returning to normal last year. Withdrawal from cash reserves

will probably be necessary to balance the budget at the end of the year. Information was reviewed about trends for membership and dues revenue. Expense trends and reductions were presented. District services and resources available to clubs and members were also outlined. The last dues increase was in 2006-2007 and was \$5. The Finance Committee has recommended a \$15 increase in district dues. It was recommended that information about the need for this dues adjustment be presented soon to the membership. It was noted that having an increase of both district dues and international dues in the same year could present a hardship for some members.

Motion by Reis, second by Lindgren to ask for a district dues adjustment from \$25 to \$40 effective Oct. 1, 2023 and per Article X, Section 1 of the Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaws, call for a vote to approve at the House of Delegate meeting on Aug. 5, 2023. Motion carried on a 9-1 vote, with opposition vote cast by Prettyman.

Membership

- 1. Membership & Growth** - Gary Wattnem was present to report club building was progressing for Grinnell, Iowa. A new club in Dunlap, Iowa has also been discussed. Club boosts are being scheduled and the Two For Two program is still being promoted.
- 2. Growing Kiwanis In Your Committee** – Don Fritz reported \$6,500 had been raised already for this project. The start of the PSAs and other components is currently scheduled for March 1, but that may need to be delayed a month. Dates for the training portion of the programs have not been set yet.
- 3. Redivision Study** - Don Fritz reported there has been no activity. It was noted there is still the potential for issues given that there are no clubs in division 7 and there are areas of the district without any nearby clubs but that could have a town be identified for club building. There has been no clear direction given by the board and the past governors.

Other Business

- 1. Club Leadership Education & Club Leadership Chats** – Dale Doudna & Lisa Brichacek
Linda Placzek, a past CLE chair, has agreed to step in as CLE and Education/Development chair for the remainder of the Kiwanis year. More CLE trainers are being sought as in person sessions are being urged this summer. The CLC series continues with treasurers in February and secretaries in March.
- 2. LaRue Committee Report & Recommendation** – Don Fritz
The LaRue funds were received in 2020 and starting balance was \$12,742. The original LaRue Committee’s plan was to disburse funds over three to four years, with initial distribution through grants to SLP clubs and the CKI and Key Club districts. Grants have gone unused over the first three two years. Even if all pre-approved \$3,900 grant dollars are disbursement in 2022-2023, year-end fund balance is projected to be \$6,144. The LaRue Committee recently reorganized and recommended the next phase for distribution of funds.
Motion by Fritz, second by Lindgren to expand the use of LaRue funds for 2022-2023 to include up to \$500 for the Leadership and Membership Development Retreat and \$3,000 for the Growing Kiwanis in Your Community campaign. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Nomination Committee Report & Recommendation** – Don Fritz
The Nomination Committee has met and offered Brian Wells, current trustee and member of the Kiwanis Club of Bellevue, as a candidate for 2023-2024 vice governor.
Motion by Fritz, second by Dane to accept the committee’s nomination of Brian Wells and support him as a candidate for district vice governor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Kiwanis Children’s Fund Grant & Scholarship Grant** – Lisa Brichacek
This year’s grant from KCF is \$4,640. The district will also be receiving a special grant of \$2,000 to be used for two \$1,000 scholarships. This second “invitation” grant happened because the district was in the top five of all districts for per-member giving average of unrestricted gifts.
Motion by Fritz, second by Prettyman to allocate the annual KCF grant dollars for Key Club and Key Leader, with Key Club receiving two (2) \$500 scholarships and Key Leader receiving \$3,640.
Motion by Fritz, second by Lindgren to offer the special KCF scholarships, two at \$1,000 each, to Circle K.
- 5. Bylaw Amendments** – Lisa Brichacek
 - A. Resolution for amending Article III Section 2 & Article VIII Section 4
There are several housekeeping items in the current bylaws that require an amendment to go before the House of Delegates. The district bylaws need to allow for the amendment passed at the international convention last year

regarding lieutenant governors not having to come from their “home” division. The current bylaws also do not state that lieutenant governors are now required to have a satisfactory – satisfactory is new wording coming from international – background check. It has also been brought to light that the bylaws do not state that trustee candidates must have an endorsement from their primary club. This is not only in policy and procedure but has also been a standing practice for application. It was the recommendation of the district administrator and bylaw chair for the board to approve Resolution No. 1, which casts support of these changes and sends Amendment No. 1 to the House of Delegates for a vote on Aug. 5, 2023.

Motion by Dane, second by Prettyman to approve the Resolution Calling For Amendment No. 1 to the District Bylaws and direct the necessary preparation for Amendment No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Bylaw Modernization Revision

Kiwanis International is preparing a complete modernization revision to the District Bylaws Standard Form and is expected to come out soon.

6. Midyear Award Celebration, Feb. 16 – Don & Lisa

This will be done virtually on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. All board members are asked to attend on Zoom and help celebrate the successes of members and clubs.

7. Leadership Retreat, March 18 – Lynda & Lisa

District leadership is reminded to register by Jan. 30. Registration will be opened up to all members on Feb. 1 and will continue until seating is full at about 85. This will be held at the Education Building at Lake Wanahoo north of Wahoo, Nebraska. Both leadership and membership will be the focus of the day. The Wahoo Area Club is planning a dinner and entertainment event the night before the retreat for those staying at the hotel.

8. Lt. Governor Elect-Training, April 28-29 – Dale

Training will be held at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll, Iowa. Lieutenant governors in most divisions are still being sought.

9. John Green Aktion Club Memorial – Lisa

A memorial fund has been set up in the district for John, a lieutenant governor, who passed away in December. A big supporter of Aktion Clubs, the money will be set aside for use by Aktion Clubs. To date, \$425 has been collected.

10. Regional Meetings & Elections – Andy Webb & Jim Dane

Both regions have decided to do a virtual regional meeting. Dates for these meetings will be set in the next week. Notice to the clubs and call for candidates will then take place.

11. Polices and Procedures Revision Update – Don Fritz

The goal is to have these ready for board approval in April.

12. International Convention June 21-24 – Lisa

Registration opens in February and the schedule is live on website. Based on the results from the fall survey, there will be no district bus offered. The district’s hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn and a Friday evening social with the other districts at that hotel is being planned.

13. District Convention Aug. 4-5 – Lynda

Former Astronaut Clayton Anderson will be the guest speaker. International President Elect Katrina Baranko is planning to attend. The golf tournament has been brought back and will be a fundraiser for Key Club.

Other items in the interest of the district

New club building: two new clubs will be in the works this spring.

Adjournment – 11:41 a.m.

Submitted by Lisa Brichacek, district administrator