

**Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International District  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Nov. 4, 2022, at 9 a.m.**

**Gaston's White River Resort**

**A. Roy Ockert brought the meeting to order at 9 a.m.**

**B. Attendance:**

**Angie Oshia took attendance:**

1. Members Present: Roy Ockert, Paul Sherman, Carla O'Brien, Angie Oshia, Robin Asher, Bill Dooley (by Zoom), John Buckwalter, Les Mace, Don Leupold, Susan Lafond, Gary Baker, Jerry Martin, Chuck Seevers
2. Members Absent: Michel Harris
3. Guests: Roy Ockert introduced guest.
  1. Barbara Thompson, Membership Chair
  2. Dan Leikvold, Kiwanis International Trustee (by Zoom, left at 12:15pm)
  3. Brad Boyd, Kiwanis International Central Area Director (by Zoom)

**C. Approval of the meeting minutes:**

**Governor Roy Ockert called for the approval of previous meeting minutes.**

1. 08-25-22 Board (1) minutes, Les Mace made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Carla O'Brien second; all approved.
2. 08-25-22 Board (2) minutes, Jerry Martin made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Chuck Seevers second; all approved.
3. 08-28-22 Board minutes, Carla O'Brien made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Gary Baker second; all approved. \*Correction = John Buckwalter to be listed as absent.
4. 09-27-22 Board Zoom notes, Susan Lafond made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Chuck Seevers second; all approved. \*Correction = \$1,523.94 in money market.

**D. District Finances:**

**Treasurer Robin Asher presented the District's Financial Statements.**

1. Accounts balances as of 11-1-22 are as follows: Checking account has \$201.48 after outstanding checks clear, Convention account has \$11,632.63, Fidelity account has \$1,623.94, Money Market account has \$5,863.22, and Fidelity Investments has \$126,478.09. Overall Total is \$145,799.34.
2. Cash Flow Report as of 9-30-22 reflects total inflow of \$122,684.98, total outflow of \$302,253.84 which includes \$150,000 transfer of funds to Fidelity.
3. Itemized Categories as of 9-30-22 reflect the same totals.
4. Investments as of 11-1-22 reflect Fidelity account value \$133,467.54.
5. KI/Unpaid Clubs Report as of 9-30-22 indicates there is still \$2387.00 outstanding in unpaid dues and \$651.83 in new member fees to Kiwanis International and \$620.00 outstanding in unpaid dues and \$169.99 in new member feeds to the district. Specifically, Greenville in Division 14, Ava in Division 18, Van Buren in Division 20 and Beebe in Division 21.

Gary Baker made the motion to accept all financial reports as presented. Jerry Martin second; all approved.

### **E. Budget for 2022-23:**

#### **Roy Ockert presented the 2022-23 Budget.**

1. Budget 2022-23, Ver. 7 as of 9-30-22 reflects a deficit of \$26,564.82 for last fiscal year. After budgeting very tightly for the upcoming year, there is still a shortfall of \$29,673 for the fiscal year. Most significant changes are cuts for officers, Lt. Gov., and Trustees for KI travel by \$200.00 and adding \$2000.00 for revitalization.  
Chuck Seevers made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Don Leupold second; all approved.
2. Interclub Challenge - John Buckwalter made a motion to approve the Interclub Challenge as amended to state that the cash prize must go into service funds. Jerry Martin second; all approved.
3. Possible dues increase for 2023-24 – Refer to K4 below

### **F. Convention/Conferences Reports:**

#### **Susan Lafond presented the convention/conference reports.**

1. 2023 District Convention – a contract with Doubletree Suites in Bentonville through Conference Direct was presented. A second signature line has been added. Many questions around the contract were presented. Can we get a later block date? What is the attrition rate, 80 or 90 percent? Exact costs of meeting rooms? Do we receive credit for late registrants? Clarification on audio-visual charges?  
Les Mace made a motion to table the contract until further clarification could be given. John Buckwalter second. The contract has been tabled
2. 2023 ELC, Branson or Springfield - Robin Asher and Les Mace visited and toured Holiday Inn and Best Western. The recommendation was to move forward with Holiday Inn for the ELC. Les Mace made a motion to move forward with the proposal from Holiday Inn from Conference Direct for the ELC. Chuck Seevers second; all approved.
3. University Plaza Hotel situation - Paul Sherman shared a copy of the letter sent to Atrium Hospitality. The offer of \$3000.00 for full and final settlement was accepted.

## **G. District Vacancies:**

### **Roy Ockert presented on district vacancies.**

Roy Ockert has created a Mo-Ark District Leadership spreadsheet in Google Sheets that he must provide access to. All updates to Mo-Ark Leadership will be made in this Google Sheet as compared to having many versions available within the district.

1. Roy Ockert shared there were Lt. Governor openings in Divisions 14, 16, 22 and 25.
2. Roy Ockert shared we have a Partnership Coordinator position to fill. Previous Partnership Coordinator has moved out of district. Brad Boyd will send over the role description for the Partnership Coordinator from KI.
3. Roy Ockert shared we have a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair position to fill. Previous DEI Chair will be moving out of district.

## **H. Membership:**

1. KI grant opportunities – Barb Thompson shared there are club opening grant/reimbursement funds available. This replaces the District Matching Grant Program. Mo-Ark is eligible up to \$2,500 for club opening efforts. Districts can access the funds after a new club has been organized. No onsite support from KI available for eligibility.
2. Club opening prospects – Barb Thompson shared Northwest Jefferson County just organized. Plans are to focus on Jacksonville, Wentzville, Lake St. Louis, and West Memphis. Roy Ockert shared that we spend a lot of money opening clubs sending M0-Ark Leadership instead of utilizing our local Lt. Governor and neighboring clubs.
3. Club revitalization plans – Carla O'Brien shared that local clubs must want and be willing to participate in their revitalization. There is a correlation between clubs not thriving and clubs not wanting help. The priorities Carla O'Brien will be focusing on are Joplin, Beebe, and Pine Bluff. Roy Ockert suggested the formation of a committee to help provide guidance.
4. Club Closing Policy – Carla O'Brien made a motion to adopt the Dissolving Kiwanis Club Policy. John Buckwalter second. It was discussed that item 9 be reworded to say, 'The club may be recognized...' instead of 'The club will be recognized...'. Jerry Martin made a motion to amend the policy for item 9 to say 'may'. Paul Sherman second; all approved.

## **I. History project:**

### **Les Mace presented on the district history project.**

Les Mace shared information about the Mo-Ark History team and pictures through the years. Les provided record keeping dating back to 1926 showing which months he has Kiwanigrams from. Les provided a display of the Mo-Ark collections for viewing.

## **J. Education:**

1. Roy Ockert discussed officer training in 2023 and the possibility of online training. Will be discussed and explored further.
2. Paul Sherman discussed LTG training in 2023. Paul shared that it's important for Lt. Governor training to be separate from another Kiwanis event. Paul is exploring a date in late April either in the bootheel or Jonesboro. The plan is to have a focused one-night commitment from a Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. Roy Ockert noted that Lt. Governors aren't in place until district convention and those late changes miss Lt. Governor training in April/May. Brad Boyd shared that it's best practice to button up your Lt. Governors by midyear. Brad Boyd reminded us that Lt. Governors don't have to be from the same geographical area if there is a need to serve elsewhere.

3. Barb Thompson discussed Club Coaching training opportunities. There are many gaps within Mo-Ark where we don't have any trainers. Communication has been sent out with training opportunities to attend to become a club coach.

#### **K. New Business**

1. Roy Ockert asked for the confirmation of Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp Foundation board members Horace Beavers & Carla O'Brien who are replacing Daniel Connerly & Jim Wiltgen. John Buckwalter made a motion to approve the board members. Chuck SeEVERS second, all approved.
2. New expense forms. Robin Asher will be distributing the 2022-2023 new expense forms. Expense forms will now go to Robin Asher and not the MO-Ark secretary. Receipts must be presented with expenses outside of mileage.
3. Governors' plaques – Roy Ockert shared the discovery of plaques with the transition of secretarial items from Mary Vaughan to Angie Oshia. The question was presented, what to do with them? It was suggested that the plaques be displayed at convention. Jerry Martin made a motion for the Past Governors Chair to keep, update the plaques, and transport them for convention. Les Mace second; all approved.
4. Other
  - Roy Ockert presented a spreadsheet showing actual revenue vs. expenses from 2011-2022. Revenue has consistently been dropping from year to year. Administrative expenses have remained constant. Expenses are fixed and revenue isn't. Roy Ockert presented a KI Dues update prepared by Brad Boyd. Mo-Ark and Ky-Tenn have the lowest district dues, each with \$20 a year. Roy Ockert shared that KI will be pushing for a due's adjustment of \$30. We need to increase revenue. Roy Ockert has run an analysis that supports \$10 Mo-Ark dues increase. Brad Boyd suggested we make it \$12 or a number divisible by 6 or 12. Roy Ockert shares he will be bringing a proposal from the finance committee for dues increase in the future.

#### **L. Region Reports:** Updates from any trustees about their region.

1. **Jerry Martin would like to consider combining divisions.** Roy Ockert shared this is part of our brainstorming session for discussion.
2. **Jerry Martin would also like clarification on Trustee's duties and responsibilities.** Roy Ockert shared this is part of our brainstorming session for discussion. Roy Ockert provided two handouts. One is what the bylaws say about a trustee and the other is from our policy manual.

**M. Adjournment:** Chuck SeEVERS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Leupold second; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm

**N. Next meeting:** Monday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. via Zoom.