

The Rotary Club of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
July 19th, 2017

The RCGF met on July 19th, 2017, at the North Florida Safety Council facility. Present were: Club President and Foundation Chairman Mary Kate Walker, President Buddy Irby, Vice President Jenni VanHart, Jason Shank, Ed Book, Kirk Smith, Wesley Eubank, Parker Lawrence, Susan Spain, Dana Nemenyi, Greg Young, Steven Dalton, David Gracy, Doug Wilcox, Mathew Braddy, Chad King, and Joe Rowland.

Chairman Mary Kate Walker called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Meeting then led by President Buddy Irby.

Topics of discussion were:

- I. Confirmation of additional board members recommended by the Chairman; appointees John Brunner, Maureen Tartaglione, Martin Dickinson, George Mazzeo, Joe Rowland, Steven Dalton and Jim Craig. Motion to accept these new members by David Gracy and seconded by Dana Nemenyi. All in approval.
- II. Motion to approve the RCGF Board: Wesley Eubank as treasurer, Kirk Smith as Secretary and Parker Lawrence as the attorney board member. Motion to accept by Dana Nemenyi, 2nd by numerous others. All in approval.
- III. Discussion of approval of three additional members of the Executive Committee. The following members have been recommended; Mathew Braddy, Steven Dalton and Greg Fleming. Motion to approve by Jason Shank and seconded by Ed Book. All in approval.
- IV. Recommendation that the 2018 Wild Game Feast (WGF) be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Discussion to increase ticket prices from \$60.00 to \$75.00, the last price increase was in 2004. And that the “early purchase” price for six tickets (buy five get the sixth one free) would be \$360.00, if paid for on or before February 2nd, 2018. Motion to approve by Jenni VanHart and second by Greg Young. All in approval.
- V. Recommendation that the 2017 Seafood Spectacular be held on the date of Thursday, November 2nd, 2017. Buddy Irby to serve as Admiral. Ticket price will be increased to \$40.00 for one ticket and with a special offer of buy four for \$160 and get the fifth ticket free. Motion to approve by Doug Wilcox and seconded by Dana Nemenyi. All in approval.
- VI. Discussion about the upgraded documentation available on the website. Additional spread sheets have been added with WGF site information added as well.
(<http://www.rotarygainesville.org>)

- VII. Discussion of accepting club sponsored projects before opening up grant applications for the 2018 WGF. Two Rotary sponsored projects were presented. First Ed Book presented “Generations Recreation/ Generation Park” at Elder Care of Gainesville/ Northside Park. The project would be at 5701 NW 34th Street. A budget of \$60,000 to \$80,000 was discussed for addition of courts and a shelter or pavilion of some type. This project would be a sustainable project to encourage health and well being for all ages, multiple generations, focusing on the old and the young. The second Rotary project was presented by Jenni VanHart, a themed splash park located at the Veterans Memorial Park. The county has 400k set aside for two splash parks in 2018, one at the site discussed and the other at the Jonesville Park. Jenny recommended a 200k investment by the WGF. There was a motion by Wes Eubank to consider both projects and too receive additional information on these projects in two weeks or as soon as possible. David Gracy seconded the motion and all approved.
- VIII. Discussion of by-laws: BYLAWS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION, INC. (the Foundation), (Article IV. Board of Directors)
- Section 1.** The business and affairs of RCGF shall be managed by a board of Directors (“the Board”) of at least sixteen (was **nine**) members. Maximum number of members is not set (was “not more than 27 in number”)
- Section 2 (h).** members of their clubs as directors according to the following based on the average ticket sales for the most recent Wild Game Feasts: Sales of 25 to 50 tickets = 1 director, Sales of 51 to 72 tickets = 2 directors, Sales of 76-175 = 3 directors, and Sales of 176 or more = 4 directors. And scratch (two (2) of their members to serve as Directors of the Foundation).
- Section 2 (k)** removes “up to the maximum of 27”
- Section 2 (l)** adds; as long as such appointment does not invalidate liability coverage provided by Rotary International or any other insurance policy”. **Article XII, Section 1.** Scratch “Two authorized signatures shall be required on all check of the Foundation over \$500.00”. And add “All expenditures must be approved by two officers of the corporation. At least one of the officers approving the expenditures must be bonded”. Motion by Wes Eubank to accept these changes, seconded by Kirk Smith. Buddy Irby recommends review of bylaws for grammatical errors. Approved by all.
- IX. In the fall we will have a session for club presidents and Foundation Directors to present a brief history of Rotary Conservation Area at Hatchet Creek, the Wild Game Feast and the Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation. This will be a Power Point presentation.
- X. Board approved two (2) complimentary tickets to Minnie Crevasse and Connie Brower in recognition of the contributions to the Foundation by Buddy Crevasse

and Roger Brower. Motion by Jenni VanHart and seconded by Chad King. All in approval.

- XI. Buddy Irby would like to appoint an advisory board of; past presidents, past Wild Game Feast masters, and Seafood Spectacular masters. Appointed, Greg Young, Wes Eubank, David Gracy and Jason Shank.
- XII. Drink policy; start using measured shots for all drinks to help limit alcohol consumption.
- XIII. Establish an area to provide a food line for people working the WGF.
- XIV. Eliminate most appetizers and open food line at earlier than 6:30PM.
- XV. Open the Veggie shack for vegetarians when the main food line opens so all the veggies aren't eaten as appetizers.
- XVI. Harvey Baxter presented to the board that he would like to see the WGF fund the dictionary initiative on an annual basis rather than rotating the responsibility between clubs on an annual basis. This initiative has been shared by the different clubs in Alachua County on an annual basis. The request for funding is \$6,000.00 annually. This leaves \$300.00 to \$500.00 to be raised annually by the appointed club. We will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.