

ROTARY CLUB OF FIG GARDEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Regular Meeting: 27 August 2008 --

*Members Present:

*Directors:

Erica Maranian
Rod Rimmer
Wes Segal
Dio Stefanopoulos

*Secretary:

Doug Cords

*Assistant Secretary:

Sherry Forath

*President-Elect:

Sasan Rahmatian

*Past-President:

Judy Case

The Meeting was called to order at 7:12 a.m. by President-Elect Dr. Sasan Rahmatian in the Boardroom of the Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation at 2520 West Shaw Lane, Suite 101, Fresno, California 93711.

The Agenda was approved as distributed, in terms of topic areas.

*CONSENT ITEMS: (Corrected From Agenda)

-Attendance For The Month Of July, 2008	73%
-Membership As Of 1 August 2008	92

It was MSC to approve the Agenda Items, as presented.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

With correction/addition to add Page 5, it was MSC to approve the Minutes, as presented.

*TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report this month.

*FOUNDATION REPORT:

No report this month.

*SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Doug Cords)

Because of the time constraints and the volatility of last month's By-Laws Sub-Committee Report, the Secretary opted to reserve rebuttal comments until this month's Meeting. His report began with offering up thanks to Treasurer Bristol and Director Patterson for their supportive comments last month: It was alleged in the By-Laws Report that the Secretary had arbitrarily terminated members and failed to either keep the Board informed and to invite a Member to appear before the Board when attendance difficulties threatened Membership. The Secretary has no such power; this position is a "facilitating function" only. The Sub-Committee did not talk to the Secretary about its allegations nor did it review past Board Minutes. Two of the Committee Members have participated in Board Meetings when formal communications were provided to the Members regarding attendance issues.

All the allegations made are without merit. The Secretary then reviewed the extensive procedures followed when a Member shows an attendance problem:

- *e-mail, phone call, note (or any combination) initially
- *Presidential call at 3-misses-in-a-row
- *Board notification/Sponsor notification/Mentor notification
- *invitation to appear before the Board

The goal is to save Members! A review of the sole attendance issue from President Judy's year was presented, with extensive comments about the desire to maintain the Member's association with our Club. President Judy reviewed her efforts to intervene.

The Secretary last year consulted with the By-Laws' Chair, Bob Bergin, about protocol and procedure. Additionally, the Cords engaged private counsel, a national authority on Corporate Governance, to guide how a vote was to be taken.

If Directors/Officers feel, for any reason, the Secretary should be out of office, please contact President Tim with concerns.

The RI "Semi-Annual Report" was reviewed, corrected, signed and is now with Treasurer Scott for payment. The costs associated with each Member were reviewed.

We now have a formal procedure in place at TorNino's, each Friday, to denote the actual number of meal tickets sold, the number of non-eaters paid, the number of tickets for lunch to be billed to the Club. This is provided timely to President Tim, to compare against our monthly billing.

Avenues recently published the "Attendance" numbers for President Judy's year and the Secretary is now awaiting corrections. President Tim shall then schedule a formal time for Judy to distribute these special pins.

Tom Wells' resignation was announced. He has in the past wished to resign, but always had been willing to talk out things with the Secretary. This time was different; President Tim and President-Elect Sasan were notified immediately. Sasan visited extensively with Tom and will report during his time on the outcome.

*SECRETARY'S REPORT, Continued:

Past President George Zengel has attained the age of 59 and has been a Member for 29 years; the numbers add up to 88, well in excess of the required criteria.

It was MSC to designate George "Rotarian Emeritus;" Wendy Cords will prepare the presentation for President Tim to award to George.

August Hioco is our Club's first-ever District Governor! To show our gratitude, appreciation and respect, at year's end President Tim will present to August a Diamond Pin and a Gavel Plaque commemorating his leadership.

*New Member Proposal: TOM MILLER

Employer is Bank Of America, Fig Garden Village Branch.

Tom is a former Rotarian: Firebaugh (1980) and East Medford, Oregon (1999)

Sponsors are Sam Federico and Phil Setrakian.

Membership Committee has approved.

Proposed Classification: Banking - Commercial.

It was MSC to approve this Nomination. Secretary to promptly forward to Past President Bob Bergin for Rotary Information.

*PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT:(Dr. Sasan Rahmatian)

Sasan shared that the Annual Auction is formalized, at TorNino's, for 28 March. Through musical communication, he will share leadership names at an upcoming Friday Meeting.

Sasan invested considerable time and effort to try to save Tom Wells' Membership, to no avail. After consultation between President-Elect and Secretary, Sasan returned to communication with Tom, with an alternative, one which would free him from financial and attendance requirements, but give him access to the Club and give our Members the blessing of his person and his volunteering heart.

It was MSC to grant Tom Wells "Honorary Rotarian" status. Secretary to notify Tom and to order new Blue Badge. Tom is a treasured Member and we do not wish to lose him.

Past-President Judy Case led a discussion regarding our membership, both numbers now and future prospects. She shared East Fresno Rotary Club's positive experience with "Meet and Greet" Events, twice annually. Last year, 14 new members were inducted into the Club through this program. This will be an agenda item for future discussion.

*PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT;(Judy Case)

As Judy shared extensively during the Secretary's Report and the President-Elect's Report, nothing further was to be shared at this time.

*PRESIDENT'S TIME:

No report this month. "Tim's Time" is on a family holiday.

*AVENUES OF SERVICE:

*Club Service: (Dio Stefanopoulos)

Director Dio shared that our annual, wonderful "Day At The Races" will be 3 October. The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, 20 December.

*Community Service: (Erica Maranian)

The Committee is considering future projects and will report on its initial recommendations shortly.

*Vocational Service: (Wes Segal)

The Directors are working with Past Director Stan Skiba and are getting up to speed on San Joaquin Memorial sponsorships and the Job Shadowing Program.

Wes shared his excitement about adding to future Friday Programs a "patterned focus" on our professions, to educate Members, just as the original members of Rotary International did in its founding policies.

*International Service: (Rod Rimmer)

The Directors are now in process to screen applications and interest for International Projects.

Secretary Doug briefly reviewed the situation with the Sun-Maid Growers Of California/Rotary Club Of Fig Garden proposed project. There clearly is a "one step forward/two steps backward" scenario in place.

Director Rod and President-Elect Sasan noted the absolute necessity of having "face-to-face" contact in the country of Zambia or else the project has little probability of success.

*OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business this month.

*NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business this month.

*ADJOURNMENT:

President-Elect Sasan adjourned the Meeting at 8:12 a.m.

*NEXT MEETING:

24 September 2008

*TOPICS FOR NEXT MONTH'S BOARD MEETING, AS AGREED:

- Develop "Meet and Greet" Socials to encourage new Members
- Consider utilizing a password/protected use of our Website to include all Board and Foundation Minutes, for member access. This would give more complete access to all Members regarding the governance of the Club.
- Review the costs associated, for Members and Visiting Rotarians, with Friday luncheon at TorNino's. It is generally thought that the "\$1.00 Non-Eaters Fee" is woefully low and that those who pay for lunch are indeed subsidizing those who do not.
 - avenues for discussion might include: billing for lunch for all
raising the Non-Eater fee
omitting "Duckers Fee"
- it is vital, if a change is recommended, for all Members to be in the communications loop and be engaged in the decision.

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Respectfully Submitted By Doug Cords, Ph.D., Foundation Secretary.