

**Rotary Club of Cedar Falls  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2014**

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The Board meeting was held at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club immediately following the regular noon meeting.

**Attendance:**

Present:

Brad Braley -----	President
Kelly Christensen -----	President-Elect
Scott Cooley -----	Immediate Past-President
Alexa Heffernan -----	Director
Leslie Nixon -----	Director
Gary Winterhof -----	Director
Erv Dennis -----	Secretary

Absent:

Steve Lindaman -----	Treasurer
Bob Hardman -----	Club Historian
Chad Feldman -----	Director
Mare Madsen Schmidt -----	Director
Mike Walsten -----	Director

Guests:       None

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Brad Braley at 1:02 p.m. Seven of the twelve Board members were in attendance; thus President Braley stated that there was a quorum and that business could be discussed and action taken during the meeting.
2. President Braley distributed printed copies of the January 14 Board meeting minutes and requested action be taken. Motion - moved (Cooley/Christensen) to approve the January 14, 2014 board minutes as presented. Carried.
3. President Braley called on Secretary Erv Dennis to present the Secretary's report which included information relating to membership, attendance, dues collection, and bank deposits. A copy of the report is attached to this report.
4. Resignations: Secretary Erv reported that he had received one resignation since the January board meeting - that being from David A. Dvorak. His request was sent via e-mail to the secretary on January 16, 2014. Erv stated that David had not paid 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter dues. According to the club policy and the agreement David signed on the proposed-member form, dues are to be fully paid during the quarter in which a member resigns. Erv reported that he had sent David an e-mail relating to this requirement, but thus far, there has been no response. Motion (Dennis/Winterhof) to approve the resignation request of David A. Dvorak. Carried.
5. Proposed New Members: Secretary Erv reported that he has no new-member proposals in hand.

6. Leave-of-Absence requests: No formal requests have been received since our January board meeting. Josh Hurley did contact both President Brad Braley and Secretary Erv Dennis re his inability to attend weekly meetings because of an employment change. He did informally suggest a leave-of-absence beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. His e-mail, though, was dated February 10, 2014 which is nearly half-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. LOA's should always be requested prior to the start of a quarter and in time for action to be taken during a regularly scheduled monthly board meeting. Erv has sent Josh an e-mail relating to this situation and suggested that it would be appropriate for him to request a LOA for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (April-May-June). Thus far, no response has been received from Josh.

7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Lindaman was absent, thus there was no report.

8. Signage: Secretary Erv informed the board members that he had received correspondence from Mr. Lynn Barnes who is a member of the Cedar Falls Kiwanis Club Rough Riser's relating to some estimates that had been obtained for signage at the north and south entrances to Cedar Falls via highway #58. Erv stated that he had been contacted several months ago relating to whether our Club might have interest in participating in such a multiple signage effort. Erv had given Mr. Barnes a favorable response without any specific commitment and informed Mr. Barnes that it would be necessary for the Rotary Board Members to review and consider the details. Upon reviewing the proposed signage and costs as obtained by Mr. Barnes, the board members stated that they do have interest in participating in such an effort, but that the estimated costs seemed rather high. The Board members wondered if it would be possible to tie the organization/service club signs in with the existing "Welcome to Cedar Falls" signs that are located at the several entrance points to Cedar Falls. Erv indicated that he would make contact with Mr. Barnes, pass on the information, and engage in some discussion relating to the possibilities.

9. Replacement of Board Members: Past-president, Scott Cooley, reported that the Past Presidents committee had met and identified two candidates to replace the two directors (Mare Madsen Schmidt and Gary Winterhof) who will cycle off the board as of June 30, 2014. Thus far, no candidate has been identified to serve as the 2014/2015 president-elect.

10. Memorial for Johnny Dickinson: Secretary Erv Dennis reported that he visited with Lynn Dickinson on Monday (yesterday) and that she had given him the checks totaling \$525.00 that she had received in memorials to Johnny. I informed her that the checks would be deposited into the general Rotary checking account and that the donors would receive a note of appreciation and acknowledgement of their contribution that they may wish to use for income tax purposes. (Note: Secretary Erv completed this task to the 11 donors and mailed the envelopes on Wednesday, February 12.) Lynn stated that she believes the best use of the memorial funds will be to establish a scholarship for a student attending Cedar Falls high school who plans to pursue an agricultural/engineering academic degree. Details will need to be planned and prepared.

11. Club Service-1: Director Gary Winterhof stated that he had nothing specific to report.

12. Foundations: Director Leslie Nixon stated that she and Mike Butler, Foundations Committee Chair, have planned to meet sometime in March to discuss future plans.

13. Grant Writing Seminar: President Brad Braley reported that he had attended the all-day grant writing seminar held in Waverly this past Friday, February 7. He did this so our club would be permitted to submit a grant for consideration this year. We thank you President Brad.

14. Social Activities: Leslie Nixon reported that people, based on the questionnaire that was e-mailed to all members in the last couple of weeks, would be interested in attending a dinner social costing between \$37.00 and \$40.00. She described several other social possibilities. Also, Leslie stated that members would rather contribute dollars than be involved in organized fund raising events.

15. Singing the National Anthem: President Brad reported that our club has been invited to sing the national anthem at a Minnesota Twins baseball game sometime this year. This invitation had come through Rotarian Jim Coloff. Some discussion, but no action was taken.

16. Funding Request: Scott Cooley reported that he had received a request for funds from Ms. Vicki Simpson, Development Coordinator, Hearst Center for the Arts. They asked our club to be a sponsor for a lecture series that will be held at the Center recognizing their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The deadline for a response is March 30. Board members stated that this would be a good opportunity for our club to help sponsor these lecture series events and to gain some needed publicity. Motion (Winterhof/Heffernan) to contribute \$2,000.00 as a sponsor of the Hearst Center Lecture Series. Carried.

17. Raffle Opportunity at UNI: President Brad reported that he had received information inviting our club to purchase three raffle tickets for \$50.00 for the opportunity to win \$5,000.00 at the annual UNI Athletics Department fund raising "Purple Tie" dinner event. Board members declined to take action.

18. Fund Raising Project: Leslie Nixon stated that our club would not be involved in the Sturgis Falls parking fund raising opportunity that we had participated in these last two years. She suggested that other possibilities may include running events that are being scheduled throughout the year. No action was taken.

19. Being no further business, President Braley adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

20. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11; 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted; Ervin A. Dennis, Club Secretary