

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

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
Steve Lindaman -----	Treasurer
Chad Feldman -----	Director
Alexa Heffernan -----	Director
Leslie Nixon -----	Director
Gary Winterhof -----	Director
Erv Dennis -----	Secretary

Absent:

Bob Hardman -----	Club Historian
Mare Madsen Schmidt -----	Director
Mike Walsten -----	Director

Guests:

Joe Gitta

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Brad Braley at 12:54 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 agenda for today's board meeting.
  3. February 11 Board meeting minutes: Motion - moved (Heffernan/Christensen) to approve the board minutes as presented. Carried.
  4. President Brad Braley reported that he had visited with Club Historian, Bob Hardman, about his serving as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors instead of a full-member. Bob was very interested in this arrangement, thus President Brad entertained a motion to make the Club Historian an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Motion (Winterhof/Cooley) moved that this be done. Secretary Erv Dennis stated that because this is a major change in the board make-up, the motion should be considered at two meetings. Director Gary Winterhof reviewed the Club Bylaws and noted that the Historian is a full member of the Board, thus it does take two meetings to make the change. This being the case, the motion was tabled until the April board meeting.
  5. 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 for the month of February. A copy of the report is attached to this report.
  6. Resignations: Secretary Erv reported that he had received no resignation requests.

7. Proposed New Members: Secretary Erv reported that he has no new-member proposals in hand.

8. Leave-of-Absence requests: No formal requests have been received since our February board meeting.

Director Chad Feldman arrived at this point.

9. Guest, Joe Gitta, was present to review the planned social-dinner dance. It will be held at the Cedar Falls Hilton Gardens Motel in south Cedar Falls. The date of this event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Some concerns were expressed relating to the date -- are there conflicts with other city-wide events including one or more UNI events. Some checking was done during the meeting and no conflicts were found. Joe reported that the music will be provided by the "Bill Shepherd and Band" and that the dinner will be a high-quality dinner of chicken, beef, and pork. Joe also reported that the social committee is thinking about conducting a raffle before/during the dinner-dance and that our club does possess a license from the Iowa Secretary of State for such a function. Joe reported the associated costs and the number of tickets that need to be sold to cover the costs of the dinner, band, and facilities rental. He asked that the club cover the cost of the band from the general operating budget and that any occurring short-fall also be covered from the club budget. Motion (Winterhof/Cooley) to fulfill this request. Carried

Treasurer Steve Lindaman arrived at this point.

It was agreed that invitations to attend this dinner-dance social event should be extended to the surrounding Rotary Club members in Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Waverly.

10. Joe Gitta also reviewed the progress with the grant for the accessible Garden Project.

11. Treasurer's Report: Steve Lindaman distributed a three-month (January-February-March) written financial report and reviewed the contents. He requested action on one item: Motion (Cooley/Heffernan) to transfer \$7,000.00 from the club account to the Club Charitable Foundation account. Carried.

Motion (Cooley/Feldmann) to accept the three-month treasurer's report. Carried.

12. Club Charitable Foundation Account: Treasurer Steve Lindaman distributed and reviewed the written report that he had prepared and distributed with the closing date of February 28. Motion (Heffernan/Christensen) to accept the Club Charitable Foundation report. Carried.

13. Organizational Signage: President Brad Braley requested a report on the meeting that was held on Friday, February 28 at the Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitor Bureau with the Division Manager, Kimberly Manning. Kelly Christensen reported that along with himself, Lynn Barnes and Dennis Bergeson from the Cedar Falls Kiwanis Early Risers Club, and Erv Dennis were in attendance. Everyone in attendance was in agreement that it would be a good thing if organizational signage could be displayed at the major highway entrances to Cedar Falls. Kimberly Manning agreed to explore the possibilities and to confer with the necessary stake-

holders including the City of Cedar Falls and the University of Northern Iowa. She will report back to Kelly Christensen and Lynn Barnes.

14. Johnny Dickinson Scholarship: Erv Dennis reviewed the status and Scholarship Committee Chair, Scott Cooley, continued the discussion. Erv reported that he had visited with Mrs. Lynn Dickinson about the details of the scholarship. Motion (Lindaman/Nixon) for our club to match the \$500.00 given in memorials and make one scholarship for the amount of \$1,000.00. Carried. Erv Dennis will visit with Mrs. Dickinson re this decision and report back to Scott Cooley. It is important for the amount to be confirmed and the application form be prepared and forwarded to the counseling staff at Cedar Falls Senior High School very soon.

15. Feed My Starving Children: President Brad Braley reviewed the program as brought forth by Rotarian Steve Williams who is the senior pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Several churches and organizations in the area are involved in this effort. Our club has been invited to contribute to this cause. Motion (Winterhof/Nixon) moved that our club give \$3,000.00 to this project and that the money should come from the Club Charitable Foundation account. Carried.

16. Chad Feldmann stated that there is a need for more members of our club to volunteer for various projects. It's good that our club gives money for worth-while projects, but it's also important that Rotarians are willing to give of their time and talents for these projects.

17. President Brad Braley reviewed the several efforts of our club as listed under the responsibilities of each of the four Directors. He also reviewed communications from a previous political-based speaker at our club.

18. Next Board Meeting: President Brad Braley will be out of town on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April, April 8. He asked if the board meeting could be moved to the following Tuesday, April 15. All board members agreed that this would work with them.

19. Sturgis Falls Rotary Project: Director Leslie Nixon, who has coordinated the fund-raising, parking project efforts for the last two years, stated that she would be unavailable to handle the task this year. Leslie reported that she will be having major surgery in the near future and that she will have, at minimum, a six-week recovery period. Several board members immediately stated that she should not be concerned about this project and that it would be covered by other Rotarians.

20. Past-President, Scott Cooley, reported that the post-card announcement for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Hearst Center for the Arts*, carried the Rotary logo and a thank you for our club support and sponsorship.

21. Being no further business, President Braley requested a motion for adjournment. Motion (Heffernan/Winterhof) moved the board meeting be adjourned at 2:03 p.m. Carried.

22. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15; 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted; Ervin A. Dennis, Club Secretary