

**Rotary Club of Cedar Falls  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 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
Scott Cooley -----	Immediate Past-President
Chad Feldman -----	Director
Alexa Heffernan -----	Director
Mare Madsen Schmidt -----	Director
Leslie Nixon -----	Director
Gary Winterhof -----	Director
Erv Dennis -----	Secretary

Absent:

Kelly Christensen -----	President-Elect
Steve Lindaman -----	Treasurer
Bob Hardman -----	Club Historian
Mike Walsten -----	Director

Guests:

Jon Crews

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Brad Braley at 1:08 p.m. Eight 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. President Braley called on guest Jon Crews to review the Cedar Valley Blue Zones Project and he stated which organizations have contributed funds. Our club originally provided \$500.00 at the outset of the project. Jon pointed out the importance of quality health to the economics of our society. He also informed the board members that \$40,000.00 has already been raised for the continuance of the Blue Zones project from several organizations and groups. They wish to continue to employ one full time person and possibly one part-time person. At this time there is an effort to raise \$100,000.00 to keep the project going into the future. Our club is being asked to contribute \$5,000.00 toward the continuance of the project. Jon then left the meeting and the board members entered into discussion. Action: It was moved (Madsen Schmidt/Heffernan) to contribute the full amount requested of \$5,000.00. An amendment was presented (Winterhof/Nixon) to contribute \$1,000.00 each of two years for a total of \$2,000.00. Amendment carried. Scott Cooley abstained from voting as he is involved in the Blue Zone Project. The main motion, as amended, was then voted upon - Carried.

4. President Braley thanked the Board for approving the Leave of Absence of Josh Hurley for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter via e-mail.

5. President Braley requested board approval for a Leave of Absence for Josh Hurley for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Carried.
6. President Braley stated that there is a need for someone to prepare a basket of items for the auction that will take place at the District Conference on April 25 and 26. Leslie Nixon volunteered to prepare the basket. Motion (Cooley/Heffernan) to contribute \$100.00 from the club budget to purchase basket ingredients. Carried.
7. District conference: Board support was discussed. Motion (Madsen Schmidt/Feldmann) that 50% of the total or partial registration fee for the conference should be paid by the club. Carried. President Brad will inform the membership of this action via e-mail and encourage members to attend the conference that will be held in Cedar Rapids.
8. President Braley informed the board members that he had been contacted by a group for the club to become involved in a money-making project selling wine. He was not in favor of such and the board members supported his recommendation.
9. 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 March. A copy of the report is attached to this report.
10. Resignations: Secretary Erv reported that he had received no resignation requests.
11. Proposed New Members: Secretary Erv reported that he has one new-member proposal in hand - that of Mr. Michael A. Wilson. Mike is the Director of the Waterloo Regional Airport. He is being sponsored by Rotarian Bill Ruud. Motion (Winterhof/Madsen Schmidt) to approve the proposed new member. Carried.
12. Rule-of-85 Membership/Attendance Requests: Secretary Erv reported that he had three requests in hand: Robert R. Hardman (aggregate total of 111 years/11 months), Deon E. Senchina (aggregate total of 85 years/8 months), and Ervin A. Dennis (aggregate total of 100 years/4 months). Motion (Heffernan/Cooley) to approve these three R-85 requests. Carried.
13. Leave-of-Absence Request: Secretary Erv reported that he had one LOA request for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter from Rotarian Kourtney Williams. She stated that her work load at this time does not permit her to attend our weekly meetings on a regular basis. Motion (Cooley/Winterhof) to approve her request. Carried.
14. Leave-of-Absence Policy: Secretary Erv presented a written draft policy to cover the procedure for requesting and carrying out an LOA. This is considered the 1<sup>st</sup> reading; if approved at this time by the board, a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will need to take place at the May Board meeting to approve the policy. Motion (Winterhof/Feldmann) to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Carried.
15. Treasurer's Report: Steve Lindaman was absent, thus there was no report.
16. Scholarship Committee: Past-President Scott Cooley, committee chair, reported that he had received eight scholarship applications for the general scholarship. He had received no

applications for the vocational scholarship. He recommended, based on committee member discussion, to award four general scholarships for \$500.00 each. Motion (Cooley/Nixon) to approve of this action. Carried.

17. Board Member Replacements: Past-President Scott Cooley reported that he had met with the past-presidents committee members and confirmed the selection of the following Rotarians to fulfill board positions for 2014/2015:

Chad Feldmann - President-Elect

John Roth - Board member for a three-year term.

Sheryl McGovern - Board member for a three-year term.

These two new board members will replace Mare Madsen Schmidt and Gary L. Winterhof who will be completing their three-year terms on June 30, 2014.

Secretary's Note: With Chad Feldman accepting the position of President-Elect, it will be necessary to select a Rotarian to fulfill his unexpired board member term. His term was to continue through June 30, 2016, thus it will be necessary to identify and elect a person for a two-year term beginning June 30, 2014.

President Braley stated that he will hold an "official" election of these three nominated and board approved board members and president-elect at a future Tuesday noon meeting. (This was accomplished on Tuesday, April 29. All three candidates were approved by the attending members.

18. Policies: Secretary Erv Dennis requested Board approval to remove Policy A-3 from the record. This policy stated that the official method of taking attendance would be by using bar-codes on the back of our name badges and that members should scan their code for recording their attendance each Tuesday noon meeting. Because paper attendance sheets have been used for a lengthy period, this policy is no longer needed. Motion (Feldmann/Winterhof) to approve of this request. Carried.

19. Secretary Erv Dennis submitted a letter of resignation from serving as secretary of the Rotary Club of Cedar Falls. He indicated that his service as secretary had spanned seven years and that it was time for him to move on to other pursuits - possibly the rocking chair!!! Erv stated that he had met with president-elect, Kelly Christensen the previous week and informed him of his plans and that Kelly would need to identify a fellow member to accept the responsibility. Erv promised to work closely with the new secretary to help him/her become acquainted with the tasks associated with the position.

20. Publicity: Board member Chad Feldmann asked President Braley if the publicity committee had a specified budget line/amount? President Brad stated that the miscellaneous line item amount could be used as needed if there were publicity committee related expenses.

21. Being no further business, President Braley requested a motion for adjournment. Motion (Heffernan/Winterhof) moved the board meeting be adjourned at 2:14 p.m. Carried.

22. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13; 1:00 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted; Ervin A. Dennis, Club Secretary.

Special Board Meeting - Notes provided by President Brad Braley:

The Cedar Falls Rotary Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m., April 29, at the Cedar Falls Women's Club. Present from the board were Brad Braley, Kelly Christianson, Chad Feldman, Leslie Nixon, Alexa Heffernan, Scott Cooley, and Erv Dennis. Also present was member Joe Gitta.

President Brad declared that a quorum was present.

A District Community Grant Application was prepared by Joe Gitta and e-mailed to board members. This was revised from what Joe presented to the board earlier in 2014.

After questions and discussion, Scott Cooley made a motion, seconded by Alexa Heffernan, and passed unanimously, to approve the grant application for submission to the district.

Brad thanked Leslie Nixon for putting together the basket from our club for the silent auction at the district convention.

The meeting was adjourned.