

**Rotary Club of Cedar Falls  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 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
Chad Feldman -----	Director
Gary Winterhof -----	Director
Erv Dennis -----	Secretary

Absent:

Steve Lindaman -----	Treasurer
Bob Hardman -----	Club Historian
Alexa Heffernan -----	Director
Mare Madsen Schmidt -----	Director
Leslie Nixon -----	Director
Mike Walsten -----	Director

Guests:       None

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Brad Braley at 1:12 p.m. Six of the twelve Board members were in attendance; thus President Braley stated that there was not a quorum but that we would go through the agenda and then he would poll the absent board members regarding needed action items that were discussed at the meeting.

Note: Wednesday morning, January 15, President Brad Braley reported to Secretary Erv Dennis that he had polled the six absent board members and that he received responses from four of them indicating that they voted in favor of all action items taken during this meeting.

2. President Braley distributed printed copies of the December 10 Board meeting minutes and requested action be taken. Motion-It was moved (Winterhof/Feldmann) to approve the December 10, 2013 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. Also, the "Meals/Wheel Spinner" record for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year is attached and was printed on the back of the Secretary's report.

4. Resignations: Secretary Erv reported that he had not received any resignations since the December board meeting.

5. Proposed New Member: Secretary Erv reported that he had one new-member proposal; that of: Dr. William N. Ruud. - proposed by Joel Haack. Dr. Ruud is the president of the University of Northern Iowa and has been a Rotary member previously. Following a review of the proposal information, it was moved (Dennis/Cooley) to approve William N. Ruud for membership in our club. Motion carried. His name will be announced by President Brad to the club membership on January 21 and his application will be placed on the table for ten days for member response. If no responses are received, arrangements will be made to hold a new-member induction ceremony in February 2014.

6. Leave-of-Absence requests: No requests have been received since our December board meeting.

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

8. Memorial for Johnny Dickinson: Secretary Erv Dennis reported that he had been contacted by Johnny's wife, Lynn regarding memorial monies that she had received in memory of Johnny since his death this past December 8, 2013. She wishes to contribute the funds to Rotary, but wishes that it be in the name and memory of Johnny. The board members suggested three possible uses of the money: (1) Scholarship for a student from Cedar Falls Senior High School who intends to pursue higher education in an agricultural area, engineering, or history; (2) Plant one or more trees in Cedar Falls and attaching an appropriate recognition plate; (3) Do something in the Rotary Prairie project and place a name plate in the shelter in recognition of Johnny. Erv agreed to contact Lynn Dickinson and present these thoughts of which he did Tuesday evening, January 14. Lynn thought each of the possibilities were excellent; she will give them her thoughts and communicate back to Erv in early February.

9. Secretary Erv Dennis reported that the Rotary International dues for January are \$3,858.53. R. I. dues are assessed two times per year - January and July. The semi-annual dues per member = \$26.50 plus \$6.00 for the Rotarian subscription for a total of \$32.50 per person. There are also pro-rata dues assessed for new members joining clubs during each of the six month periods plus Rotarian subscriptions our club provides to the Cedar Falls Public Library and the UNI Library.

10. President's Report: President Braley reported that he was pleased that we were able to induct Gary Formanek into membership this past January 7. This now gives us 116 members in the club. He also reported that he had received thank you notes from the director of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for our contribution and a thank you from the Woman's Club staff for their Christmas gifts. President Brad reported that Mike Butler, chair of the R. I. Foundation for our club, has stated that there are 6 to 8 club members who have upgraded their Paul Harris Fellowship levels and that they will be recognized during a future club meeting. In addition, President Brad reported that Joe Gitta has received the completed application for our club sponsorship of an outbound student to live and study in an international country this next year.

Old Business:

11. Sturgis Falls Celebration 2013: President-elect Kelly Christensen reported that as of this date, payment to our club has not been received for our contribution in parking cars and other tasks during the summer celebration. He will continue to follow-up. The approximate amount our club should receive is \$2,000.00.

New Business:

12. President Brad stated that the Club Assembly today was a good opportunity for committees to meet. He was pleased to have presented a review of the goals and projects outlined for this operational year. There was considerable activity among several committees for approximately 15 minutes. President Brad asked the Club Directors to report on their meetings with the committees. Much of the board follow-up discussion centered on member attendance and participation in our club.

13. Chamber of Commerce: Past-President Scott Cooley presented the idea that our club may benefit from becoming a member of the metro Chamber of Commerce. This would give us excellent exposure within the metro area and opportunities as both a club and individual members to participate in year-long Chamber activities. The approximate dues amount for a club of our size would be between \$1,300.00 and \$1,500.00.

14. Dues Payment: A future discussion item for the board to consider is the quarterly dues payment option of using credit cards and/or automatic bank account deduct.

15. Being no further business, President Braley requested a motion (Feldmann/Christensen) to close the meeting. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted; Ervin A. Dennis, Club Secretary