**\*\*\* Meeting held via ZOOM Webinar \*\*\***

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Mark Henne, who recognized that there was a Board Quorum.

**Board Members in attendance**: Bill Armstrong, Mark Henne, Sung Lee, Ody Norkin, Chris Nugent, Ger Schultink, Kristin Shelley and Bill Webb.

**Board Members Absent**: None

**Other Members in Attendance**: Ingrid Nova (ex-officio), Joe Osypczuk (ex-officio)

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by C. Nugent, second by S. Lee, to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion PASSED.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Armstrong reported that it was a quiet month with the exception of the purchase of the Zoom software, which was subsequently reimbursed from the District. There was also $4,000 in fundraising funds, which were sent on to Ghana.

Year to date actual Armstrong reported that the Club is behind by $6,800. The club has received more dues payments, so it will make it through the fiscal year with a $5,000 deficit, as opposed to the $11,000 projected. Going into the new fiscal year, the expenses will still be down as we are not yet able to meet at the University Club. We are looking at least July or August before we can meet again in person. Discussion was held regarding not rushing into meeting too soon.

Another reason the UClub is able to give us the lower price is that the EL Rotary lunch is the same as the buffet offered upstairs in the restaurant. As such, if we start meeting before the buffet is open, costs may be higher.

Discussion was held regarding a potential change in locations for the meetings.

The next budget should be developed, keeping in mind that we need to cut something, and not keep depending on the reserve fund.

PE Sung is working with Treasurer Armstrong to develop the new budget, together with PN Chris Nugent.

The UClub annual fee is $32,000. PE Sung does not feel that we can afford that cost going forward. The buffet is so luxurious; maybe a simpler, lower cost lunch is possible, in coordination with fewer servers. This may allow us to cut the costs down to $20,000 potentially.

Discussion was held about simply offering a soup and sandwich option, perhaps also reducing the amount of dessert.

Ger Schultink with follow up directly with the UClub to find out potential options for lower cost lunches. Discussion was also held about moving the lunches to the Brody Hall on the MSU campus. Cost for lunch there would be $8.50 per person. All options should be explored.

PE Sung’s final goal is to lower the membership dues, which would also help to get new members. The dues should be more competitive when compared to the other local clubs.

Ger will first make contact with the UClub to find out the options, and then we could look at other options (Brody, etc.).

Discussion was held regarding the reason for the lowered deficit. In part the deficit was due to money saved by COVID, by not meeting at the UClub (while keeping the dues the same).

Nugent proposed that a “demand letter” be sent out to those members that are significantly behind.

MOTION by S. Lee, second by C. Nugent to accept the Treasurer’s Report Nugent and place on file, after cleaning up the Accounts Receivable report to remove any non-members with zero balance. Motion PASSED.

**President’s Report—Mark Henne**

President Henne reported that the Club has some grant applications that were submitted, but we have not yet heard back.

It was confirmed that Ger Schultink is the second Elector for the District Annual Meeting on Saturday morning during the District Conference.

**President-Elect Report—Sung Lee**

Sung is looking forward to the Club Assembly on Monday, June 15, in an effort to find out what members want and what would make the Club more exciting.

The District has funds from the COVID donation, so Sung proposed giving $2,000 to the Salvation Army, using the EL Rotary Club Foundation as the pass-through.

Since the money would be going through the East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation, the Foundation Board should handle this directly. There was a concern of a potential conflict of interest since the Salvation Army is a Christian organization.

There may also be a potential for the club members to participate and volunteer in person.

Discussion was raised about the lack of coordination and focus on where the East Lansing Rotary Club donates its funds and efforts. There is a perceived lack of priorities.

PE Sung responded that we need to have more than one community project so that people can get excited about it. Having more than one project may help engage more members. It is not a bad idea to have more than one focus group.

This should be discussed in detail on Monday at the Club Assembly.

Discussion was held about a potential membership retreat. We need to do something to get people engaged.

This will be discussed in detail at the next Board Meeting July 9.

Discussion about sending the Board Meeting minutes to the General Membership.

At the Club Assembly, Bill Webb will share his screen in order to show the general membership how to access the “member-only” part of the Club website.

**Secretary Report—Chris Nugent**

No report

**Giving Report —Chris Nugent**

No report

**International Committee—Sung Lee**

No report

President Henne reported that there are two grant applications out, but no responses have been received yet.

**Membership Committee**—**Bill Webb**

Upcoming Zoom Membership Team Meeting will discuss/update the following CLUB Membership Goals for 2020/2021:

* Engage/Retain current members
* Attract/Recruit new members including 2020/2021 New Member Goal
* Build community awareness
* Continue to enhance EL Rotary Club policies, procedures and practices

**East Lansing Rotary Club Foundation**

There is a new three year term available in the Foundation. Iris Linder, Jeff Fineis and Jim Little have all been nominated to fill the three year term from June 30, 2020 to July 1, 2023. A vote will be taken on Monday June 15 at the Club Assembly.

There were five recipients of the scholarship from the East Lansing high school. Scholarships totaled $11,000.

There was brief discussion about membership dues. Dues are dependent on lunch payments. There was also discussion about a potential rebate from the lunches from the last quarter, but it was decided to reiterate that anyone with financial difficulties should contact leadership for assistance.

Discussion will be deferred until more information is received regarding potential lunch/pricing changes.

Discussion was held regarding a potential change in meeting days. “Is Monday a good day to meet?” Especially when it comes to recruiting new members, a meeting on Monday has potential work and personal conflicts.

**Adjournment**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on July 9, via Zoom webinar unless otherwise noted.

There being no further business to conduct, Mark Henne adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Nova, Club Administrative Secretary