

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND ROTARY CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

October 7, 2003

Present: Clyde Taylor, Leslie Mattingly, Jim Szwest, Allen Berry, Ted Wright, Dick Wicker, Pat Storino, Jim Bruce, Nat Johnson,

Absent: Marie Dodd, Stan Kyker, Maria Vogt, Barbara Chal, Tom Parker, Kevin Lokey
John Parkins, Bud Dorsey

Red Badge Member : Charles Cansler, Tuffy Adams, Jack Rayfield

Red Badge Members introduced to the Board.

Minutes of the August 5th meeting were read and approved upon motion by T. Wright/A. Berry and the minutes of the September 9th meeting were read and approved upon the motion by P. Storino/D. Wicker.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Jim Szwest. Copies were distributed and reviewed and the same is incorporated herein by reference. We currently have approx. \$15,685 in the bank. The Budget for the year was based on 119 members, however in actuality we are below this level of paying membership and thus dues income is below budget levels. We are however, ahead of budget on cost of meals due to 2 meetings not held. The Board discussed the issue of dues responsibility in the case of medical leaves granted by the Board. Upon motion by Johnson/Wicker the Board directed the treasurer to bill such members (on official medical leave) for the full dues amount (which including meal cost) and then credit back \$10 per meal missed.

It was noted that the Districts has approved a dues increase for each club designed to cover the cost of a District project to send medical equipment to developing and otherwise impoverished unanimously to hold such increase and payment to the District by our club in abeyance until the clubs finances improve.

Old Business: None

New Business:

New Member: Fausto Gardini was approved the Board upon motion by Berry/Johnson. His classification will be International Consultant.

Leave of Absence: Board approved a 6 month leave for Connie Herndon (Bruce/Wicker) and for Lisa Anderson (on the occasion of the birth of her child) a 2 month leave commencing November 1 (Storino/Bruce).

Nominating Committee: Nat Johnson moved the approval of M. Dodd, C. Taylor, L. Mattingly and N. Johnson chair as members of the nominated committee. Approved (Wright/Berry). The committee will meet on October 28th at 2 p.m. after the regular meeting.

Director & Committee Reports:

Club Service: Jim Bruce is meeting with Jim McDougal regarding membership plans for the remainder of the year. The committee is focusing especially on retention.

Club Relations: Pat Storino reported excellent public relations in recent weeks. Tuffy Adams has submitted 10 items to four local papers, all published. Thanks also to Kevin Lokey for getting us a huge 1/2 page coverage of the Dist. Governor's visit.

Community Service: Tom Parker was not present for a full report, however it was noted by Pat Storino that the Taps Committee is making good progress on plans for this year. There will be additional security and planning issues to consider due to the event's proximity in time to the G-8 Summit scheduled for the following week.

International Service: Dick Wicker discussed efforts with the Foundation. John Law gave a wonderful pitch for joining the Foundation at a recent meeting. As a result, we have 4 new participants. For Foundation month in November, the Committee is planning 3 presentations. Additionally, regarding our international students, Dick hops to schedule each for a program during the holidays, when they are likely to be in town.

Vocational Service: Ted Wright reported Bill Halderson is chairing the committee and is working on the Speech Contest. Last year there was a problem with the District such that we weren't able to participate in the contest, and we hope to avoid a similar problem this year. It was also noted that Dick Hyer of the Macon Club is working on an Adult Literacy program for the District. Details to follow.

Programs: Plans are under way for the Christmas party to be held of December 16th.

Fund Raising: Clyde informed the Board of questions brought to him for consideration by the Board, regarding the phone book option - one of several fund raising ideas currently under consideration by the committee. Some members have raised objections to the book as competition for Bell South. The Board chose to permit the committee to continue its work and wait for the committee's formal recommendations to the Board before addressing this and any other issues.

Adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Matting, as Acting Secretary