

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 2023

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at DeLoach Southeby's office, 2901 Frederica Road on August 29, 2023. The meeting convened at 11:00 AM with a quorum present, with President-Elect Kern Baker presiding and Secretary, Pamela Hamilton, providing minutes..

Members Present:

Robbie Strange, Tate Simpson, Joe Leek, Pamela Hamilton, Jonna Kerrigan, Chip Lewis, Donna Davis, Anna K Mansfield, Susan Imhoff, Sue Cansler, Cecil Coke and Jeff Guldner, Kern Baker and District Governor Felix

Past President Tate Simpson called the meeting to order. In the absence of President Janice Lamattina due to illness, Tate proposed that President-Elect Kern Baker conduct the meeting.

A motion to approve President-Elect Kern Baker to preside over the meeting, in the absence of President Lamattina through illness, was offered by Robbie Strange. 2nd by Joe Leek. Motion Carried.

The minutes from the July 11,, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting was offered by Joe Leek. 2nd from Chip Lewis. Motion Carried.

Financials: Robbie Strange:

- Rotary International and District dues have been paid.
- There are 7 or 8 delinquent members
- Member Becky Farrow has been out for weeks due to illness and is requesting retroactive LOA to cover her absence.

A motion was offered by Robbie to grant Becky LOA retroactively until October 1, 2023 to allow recovery from her injury. 2nd Jonna Kerrigan. Motion carried.

- Harvey Richardson's application for membership was reviewed. He is a previous member of GI Rotary and would get a Blue Badge.

A vote was taken and a motion was offered by Tate to approve Harvey Richardson for Blue badge membership. 2nd Pamela Hamilton. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Chip Lewis to accept the Financials as presented. 2nd Jonna Kerrigan. Motion carried.

Meet The Pros: Donna Davis presented an update on MTP event details and provided a handout. She stressed that MTP is SSI Rotary's signature event: we have a good partnership with the Davis Love Foundation: it will be a good community event: first joint venture with SSI Rotary and After Hours Club. She outlined tasks and help needed. Rain venue and catering by Southern Soul are still being negotiated.

A motion was offered by Kern Baker to accept the Meet The Pros plans as presented. 2nd Chip Lewis. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Committee reports were forwarded to all board members for review prior to the meeting

- Kern noted that Clayton Watson has stepped back from GRSP hosting due to personal issues and has handed over to Kern.
- Kern reminded board members about the adopted roadway (Kings Way) and urged members to go out and clean up in September. He has equipment
- Suggestion that Jim Henderson, Sargent at Arms, send emails to 2 members a week, going through the alphabet, to obtain greeters at the meetings.
- Membership report was reviewed. Additionally, Page Faulk was terminated – he insisted he had resigned during Tate’s presidency. DG Felix Smith suggested also listing the Out of Hours members on the report to get total of active SSI Rotary club members.

A motion was offered by Chip Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda and membership report. 2nd Joe Leek. Motion carried.

District Governor Felix Smith was visiting and expressed his appreciation to be present. He said he is proud of our club and complemented how “giving” members have been over the years.

- > \$611,000 to Rotary International - \$19,778 last year alone
- \$3,200 to Polio+
- \$1,286 to CART

6 District Governors

Felix’ main focus during his tenure will be **Literacy**. He reminded us of the association between 3rd grade reading and high school graduation – a 4 times failure to graduate if not reading proficiently by the end of third grade. Reading Rockets program was discussed – need more volunteers – and our After Hours club’s cause is Literacy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Deloach Southeby’s office, 2901 Frederica Rd.

Respectfully submitted,

__Pamela Hamilton__

Secretary
Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

__August 29, 2023,____

Date of Approval