

RVF Board Meeting
June 15, 2004
Jackson, Wyoming

President Ken Calderwood called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

Board members attending: Ken Calderwood, President; Jim Smith, President Elect; Al Brieger, Vice President; Fred Royce, Secretary; Carter Wind, Treasurer; Bob Hamblin, Immediate Past President; Jerry Haley, Membership Chairman and Director Pacific Zone; Lloyd Hendry, Director Central Zone; Jack Spencer, Director Pacific Zone; Bob Craig, Director Eastern Zone; Chuck Ward, Director Central Zone;

Other members attending: Kirk Greiner, Webmaster; Richard Ward, Rally Wagonmaster; Dick Nevins, Past President; and Clyde Glossen.

Moved by Hamblin and seconded by Wind to accept the 2003 minutes published in the Caravanner and on the RVF Website. Motion carried.

Carter Wind, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement as of May 28 and Income and Expense Statement covering period from July 1, 2003 thru May 28, 2004. The information indicates finances are in good order. Moved by Hamblin and seconded by Haley to accept the Treasurers report. Approved.

There was a question regarding "Members Equity" on the Financial Statement. Carter explained this was set up to be consistent with IRS reporting. President Ken advised that he authorized a \$200 application fee for participation in the planned 2005 Rotary International Parade in Chicago. It was also reported that Edward Jones has the Fellowship account.

Richard Ward, wagonmaster for the 2004 Annual Rally, reported on plans for the week. Attendees will receive programs detailing the events. There are 61 rigs attending. Recipient of the Highway Safety Award is Teton Valley Emergency Medical Services.

Jerry Haley reviewed membership statistics from 1999 to the present. There are presently 383 members. 121 memberships are due to expire this year. It is anticipated that approximately 60% will not renew. About 80% of new memberships are coming from use of the website. Basically, the information indicates a continued downward trend in the number of members in the Fellowship. Pertinent data from Jerry's report follow.

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Members as of May 10	502	474	457	468	413	383
New members during yr.	72	39	43	64	30	41

Bob Craig asked if RI could provide more support in their publications to zone and district rallies. Another question is what should be done to become better known in the zones. Jerry Haley stated that RI does send names to him annually from those asking for Fellowship information.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirk Greiner reported on status of the RVF Website. Listing the Caravanner was temporarily stopped because of objections to having names and addresses of new members published. This has been corrected and future issues will be on the Website. He indicated that items submitted for insertion on the Website need to be in electronic form. The projected cost for the next several years is less than \$200 annually. Kirk was complimented on the excellent Website he has developed.

Laura Calderwood presented a proposal to make a quilt as a fund raising project for the Highway Safety Program in honor of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. Basically RVF wives will be asked to prepare quilt squares. Raffle tickets will be sold. Suggested price is \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Hamblin to authorize the quilt fund raising project for the Highway Safety Program. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Planned rallies were briefly reviewed. The "Rolling Rotarians" have scheduled events for August 19-21 and November 12-15. The Eastern zone will have a rally September 14-18. The Pacific Zone has rallies scheduled for September 23-26, September 30- October 3 and October 20-24. Details will be presented in the Caravanner and the Website.

RI is tentatively planning to discontinue providing liability insurance for fellowships effective 7/1/05. Jerry Haley advised that the cost of the RVF providing its own insurance is approximately \$2000. A question was raised as to whether insurance coverage is necessary. Legal advice may be in order. It was pointed out that given the litigious nature of our society, insurance is probably required. It was agreed that this is a responsibility of Rotary International. They have the ability to obtain umbrella insurance coverage at a much lower cost.

It was recommended that we draft a letter, signed by all available Directors, and send to authorities in RI. Moved by Craig and seconded by Brieger authorizing such a letter. Motion carried. The Secretary will handle.

A proposed change in the By-laws offered by Gordon Lipp will be set aside to allow a committee to do a complete review of the existing By-laws. President Ken announced the appointment of Gene Wright as chairman of this committee. Serving with him are: Gordon Lipp, Dick Nevins, Dick Roberts, Byron Maxwell and Jim Smith. They will report at the 2005 annual meeting.

2005 Chicago Annual Meeting. George Partlo will advise where it will be held before this rally has ended.

Clyde Glossen showed hats he had prepared for use by RVF members in honor of the 100th RI anniversary. Cost is \$10 plus handling costs. These hats will be sold at RVF rallies and worn at the RI Convention. Moved by Haley and seconded by Hampton that the Fellowship buy 20 dozen hats and sell at a price for \$15 a hat. Motion carried. Clyde will chair the project. It was also moved, seconded and carried to provide Clyde with two hats gratis in recognition of his efforts.

Bob Hamblin, chairman of the Nominating Committee, will be contacting members regarding their desire to run again.

Meeting adjourned.

Fred Royce,
Secretary