

**Minutes of District 5580 Grants Subcommittee Meeting
By Teleconference
May 20, 2009 –7:15 P.M. CDST**

Chair, Keith Brokke, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

Keith Brokke	DGS Chair– FM-AM Rotary Club
Suzanne Pehl	Wahpeton Rotary Club
Mel Tangen	Breckenridge Rotary Club
Karl Wahl	Thunder Bay (Fort William) Rotary Club
Steve Arbour	Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary Club
Jon Helstrom	Duluth 25 Rotary Club
Herb Schmidt	FM-AM Rotary Club
Tully Chambers	District Governor – Wahpeton Rotary Club
Ajoy Chatterjee	District Governor-Elect– Thunder Bay (Ft. William) Rotary Club
Roly Turner	District Governor- Nominee/DGS Advisor – Thunder Bay (Port Arthur)
Joy Wezelman	Bismarck Rotary Club

Other Participants Present:

PDG Al Watrel 2009-10 Foundation Chair – Bismarck Rotary Club

Committee Members Absent:

PDG Claudette Holly 2008-09 Foundation Chair – Walker Rotary Club

A copy of the Meeting Agenda is attached to these original Minutes and incorporated herein by reference.

Agenda Item #1 – Old Business and Approval of Minutes of DGS Teleconference Meetings held March 18, 2009, and April 1, 2009.

MOVED BY Ajoy Chatterjee, SECONDED BY Steve Arbour, “that the Minutes of the DGS Teleconference Meeting of March 18, 2009 be adopted”.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Roly Turner, SECONDED BY Steve Arbour, “that the Minutes of the DGS Teleconference Meeting of April1, 2009, be adopted”.

CARRIED

Agenda Item #2:

Janet Green (Detroit Lakes Noon) and Clyde Frank(Dickinson RC) are leaving the DSG Committee and are at their last meeting. Potential new members to consider are Dave Gottenborg (Pelican Rapids) and Rick Michaelson(Detroit Lakes Morning) Incoming DG Ajoy will welcome new members with appointment letters. Details as to members' status will also be added to the roster to show when joined.

Agenda Item #3:

Incoming Chair Herb Schmidt has set the meeting dates for the coming year. They are as follows:

August 20, 2009,

November 21, 2009 (Face to face meeting, Fargo Ramada Inn 9:00 a.m.)

January 21, 2010

May 20, 2010

(All teleconference meetings are on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 pm CDST).

Agenda Item #4:

Treasurer's report showed balances for the three accounts, as follows:

WCS \$1,909.06
DSG \$9,700.00
DDF(Share) \$166,383.78

The WCS levy increase will be adding about \$16,500 to the WCS fund after July 1st. This fund is meant strictly for "bricks and mortar" projects. It is expected to replenish the WCS Fund to nearly \$50,000.00 by September 2009. We request and receive \$24,000 annually for District Simplified Grants (DSG), which supports local Rotary matching funds and small International projects.

The report will be updated once numbers are received from D5580 Treasurer Bill Gravelle.

Agenda Item #5:

The check for the Shelter Box Project has now been sent out. The Peru project is now completed; while it ran over budget, additional \$13,000.00 was raised to complete the project. Club 25 contributed \$5,000.00.

Agenda Item #6:

The Grants Subcommittee reviewed the Interim Report of Duluth Harbortown for Project #06.2.05 Choquechampi Reservoir Project (MG 60950). The project is nearly complete and is looking extremely good!

Agenda Item #7:

The translation for the Sumpango, Guatemala Project #09.5.21 (Nipigon R.C.) has been received and the project is approved to be forwarded to TRF for consideration.

MOVED BY: Tully Chambers, **SECONDED BY:** Suzanne Pehl, "that the funds for Project 09.5.21 Sumpango, Guatemala , cookstoves,(Nipigon R.C.) be approved using DDF funds upon TRF approval" **CARRIED**

The letter of request for the surgical equipment for San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala Project #09.5.22 (Perham Rotary) was received.

MOVED BY: Tully Chambers, **SECONDED BY:** Suzanne Pehl, "that the funds for Project 09.5.22 San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala, surgical equipment,(Perham R.C.) be approved using DDF funds upon TRF approval" **CARRIED**

Agenda Item #8:

New applications were reviewed.

#09.6.23 Peace Path for Pelican Rapids Walking Trail.

MOVED BY: Steve Arbour, **SECONDED BY:** Herb Schmidt, "that \$5,000 from the DSG Fund be approved conditionally for Project 09.6.23, and that the project be completed within one year" **CARRIED**

#09.6.24 Miracle League Ballfield (Fargo Moorhead Rotary Clubs). Total cost of this project is \$200,000. The Moorhead Parks Department donated the land; the four clubs each contributed \$2,500 towards a scoreboard for the facility.

MOVED BY: Steve Arbour, **SECONDED BY:** Mel Tangen, "that \$4,700.00 be directed towards the Scoreboard." **CARRIED**

MOVED BY: Tully Chambers, **SECONDED BY:** Suzanne Pehl, “that the remaining balance of \$5,300.00 be designated towards the project, when available” **CARRIED**

Chair Keith Brokke asked all members if they had anything further to contribute towards the Article for the Rotarian, to pass it along as early as possible.

A Vote of Thanks was moved by PDG Al Watrel, Seconded by DG Tully Chambers, for the wonderful job Chair Keith Brokke did during his tenure as Chair. The vote Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.CDST.