

MINUTES: DECEMBER 13, 2006 RLI BOARD MEETING

The December Conference Call for the Zone 33 RLI Board of Directors began at 2:00 PM on 12/13/2006

Present were: PDG Ron Ferrill, PDG Jack Porter, PDG Bevin Wall, PDG and RID-e Eric Adamson and PDG Glenn Hood. Not present was PDG Bob Stallworth. Present in her capacity as Faculty Trainer was Pam Wall.

Queries on whether members had received certain e-mail messages...Ron Ferrill preferred e-mail: jrfrose@sitestar.net

Chairman Eric Adamson opened the meeting and turned to the agenda, which had earlier been e-mailed to all members of the Board:

1. Call to Order 2pm
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Review of recent RLIs
 - a. Harrisonburg
 - b. Fredericksburg
 - c. Greensboro
 - d. Greenville, S.C.
5. Mid-year meeting
 - a. location
 - b. publicity
 - c. faculty recruitment
 - d. dates and times
 - c. materials
6. Upcoming RLIs
7. Summer meeting reminder
8. Misc.
9. Next meeting...date and time
- 10 Adjourn

(As Secretary Bob Stallworth was not present, member Glenn Hood agreed to attempt a recording of the minutes.)

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report was dispensed with for this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jack Porter gave a Treasurer's Report. He reported that currently RLI has \$7647.34 in its bank account, not counting PayPal receipts which are \$4700.00. He has received bills from Harrisonburg for \$1425.00, plus for supplies \$89.00 and stipends \$100. From Greensboro, Abby Donnelly says RLI owes \$990.03 in addition to an already paid up-front bill for the Empire Room facility and food.

RLI began this fiscal year with \$3103.90 and has received 11,200 this year for a total of \$14303.90 RLI expenses paid thus far are \$6700, leaving approximately \$7600 in our account. Of this amount, RLI has payables of \$2700, leaving \$4800. Other payables owed leave RLI with about \$1700.

This is in addition to a CD valued at \$10,000. Treasurer Jack reported that the RLI checking account has roughly \$12,000 with outstanding bills of approximately \$1700.00. Bevin Wall noted that he has 250 sets of

materials in his office for which RLI has already paid. (for the Trinidad/Tobago RLI and also Raleigh). This amount will be recouped in the registrations for those RLIs.

It was observed that some RLI events are spending lot more per student than other places. This is due to economies of scale. Smaller RLIs cost more per attendee. Additionally, before July 1 we will have two training meetings that will cost RLI money and will not have large streams of revenue. Large events have many positives, but some negatives. Facilities will need to be examined to determine the number they can handle. We will need to look at finances event by event to know how we are doing overall and also how each event is doing. Jack says he can do this and will get with Pam Wall to complete this task.

Treasurer Jack noted that he was still having difficulties matching up checks with the registrant - if club gives a check it must have the names of the attendees on it, so that the registrants and the funds can be matched.

Jack also noted that paying expenses is difficult...due to issues re: expenses not filed by event coordinators and faculty in a timely fashion.

Review of recent RLIs

Harrisonburg: Ron says went well, and that it had a good venue, which has been reserved for next year. Reporting needs to be more thorough. Had about 30 people, \$2500 in income; it was held on a Friday.

Fredericksburg: Saturday event; 16 in Part 1, 13 in Part 2, 7 in Part 3

Evaluations are uniformly positive in nature.

Faculty comments are usually positive

Lots of positive comments from internet registrants. But there were complaints about (finding) location, needing more time for Foundation, breaks too short. Attendees overwhelmingly stated that the event was a valuable use of time.

Book scores good; some didn't know materials on web.

1/2 knew that they could visit a website for RLI.

Bevin Wall reported these findings from the Fredericksburg evaluations:

1. The Part III students generally view overhead projectors as things that belong in the Smithsonian. They want to see computers with LCD projectors in every classroom with Internet connectivity and use of the RI, RLI and other websites as instructional resources.
2. They also said that they would prefer more hands-on workshops where they work in a team environment to solve problems.
3. They were frustrated by a lack of directions to the building and parking that they expected to find on the RLI website.
4. They like the interaction among the students and faculty.
5. They identified Membership Recruitment and Membership Retention and the Foundation sessions as the source of the most important information that they took back to their clubs.
6. They cited goal setting as the specific leadership skill that they had put to good use in their clubs.

Eric Adamson queried what percentage of the students are paying their own way?

Treasurer Jack responded that based on his records 70-75 % of attendees fees are paid by their clubs.

The question was raised as to should we use PowerPoint presentations and LCD projectors in an event?

Reactions addressed some of the issues of equipment failure, and such. Bevin: Suggest that it be a part of the intro to mention the reasons (logistics vs frugality versus technology) why we don't use LCDs in this training

A query: is the Home Division using them? Eric responded that they were not using them there but are committed to use them in the future; Florida is using them now all year.

Greensboro:

A total of 38 students attended. 27- in Part 1, 8 in Part 2, 3 in Part 3

Abby Donnelly did a critique from the 3 Part 3 students....they suggested that we run part 1 quarterly and require attendance for upcoming club officers...they expressed that they missed – The Perfect Rotary Club Meeting.

Eric: did Part III students participate in Perfect meeting as Part II students? It was believed that they participated in the meeting as some of the players.

Greenville SC

Bevin: Sue Poss did a good summary

Greenville had a total of 41 students – 31 in Part 1, 11 in Part 2 and 9 in Part IIIs

53 advance registrations and 1 Walk-in. There were 2 who registered online but were not on list

There were 3 who registered in advance who were cancellations

There were 2 “No Shows” for a total of 51 Total Student Participants

There were 9 Facilitators at this event and 1 spouse participant. Four districts were represented: 7750, 7770, 7680, 7570.

Mid-year Meeting:

Date: January 26, 2007

Site:

The site of the mid-year meeting will be the Cary (NC) Chamber of Commerce (same site as last year).

Accommodations:

We have arranged for a RLI rate of \$79.00 + 13% tax at the Hampton Inn on Chapel Hill Road in Cary. This is just off I-40 at Exit 290. Address is 111 Hampton Woods Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina, United States 27607 Telephone number is 919-233-1798 Fax: 919-854-1166.

(An advantage of this site is that Chapel Hill Road intersects with Academy Street, where the Cary Chamber office is located. It's about a three mile trip)

Faculty Dinners

A dinner for both Thursday and Friday nights is being scheduled.

Questions to be resolved:

- √ Hampton Inn - how long they will hold the rooms AND will they allow us to use their conference room for a reception on Thursday night? (Glenn/Pam will call to find out and report to the committee on this)
- √ Where will the two dinners be sited? (Glenn is working on this with Pam.)

Promotion of the event:

It was suggested that District Chairs make personal appeals to PDGs in their district and to all RLI graduates in their district to attend and become certified.

Dates and times

Faculty mid-year training on Friday, 26 Jan at the Cary Chamber of Commerce Building on Academy Street.

Raleigh RLI will be on 27 Jan at Wake Tech Community College on US 401 South of Raleigh
Promotion is ongoing on this event, both in-district and in surrounding districts.

Upcoming Meetings:

Trinidad/Tobago Jan 10-13

Eric reported that Pam Wall and Bevin, Eric Adamson, Sandy and Don Duckworth, and Rafael Beltram (who speaks French, as does Eric) will be the instructors. They have assured the attendance of 75 students and will pay Zone 33 RLI \$85 per person (which will cover travel costs and books), and they will charge another \$45 for food and facility. They will do registration and they will house faculty. We will plan on having another in the spring on another island.

First two days is faculty training, and third day is RLI

Some materials are already in translated into French----due to the fact that in Quebec - a new French-speaking division of RLI has been formed.

Issue for RLI in Trinidad and Tobago may well be cultural - teaching styles vary from ours.

June Meeting:

Now scheduled for June 2-3 Greensboro with Foundation Seminar - some have stated that they can't afford to stay away from their businesses that long .

Jack Porter suggested that this be discussed on Jan 25, 2006 at an executive committee meeting. The group set 4p.m. Thursday January 25 for an Executive Committee Meeting.

Next meeting of the RLI Zone 33 Board of Directors was set for Jan 17, 2007 at 2 p.m as a telephone conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, M. Glenn Hood, Member & Acting Secretary