

MINUTES

Zone 33 RLI, Inc. Board Meeting - Teleconference of September 26, 2007

Present: Bevin Wall, Chairperson, Ron Ferrill, Vice-Chairperson, Eric Adamson, Bill Boyd, Mary Dean, Pam Wall

Absent: Bob Stallworth, Glenn Hood

- 1) Call to Order- Chairperson Bevin Wall opened the meeting at 2:00pm and welcomed the participants. Glenn Hood advised the Chair previously regarding his unavailability. The Chair again thanked each of the participants for their commitment to the program and their diligent work in the August Board Retreat.
- 2) Minutes- Bob Stallworth – The reading and presentation of the minutes were waived since Secretary Stallworth was not present. The Chair agreed to take the minutes from this meeting.
- 3) Treasurer's Report- The Chair read a report from Treasurer Jack Porter. There is \$12,566.57 in the Operations account, \$10,220 estimated in Reserves, \$1,582.64 in the Paypal account awaiting transfer, and \$255 in undeposited funds. There are some minor Greenville NC RLI expenses to be paid, including faculty reimbursements. These balances reflect the recent deferred dues payment to RLI-Int'l approved by the Board in August. RIDE Eric Adamson added that the deferred dues were received and that positive response had been forthcoming for our support from Int'l RLI Chair PRID Dave Linett. Bill Boyd advised that the QuickBooks Online Transition would be most effective going forward from January 1, 2008, and the Board agreed.
- 4) Status of Zone Institute RLI Faculty Training- Faculty Trainer Pam Wall reported that Z33 RLI was now involved with the training being prepared for Myrtle Beach Rotary (Zone) Institute as observer and that we are collaboratively working with Sunshine Division and Chair Jim Henry on the development of the program for Nassau Bahamas in 2008.
- 5) Other Faculty Training Items – Pam Wall advised the Board of the following:
 - a) Some Sunshine Division ideas are complementary to what we are doing, and their student evaluation as modified was used at the Greenville RLI event. We are assessing the usefulness of the format and responses.
 - b) We still intend to publish average faculty scores and individual scores to that faculty member, so that they can measure whether improvement is needed. These will be sent for the Greenville RLI.
 - c) Bevin Wall advised of “sitting in” on Greenville RLI classes, and the necessity of this observation combined with the numerical data. The Greenville RLI Faculty was a very personable group and were well liked and received by students. However, he cited a “lack of creativity” among the Greenville RLI faculty and a failure to use more creative facilitation techniques as have been exhibited in all recent training sessions. There was a lot of lecture, open-ended questions and flip-charting. There was little movement or novel approach to the materials. Many of the Faculty were newer faculty at this event.
- 6) Caribbean Events Update – Pam Wall advised that the funds for 7030's last event had not been received, and there was discussion concerning the amount. A Fall 2008 Trinidad RLI date has not been set, which is partially a cultural issue. There is a plan to have an RLI at the District Conference in Suriname in the Spring. Mary Dean will be the GSE Team Leader to 7030 and will be at the Conference with her team. Pam Wall & Bevin Wall will follow up with 7030 Chair, Leslie Harripaul at the Rotary Institute next week.

- 7) RLI Roundable at Zone (Rotary Institute) – The Chair advised that one of the 15 tables was for RLI and that it would be jointly staffed by Sunshine & Zone 33 RLI Divisions.
- 8) Board Retreat- To-Do items – The Chair and the Board discussed their progress on the “To-Do List. We need a protocols in so that they can be coordinated. The updated list will be circulated by the Chair after the Board Meeting by email.
- 9) Past Event Reports –
 - a) Columbia SC- Bill Boyd reported good feedback, especially about the venue. He advised that DG Mary Martin was very supportive, and there was discussion about the Feb. 1 Myrtle Beach venue.
 - b) Greenville NC – The Chair reported 35 Students, 2 Part I & 1 Part II Class. The venue is maxed out, and he has requested 7720 Chair Don Mott explore ECU or Pitt Community College venue for next year.
- 10) Upcoming Events –
 - a) Morgantown WV- Mary Dean advised that Dave Cavender and Grace Roy have this event under control, there is a very good facility, but we need to verify that the directions to the venue are as clear as possible due to the confusing geography. Mary was requested to review the web page instructions and to provide clearer instructions if needed.
 - b) Fayetteville NC- The Chair advised that cross-marketing with database information is occurring for this event, and we expect good numbers. It is centrally located in an interstate accessible venue.
 - c) Harrisonburg & Richmond – Ron Ferrill said that to the best of his knowledge the events were in hand and were being marketed now. VA State Chair Abe Clymer will be overseas during the two events, but the District Chairs and supporting administration are experienced and will do a fine job. He has no direct knowledge on Richmond.
- 11) Web & Database Update- Bevin Wall advised of new Chairman’s Corner feature, Student data is now displayed by district for districts to link. Some have already done this at our request. Graduates are listed by district. The corrections requested at the Retreat have been made. It was requested that the Board use the online registration to see if the format and content now meets their approval. Slides are now available on the web in Power Point format.
- 12) Newsletter – Ron Ferrill was congratulated for the new Newsletter that just came out. It is being emailed to a wider list of recipients now, using the DaCdb database.
- 13) Graduate Recognition – Ron Ferrill discussed that this continues to be a weak link. Certificates can be run off on the web. Pins are needed and Bevin advised that he could respond to requests, and would bring pins to Zone for Ron to present.
- 14) Faculty Assignment Plan Update- Pam Wall said that the Plan is working. She wants to tweak it some in the format, to place State Chair & District Chair at the top and then start numbering of Faculty below, and to remove asterisks.
- 15) Pictures of RLI Events – The Chair advised that pictures from events should be forwarded to Glenn Hood for the Slideshow, Ron Ferrill for the Newsletter, and Bevin Wall for the webpage.
- 16) Next meeting date – October 24, 2007 at 2:00 pm teleconference.
- 17) Adjournment was at 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bevin Wall, Chair & Temp Secretary