

RIO LINDA ELVERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2023

Call to Order

President Charlea Moore called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Officer's Robert Bastian and Wayne Del Nero were present. Vice President Becky McDaniel and Officer Lisa Morris were absent. Staff Members present included Executive Director Mike Heller. This meeting was also conducted both in person and on Zoom Communication.

Vice President Becky McDaniel joined the meeting at 6:11pm.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

General Business

1. Approve Minutes from the March 20th regular meeting.

- There were no questions or comments on the Minutes.

Motion by Officer Bastian and Officer Del Nero seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from December 12th. Motion passed 3-0 with two absences (McDaniel and Morris).

2. Review Financials of 2023 Year to Date

- The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who explained that there were 9 total pages. An overview page with eight additional pages for each arm of the Foundation. The current to date balance is \$62,958.89.
- Officer Bastian asked about the two Amazon Smile deposits. It was explained that Amazon previously ran a non-profit site were linked up with Amazon.com. Individuals could name a registered 501C3 on the site and a portion of their purchase amount would be donated to the charity of choice. This program ended in May and Amazon was distributing all of the dollars left in its account. The two small deposits were the Foundations share.
- President Moore asked why there was \$9,033 in the Firehouse account when Good Life Restoration had donated \$10,000.00 in late 2022. The Executive Director reminded the Board that Good Life had requested that a portion of their donation be used to transport Truck #8 back home.
- Vice President McDaniel (arrived at 6:11pm) commented that the financials are looking good, and she is hoping for some good ideas on the distribution of dollars from the Winn Foundation.

Motion by Officer Bastian and Officer Del Nero seconded the motion to approve the Financials as presented. Motion passed 4-0 with one absence (Morris).

3. Discussion – Sponsorship/Scholarships for Program Participants

- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and provided a recap of the conversation to date. It was recommended by Staff that residents of Rio Linda or Elverta remain eligible for scholarship opportunities from the Foundation, per the Foundation By-Laws. If a non-resident is looking to secure a need based scholarship, then they would be required to apply through the Park District and not the Foundation. Also, if there are available dollars in the Foundation, they may be transferred to the Park District for the purpose of supporting a scholarship.

- Vice President McDaniel commented that this is a great alternative and is support of the proposal.
- Director Bastian agreed with Vice President McDaniel's comment.
- President Moore asked if the District Policy #3055 is current. Staff confirmed that the Policy is current with the federal poverty guidelines.

Motion by Officer McDaniel and Officer Bastian seconded the motion to approve the Proposal for the Scholarships from the Foundation. Motion passed 4-0 with one absence (Morris).

4. Discussion – Disbursement of \$10,000.00 donation from the Winn Foundation
- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and reminded the Board that the Winn Foundation had gifted the RLEFFF a \$10,000.00 gift in December. These dollars are in the General Fund of the Foundation and need to be disbursed to the arms of the Foundation. Staff has recommended the following for Distribution:
 - \$3,500.00 to be used for park amenities for the dog park at Westside Park.
 - \$2,000.00 to be used towards the completion of Engine #2.
 - \$1,500.00 to be dedicated towards Senior services and programs.
 - \$1,000.00 for the RLE Aqua Knights.
 - \$1,000.00 for Youth programming.
 - \$500.00 for the RLE Aqua Knights Sponsorship program.
 - \$500.00 to be left in the Foundation General Fund
 - Vice President McDaniel suggested that \$3,500.00 for a rarely used dog park is a large amount. She would prefer to see some dollars go into the Horse Arena.
 - Officer Del Nero agrees that the dog park at Westside is not heavily used. He would also like to see improvements at the Arena and more usage/rentals.
 - Officer Bastian also agreed that the dog park is not a high priority, and the dollars could be better spent elsewhere. If we were a more urban community, the dog park would be used more.
 - President Moore concurs with the dog park conversation. She would like the Foundation and the District to look at improvements at the Arena such as an announcer booth/concession/restroom building. Maybe use the Foundation dollars to get an architectural design for a new announcer booth building. For the dog park, look to plant some more trees and install a few more benches. She would also like to see more dollars placed in youth and senior programming.
 - Officer Bastian suggested looking into more shade at Babe Best Park.
 - Executive Director Heller did suggest an update disbursement for discussion:
 - \$1,000.00 to be used for park amenities for the dog park at Westside Park.
 - \$2,000.00 to be used towards the completion of Engine #2.
 - \$1,500.00 to be dedicated towards Senior services and programs.
 - \$500.00 for the RLE Aqua Knights.
 - \$2,000.00 for Youth programming.
 - \$2,500.00 for the Horse Arena and potential drawings for future amenities
 - \$500.00 to be left in the Foundation General Fund

Motion by Officer De Nero and Vice President McDaniel seconded the motion to approve the updated proposal for the disbursement of the Winn Foundation gift as presented by the Executive Director. Motion passed 4-0 with one absence (Morris).

5. Discussion – Fire Engine/Firehouse Update

- The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who provided an update from the May 30th meeting with Supervisor Frost, Fire Chief Haverty, and Good Life Construction. The group is looking at different marketing strategies including turning the history binder into an electronic document for distribution. It was also recommended to see if there are grant dollars available to have the front end documents produced for the construction of the firehouse. Also, the available amounts in the Foundation budget are just under \$8,000.00 for the Engine and just over \$9,000.00 for the firehouse.
- Vice President McDaniel would like the flash drive and letter sent to all of the California Fire Departments/Districts (list was provided with the agenda). She feels that if Sac Metro takes the lead on this, it may produce stronger results. A simple ask of \$5.00 per department/district as most would donate more. Maybe provide a plaque when the project is completed for the department that donates the most.
- President Moore also suggested the it would carry more weight if it came from Sac Metro. She would also love to see a slide show produced of the work on the Engine to be broadcast at public events such as the Country Faire and the Annual Dinner.

6. Discussion – Update on Foundation Programs

- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and informed the Board that the Foundation is having a very active year. The AquaKnights have the most movement and will be turning in fundraising dollars over the next two months. They have 135 swimmers in 2023. The Park District is also planning a series of events/additions to current events in 2024 for the 30th anniversary of the District.
- Vice President McDaniel suggested that Staff reach out to State Senator Ashby and work on her office to sponsor some of the Events hosted by the District.
- President Moore asked if the Park District was still using the transportation to pick up seniors for the daily lunch program. Staff confirmed this.

7. Discussion – 2023-2024 Rotation of Officers

- Executive Director Heller reminded the Board that in 2022 it was determined to move to a rotation at the June meeting annually. At the conclusion of this evenings meeting the 2023-24 Board will be:
 - Chairperson – Becky L. McDaniel
 - Vice Chairperson – Lisa L. Morris
 - Secretary – Wayne Del Nero
 - Director (1) – Robert Bastian
 - Director (2) – Charlea R. Moore

Items not on the Agenda

- A few weeks ago, three port-a-potties were vandalized and burnt at the BMX track. One belonged to the Park District and has been replaced. The other two belonged to the BMX vendor. They have been charged \$1,600.00 for the replacement and are asking the District and Foundation for assistance with the cost. The District has not budgeted for this and is unable to assist.
 - After discussion it was decided not to reimburse costs due to damage and vandalism. Other groups (Quarter Midget and Gymkhana have had losses to damage in the past and have not asked for reimbursement). The BMX agreement is not for a lot of money, if they would like to become part of the Foundation and have an account with the Foundation would be able to assist in the future.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

President Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm. The next meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future Board will take place on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00pm