



**Rotary District 7690
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022**

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by DG Chris Justice.
Location of this meeting was Zoom.

II. District 7690 Executive Committee Members Present

Chris Justice, DG; Debbie Scott, DGE; Van Lankford, DGN; Ron Pierce, DGND;
Randy Perkins, PDG/VG; Cookie Billings PDG/DRFCC; Charles Allen, PDG/DMC;
Tommy Rosser, IPDG; James Gouty, Incoming DRFCC

III. Discussion of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were presented from last meeting. Approved.

IV. Welcome & Announcements

V. Reports from Committee Members

Foundation Report – PDG Cookie Billings, DRFCC

- Transition has been smooth with Claudia, AGs and District Chairs. A couple of resignations from PDG Dave McCoy for PHS and District Grant Chair John Ebert. James Gouty has been selected to serve as District Rotary Foundation Chair starting July 2022.
- Working on fundraising to increase giving. We are at 67% to Goal on Annual Fund giving and 66% to Goal on PolioPlus giving.
- Review where we stand on Global Grants - \$10K Jamaica grant to be withdrawn b/c not moving forward with this one. Peace Builder transfer will be going through.
- District Grants Chairs will be Mary Joan Pugh and Karen Morris.
- Reviewed Foundation report sent via email.
- Promoting getting in front of clubs and working together.
- Questions: Will James be a 3 year appointment or 1 year? RI requires that this be a 3 year commitment to this role, so James will serve 3 years.

Membership Report –PDG Charles Allen, DMC

- We are at a positive place right now! We have 4 new clubs, 24 clubs in + membership growth, with 2 clubs at +12, 10 clubs are neutral but some have potential members, 15 clubs are in negative growth but 2 of those clubs sponsored new clubs therefore lost members moving to start those clubs.
- We are ahead of where we were last year at this point, with +101 to date.
- Struggling in female/diversity area.
- Zoom/hybrid meetings has still been beneficial overall.
- Working closely with PDG Jon Spillman to take over as DMC next year.
- Reviewed Membership report sent via email.
- Questions/Discussion -
 - Discussed Satellite members and Service Only membership not being billed for giving to TRF. Clubs are encouraged to promote TRF with these members to step up and contribute. One value of these membership types is the cost advantage to join, then get them involved and educated to give to TRF to get those funds back for service projects and to the community.

Disaster Relief – DG Chris Justice

- Several disasters have come about recently, and we need to be good stewards of our funds. There's been some undertone of criticism for not reacting quickly to provide aid. Exec. Comm. Gets notice from RI on areas worldwide we can assist with, and local disasters occur as well.
- Local relief is #1 priority, Zone 2nd priority, then worldwide. We need to hold our reserves for our own communities.
- With John Ebert stepping away from his role, who will spear head identifying needs and actions we can take? We need to gather information, vet where funds go, etc. We need a process in place to handle this.
- Moving forward requests will be presented to Exec Comm to decide if/when to take action.

VI. New Business

This year at District Conference we'll elect 1 delegate to represent us in voting for the next RI Director for Zone 33. We will support PDG Patrick Eakes with all he's done over the past several years serving at the Zone level, PETS, RI Committees. PDG Cookie Billings will be putting her name in for this vote on the delegate. Clubs will get 1 vote and votes are weighted by # of members in each club.

Family of Rotary District Event – working on getting this setup to go to the Greensboro Rotary Carousel and the Science Center, food and fellowship in the park. Hope to have a large turnout for this event.

DGND Reception for Ron Pierce will be an opportunity to welcome Ron and his family to the DG chain. This would have been planned by District Nominating Comm Chair Claudia Cannady, but is now defaulting to DG to now plan this event.

New Business (Continued)

MOP rewrite – DG Chris and committee have been working through this process at length. Exec Comm does have to approve changes to the MOP. Clubs do not vote on the MOP but will be given a chance to review and “informally” vote on it at DTA.

Questions/Comments:

- When will the new MOP take effect? July 1 2022.
- With adding new Exec Comm members how do you handle a tie? Like in the past a vote has to have a majority to pass.

- MOP needs to be editable with planning and approval of the Exec Comm.
- Could we separate “policies” that need to be voted on and strictly followed, and then have “practices and procedures” that is more flexible, more of a guideline?
- DG Chris feels that any changes can have ample time to get in to Exec Comm and voted on before the next Rotary year, esp with incoming DGs working closely together planning for the future.
- Discussed pg 8 article 7 Finances with “prior” approval of DG?
- Discussed pg9 that over \$1,000 needs EC approval, under \$1000 DG ok to approve.
- AG roles need to be looked at and changed if planning to change how they are involved.
- Discussion about DG/DGE option to decide who goes to Intl Convention. Let’s see how it works out.

Are we ready to vote on MOP revisions today?

- DGE Debbie Scott made a motion to approve as written as of today.
- PDG Randy Perkins seconded this motion.
- Vote: 2 opposed (PDG Tommy Rosser and PDG Cookie Billings) and vote passes with majority.

Minutes prepared by Christie Smith, District Administrator

eSignature: *Christie Smith*

Date: *February 17, 2022*