

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Arvada CO
March 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Governor Hayley Suppes at 8:30 am.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Board members present:, Governor Hayley Suppes, Governor-Elect Tim Sheppard, Past Governor Kathy Lee, Lt. Govs: Kyle Rice, Duane Franzen, Harry Brandon, Derek Manley, Vernon Gray, Lee Katz, Jennet Ballinger, Heather McChesney, Brian Blasi, John Litz, Gail Coombs, Patty Benskin, District Treasurer Bob Garretson, and District Secretary Nancy Wiehagen

Absent, Lt. Govs Dawn Rogers, Rob Protzman, Charlotte Pirnat

Guests: Daniel Vigneron, KI Vice President, Bert West, KI Trustee, Brad Boyd, KI Regional Representative, Dawn White, James Martin & Jan Brown Reed, Robert Curtis, Alternative Lt Gov. Div. 13

Hayley Suppes convened the meeting by introducing our special guests. The CKI Board was introduced and welcomed.

The January 17, 2018 minutes were accepted as written.

Financial Update: Bob Garretson reported that the district accounts were in good shape. There are several clubs past due and he & Nancy Wiehagen were working with the Lt Governors and the clubs to resolve this matter.

Mid-Year Conference Report: Nancy reported that there were 150 Kiwanians registered and 16 guests. This is a slight decrease from last year. We had 80 attend the awards dinner, compared to 110 last year. Nancy was able to secure 3 sponsors this year, who hosted exhibitor tables. They felt the exposure was worth their time and have asked to attend the District Convention in Greeley. Overall, the comments she has received have been very good.

Brad Boyd complimented the conference planning to allow people to mingle.

Tim Sheppard heard that forums were well-received, and the members felt they were beneficial.

Harry Brandon found Daniel Vigneron and Bert West truly beneficial attending and thanked them for taking the time to do so.

Hayley Suppes opened the discussion as to the future of the Mid-Year Conference. As good an event as this years was, Kiwanian participation is very low. The board discussed various ideas for improving the participation. Hayley will include this as an agenda item at the May board meeting.

Student Leadership Program (SLP) Reports:

CKI Report: James Martin reported that the CKI currently has 7 active charters: Adams State University, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University-Ft Collins, Western Wyoming Community College, Colorado State University-Pueblo, University of Wyoming, and University of Colorado - Boulder. The chapter at University of Northern Colorado is currently on Inactive Roster, and if not reactivate this year, the charter will be revoked.

The membership in most of the chapters is at a good level except for Colorado School of Mines. Golden Kiwanis Club is committed to assisting this CKI Club with their membership. We have little communication with University of Colorado - Boulder and University of Wyoming and hope to improve on that during the upcoming months.

Circle K has a strong history in the Rocky Mountain District with as many as 12 charters at one time, Clubs at most of colleges & universities in the district, full boards, several district events, and strong leadership. It is the dream that we can bring back some of the history to the District.

Thank you to those Kiwanis Clubs who sponsor CKI clubs, and to those individuals who continue to support CKI and fight for it. Thank you to the Rocky Mountain District Board for your continued support and faith in CKI. The full CKI report is attached to these minutes.

Key Club & Key Leader: Dawn White, RMD Key Club Administrator, presented an update on Key Club. Focusing on clubs that are in suspended or inactive status, Dawn asked for help from the Lt. Governors to help these clubs return to active status. The Key Club full report is attached to these minutes.

Dawn invited the District Board to the Key Club District Convention (DCON) luncheon. She asked Nancy Wiehagen to send the DCON Luncheon link to the District Board.

Committee to Evaluate the Executive Director Position: Governor Hayley asked for volunteers to review and evaluate the duties of the Executive Director position. Bert West, Bob Garretson, Jon Mangino, Derek Manley & George Kinzer will serve on the committee. Other board members may be asked for input as well.

2018 – 2019 Lt Governor Training: Governor-Elect Tim Sheppard reported that Lt Governor training is Sunday April 8 in Denver and will be in conjunction to the club opening Blitz. It is his intent to use membership growth case studies as the training materials with the goal of opening one new Kiwanis Club by the end of the Blitz.

2018 International Convention (ICON): Governor Hayley Suppes asked for a show of hands on the board members who are planning to attend 2018 ICON in Las Vegas. Three quarters of the board raised their hands, so it appears that the district will be well represented. Hayley asked for assistance in finding a restaurant to host the RMD dinner.

2018 District Convention: Nancy Wiehagen reported that the convention will be August 8 – 12, 2018 in Greeley. The planning committee has been meeting since October and has secured the new Greeley Convention Center & Doubletree Hotel, past governor dinner and Friday night social locations. Next meeting of the convention committee will be Monday March 19, 2018.

Formula: Jon Mangino updated the board on the 60 Kiwanians arriving in Denver to invest in the district to build clubs and membership. This will happen in conjunction with the Lt Gov training.

The Formula team hosted a meeting Friday March 9, 2018 and developed a list of divisions with the potential for a new club, with the support of a sponsoring club and seed members for the new club.

Bert West, KI Trustee emphasized that this is an excellent opportunity for the district to expand the impact of Kiwanis in the district. He urged the members to learn all they can about opening new clubs from the KI members coming in to assist the Rocky Mountain District.

New Club Opening:

Johnstown – Milliken is moving along with Duane Franzen organizing meetings and new member events.

Kimball has 12 members signed and dues paid. The next interest meeting is Thursday March 15 with the intent of adding at least 3 additional members to meet the charter requirements. Lindsay Forepaugh elected as Club Secretary attended the Mid Year Conference for training.

Castle Rock held a member interest meeting a few weeks ago. 21 potential members attended and 3 submitted applications. A second interest meeting is next week to continue the momentum.

Lt. Governor Division Reports: John Litz, Division 14 reported that his division will assist with the Westminster area. His division has the funds to support a new club.

Brian Blasi, Division 12 reported there is a move to start a club in Walsenberg.

Derek Manley, Division 6 reported that the division is working to keep the clubs engaged. Ann Stelling, Key Club Administrator brought Key Club Governor Krista Couzi and Alex Hong, Key Club Lt Governor to the Spring Rally and they signed 5 freshmen. It is hoped that a strong Key Club will engage the clubs.

Harry Brandon, Division 4 reported that Dawn Ignatius was officially elected as the 2018 – 2019 Lt. Governor.

There are seven clubs in the division with five being very healthy. The Rampart Range club is a strong six-member club, with many over 80 years old. Division 4 has struggled with chartering a CKI club. Harry wants to be involved in the blitz, so he can use the information to build the clubs in his division.

Duane Franzen reported that Division 2 is small but mighty, as the clubs work hard to build membership. The Windsor Club has huge passion for Key Leader. This small but mighty division supports 11 key clubs and 4 builders club.

Kyle Rice, Division 1 reported that Casper is considering starting a 3-2-1 club. Kyle is planning visits to Sheridan Kiwanis Club and the Bighorn Key Club. Kyle is reconnecting with Natrona County High School with the intent of starting a Key Club.

Vern Gray, Division 7 reported that Colorado Mesa University is set to charter a CKI Club. Grand Junction reported that the new members have joined and stayed with the club. There is a slight interest of creating a new Montrose club.

Lee Katz, Division 9 reported that Domenic Breton was elected as the 2018-2019 Lt Governor. The division maintains its membership. K-Kids is well-organized, and the division has re-organized the Aktion Club. Lee is exploring creating a Key Club at Lakewood High School.

Gail Coombs, Division 15 reported that the Denver club will be celebrating 100 years this year, with their celebration at the Molly Brown House. The Denver club is on board with the blitz and willing to sponsor a new club. Aurora just inducted a new member and Denver Tech Center has new members. South Denver is struggling with maintaining members. Castle Rock is forming an after-hours club, with a potential charter by April.

Jennet Ballinger, Division 10 reported that all the clubs are above charter strength, with 200 members in the Division. The Riverton Kiwanis Club is working to start an Aktion Club. Due to physical locations, the clubs are isolated but each one is strong.

Heather McChesney, Division 11 reported that Brighton is re-energizing and working to develop a Key Club. Longmont is hosting an after-hours new member event and inviting spouses to join. Skyline has the 3-2-1 Club. Foothills Boulder moved to Lafayette, dividing the club membership. Any member not wanting to drive to Lafayette is joining the Boulder Golden Nuggets Club. Her new club goal is the tri-city area of Frederick-Firestone-Dacono.

Patty Benskin, Division 13 started her report with a strong thank-you to Tim Sheppard & Bob Curtis for stepping up as she recovers from recent surgery. Bob Curtis reported that the Cheyenne Club is hosting another membership event and the Laramie is working on a 3-2-1 club. Wheatland Key Club is progressing, and it looks promising that they will charter before the end of the school year. Rawlins is solid but there appears to be some discrepancy in number of members. Tim Sheppard and Nancy Wiehagen are working with the club to accurately update the roster.

Goshen County has @ 20 – 30 students to form a Builders Club. The students have organized a fundraiser for the victims of the Florida shooting.

The Saratoga Club is struggling and wanted to fold. Tim Sheppard and Bob Curtis visited the club and met with the mayor, who joined the club. They are exploring hosting a meeting with Encampment WY to develop a Kiwanis relationship between the two towns and grow membership.

Derek Manley announced that he is running for 2018-2019 Governor-Elect. We, as an organization, fill a need in our communities. Without us, the children would not have the opportunities to develop their leadership skills, grow as amazing young people and become the future leaders of this organization.

Daniel Vigneron congratulated Derek Manley on his intent to lead the district. In his opinion, we need to take all the greatest ideas of the Formula and the Blitz and use it to benefit the district. He suggested the district consider mini-blitzes to continue the momentum. Thank you for all that you do for the district.

Bert West expressed his appreciation for being able to attend the Mid Year Conference. Bert expressed how to be successful, the district leadership must work as “one”. Numbers do not define a district. The leadership working together is what makes the Rocky Mountain District an outstanding district.

Tim Sheppard expanded on Bert’s comment, emphasizing how we support the kids in our communities. That is our strength. The weakness we have is taking care of ourselves by growing our members and clubs within the communities. For those leaving the board, he expressed his thanks.

Date to Calendar:

Wednesday May 9, 2018

Conference Call Board Meeting

6:00pm – 7:00pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 11:28a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Wiehagen

RMD District Secretary