

**Board Minutes**  
**May 7, 2020**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

Present: Gina Spohnheimer, Keith Folkmann, Tom Baas, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Larry Vallery, Norm Scott, Bruce Wight, Kent Ziebell, Janet Olson. John Abrams. Guests: John Hill and Ron Juelfs.

Absent: Scott Elston, John Abrams

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Spohnheimer at 8:00 a.m., with members participating by ZOOM. The meeting agenda was approved.

The minutes of the Board ZOOM Meeting for April 23<sup>rd</sup> were distributed prior to the meeting. Motion by Scott, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes as distributed, Motion carried.

Skrdla presented the Club and Foundation Treasurer's report. Club balances on 4/30/20 were as follows: Administrative, \$7,009.44; Service, \$5,421.51, total, \$12,430.95. Motion by Trede, seconded by Wight, that the Club Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried. Skrdla presented the 4/30/20 Foundation Treasurer's report as follows; Balance, \$30,392.01. Motion by Trede, seconded by Ziebell, that the Foundation Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Announcements and Reports.**

**Update – One-Time Capital Campaign.** Skrdla reported that as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$3800 from 23 members. Campaign ends on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Spohnheimer will write a follow-up e-mail to e distributed to all members next week.

**Election Certification.** Trede reported that 43 members voted out of 87 for 49%. Option 1 was unanimously carried. (approve slate as proposed by nominating committee).

**Foundation Grant Program.** Trede indicated that 11 applications have been received and they, along with a rating sheet, have been e-mailed to all 2019-20 Board members. Board should review and return the rating sheet to Trede by May 21<sup>st</sup>. Board will then meet on May 28<sup>th</sup> to review applications and decide on the 5 winners.

**Future Club ZOOM meetings.** The board discussed possible ZOOM meetings for 5/21 and 5/28<sup>th</sup>. Will hold 5/21 for possible board at this time.

**May ZOOM meetings – Programs.** Baas reported that speakers have been confirmed for 5/14 (Susan Gwiasda, PR Officer, City of Ames, speaking on "2020 Census"), 5/21 (open), 5/28<sup>th</sup> (Chad Hart, ISU, Agricultural Economy).

**Division 11 Fireside Chats.** Spohnheimer reports that Nebr-Ia Gov. Hanna is conducted "fireside chats". The one for Division 11 is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Contact Spohnheimer or Trede for the GoTo Meeting link

**Summer Enrichment Program.** Olson updated the board on the Ames Summer Enrichment Program. It has been cancelled.

**Business/Action Items:**

**Keeping a Connection – GK Clusters.** Trede reported on a proposal to formulate 10 GK Clusters to improve communications among members and helping everyone to stay connected. Clusters would be based upon resident address and divided by 4 quadrants in Ames. A chair/co-chair would be recruited and be responsible for planning and developing how the group would meet – preferably on a face-to-face basis since many members are not familiar and choose not to use ZOOM. Discussion followed. Many members expressed concern of face-to-face because of coronavirus. Noted that the groups would practice social distancing and no cluster would contain more than 10 members. Discussion about ZOOM

meetings was held and whether they will have an impact and generate attendance. Many felt that it was too soon to implement any face-to-face contact. After long discussion, Folkmann moved, Skrdla seconded, a motion to evaluate the results of the 5/7 and 5/14 ZOOM meeting and that Board meet following the regular meeting on 5/14. Motion carried. Decision regarding June meetings would be decided also.

**Meeting Calendar.**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – No Board Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Board Meeting, 10:00 am (Agenda: Decide on Cluster Groups)

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting, 8 am (Agenda: Foundation Grant Program)

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting, 8 am (ZOOM Meeting, Agenda – Regular June Board Meeting)

The meeting was adjourned by Spohnheimer at 8::45 am.

Submitted by

Larry Trede  
Secretary