

**Rotary Club of Furnitureland  
Board Minutes  
August 14, 2008**

**Present:**

x	Jef Morgan, President	x	Andy Putnam, Director-Membership
x	Bill Dyson, President-Elect		Don Redding, Director-Public Relations
	Jim Adams, Vice President-Programs		Bill Klietsch, Director-Club Admin
x	Phil Morris, Secretary	x	Charlene Green, Director-Service Projects
x	Joe Hellinger, Treasurer		Joe Carroll, The Rotary Foundation, Chair
x	Barry Kitley, Sgt-at-Arms	x	Barbara Frye, Immediate Past President

**Guests present:** Jack Green, Richard Wood, Skip Nash, Bill Heard

**Treasurer:**

1. In presenting his report, Joe indicates that he assumes billing in arrears rather than billing ahead. There was discussion about the consistency with practice in past years.
2. There was a question on how to bill for meals when a make-up has been made.
3. Also questioned was how to bill for those on Leave of Absence.
4. The treasurer was instructed to write off as uncollectable debts of John Blair, Gary Bryant, Robert Garland, Philip Haworth, Michael Lang, James Ragno. It was noted that between the printing of the 8/13 Aging Summary and the board meeting, John Kiem's check had been received. Also Vuyler McKnight has agreed to pay his past-due bill.

President Jef tabled this discussion and suggested that the billing process be reviewed.

**Saving Little Hearts In Nicaragua:** **Skip Nash** presented an information sheet on the SLHIN project which has been active since at least 2003. The purpose of his presentation was a request for \$750 funding of that project. Discussion: Should this be a line item in Furnitureland Rotary Club's budget, or should funding for this project be submitted to the chair of the Grants and Awards committee for consideration after the annual fundraiser. It was approved to be added to the budget as a line item

**From The President:**

*Request for LOA:* President Jef has received a letter from **Ken Fulp** who requests a three-month leave of absence for medical reasons, effective August 1, 2008. The LOA was approved.

*Establishing an endowment fund:* President Jef invited Paul Lessard, President of the *High Point Community Foundation* to make a presentation supporting the establishment of an endowment for Furnitureland Rotary Club. Paul suggested that three reasons that it would be useful to have connections with a established foundation is (1) that it will attract more gifts, (2) the High Point Community Foundation is managed by Wachovia Calibre, and (3) it has a positive 10-year history in the High Point Community.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the July meeting were distributed along with attendance report for July.

**Membership:** Jack Green, Chair of the Membership Committee submitted an application for **Brandon Blair** for membership. Brandon is president of B&H Heating and Air Conditioning. He was the second president of the Oak Hollow Rotary Club. His name will be published in *theHUB*.

**Quality Control Discussion:** Charter member **Richard Wood** expressed concern about what appears to him to be a weakening of the classic requirements for Rotary membership and specifically Furnitureland Rotary membership, especially in the following areas:

1. **Awarding of honorary memberships:** Richard's concern was that our club was awarding too many honorary memberships in an inconsistent way thus weakening the value of Active Membership. It was suggested that perhaps the board review the list of honorary membership each year and not automatically carry over honorary membership from year to year.
2. **Rule of 85:** Richard asked about the Rule of 85, and if it was necessary, why it was not automatically applied to all who are eligible. The Rule of 85 exempts from an attendance

requirement a member whose age and years of service as a Rotarian is equal to, or greater than 85, if the members has requested to be considered. It was not automatically applied because not all who are eligible have asked to be considered for the Rule of 85. Recently several members who demonstrate a weak attendance record were asked if they wished to be considered for the Rule of 85, and those members agreed. Others whose attendance appeared to be meeting Rotary's standard of at least 50% were not asked if they wanted to participate.

3. **Attendance Requirements:** Richard wondered why our club continued to carry as members those whose attendance fall below Rotary's guidelines. Some members who fail to meet Rotary's attendance guidelines have been terminated, others have not. The board has not acted consistently in the application of these matters. It was suggested that Rotary's guidelines describe attendance over a 6-month period and probably member's attendance should be reviewed in December.

