

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors Merrill Lynch Board Room—October 16, 2017

Present	Officers	Office	Present	Directors
✓	Tom Stephens	President		Alice Carlyle
	Thom Greenlaw	President-Elect		Dave Fox
✓	Jan Wright	VP/Secretary	✓	Bobby Gillham
	Bruce Schneidewind	VP/Treasurer		Rudy Halbart
✓	Ben Gustafson	Past President	✓	Kevin O'Neil
	Dan Umbel	Advisor		Jen Singeisen
	Guests		✓	Jim Smart
	None		✓	Walt VanBrunt
			✓	Larry Wills

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Mr. Stephens welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

2. Secretary's Report

Mr. Stephens **confirmed** there was a quorum. The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were **approved** as written. Ms. Wright and Mr. Gustafson expressed appreciation to Mr. Smart for taking minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

This item was deferred until the November Board Meeting.

4. Fundraisers

- **Chili Cook-Off** – Mr. Gillham provided an overview of all logistics for this event, efforts to maximize member participation, progress in event ticket sales and raffle ticket sales, and upcoming community events (Corvette Show and HarborFest) that provide additional opportunities to market this event and our club. Directors discussed progress in attracting vendors and possible consideration of moving the date to the last Saturday in October to avoid conflicting with the Rock 'n Roll Marathon.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – Mr. O'Neil advised that this event would be February 17 or 24, depending on the date for the Savannah Book Festival. He reported that his team is in place and recommended that a new grill be purchased at an expected cost of about \$300. Mr. Gustafson moved that the purchase be approved, Mr. Smart seconded, and the motion was **approved**. [Note: The date for this event has now been **confirmed** for February 24.]
- **Show Our Colors** – Mr. Stephens reiterated the need to push this fundraiser, both with members and Landings residents, and announced Melissa Emery has volunteered to recharge publicity efforts. Discussion centered on ways to reach more subscribers, and Mr. Stephens welcomes all ideas.

- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Mr. Stephens noted that plans are underway, under Tom Sharp's leadership, for a dedicated fundraiser in Spring 2018 benefiting Savannah Early Childhood Foundation.
- **Skidaway Marathon** – Mr. O'Neil shared that Dan Umbel and Lydia Moore will be co-chairing this event, scheduled for the week after St. Patrick's Day.
- **Other Fundraising Ideas** – Mr. O'Neil shared how another organization conducts Fish Fries during Lent. Mr. VanBrunt volunteered to serve as the Board's point person for new fundraising ideas.

5. Old Business

- **30th Anniversary Celebration** – Mr. Stephens reported that we will have a cocktail party in January. Ms. Wright has formed a committee and will report at the next Board meeting.

6. New Business

- **Field Trips** – Mr. Sherrill is proposing four possible field trips:
 1. Fort Stewart tour – proposed to be in lieu of a breakfast meeting
 2. Port Authority tour
 3. SCAD tour
 4. Savannah Bananas outing
- **Junior Achievement** – Mr. Stephens will continue as our JA coordinator and reported on discussions with Rotary on possible collaboration in service to Hesse K-8, which Board members **welcomed** and **approved**. He reported on early discussions with the school about a possible JA Day and the schedule for conducting JA this Winter.
- **Youth Challenge Academy** – Mr. Stephens reported on Mr. Nelson's work to organize a field trip to YCA on October 26 and the suggested participant donation of \$10.

The Board meeting adjourned shortly after 9AM, and was followed immediately by a planning discussion led by Mr. Stephens.

The next Board meeting will be November 16, starting at 8:05AM at the Merrill Lynch board room.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Wright, Secretary