

RIO LINDA ELVERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024

Call to Order

Vice President Lisa Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Officer's Robert Bastian, Wayne Del Nero, and Charlea Moore were present. President Becky McDaniel moved out of the District in January and has resigned from her seat. Staff Members present included Executive Director Mike Heller. This meeting was also conducted on Zoom Communication.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

General Business

1. Approve Minutes from the December 11th regular meeting.
 - There were no questions or comments on the Minutes.

Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Bastian seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from December 11th. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Review Financials of 2023 Year end and 2024 Year to Date
 - The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who explained that there were 20 total pages. An overview page with nine additional pages for each arm of the Foundation. The current to date balance is \$84,567.28.
 - Officer Moore asked for clarification of the distribution of the Winn Foundation gift received in December 2022. This was explained and the \$10,000.00 donation has been placed into the respective branches of the Foundation.
 - Executive Director Heller also explained the purpose of the newest branch (AQK-MOC) which is a separate area for the Swim Team for equipment and gear specifically for the Meet of Champs swimmers.
 - There were no further questions, and the Board approved the RLE Foundation for the Future Financials.

Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Bastian seconded the motion to approve the Financials as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion – Resignation of Board President Becky L. McDaniel
 - Executive Director Heller introduced this item and explained that President McDaniel had moved out of the District Boundaries and had retired. When she moved, she resigned her seat. This took place in January. Since the Board works on a rotation for its Officer's, it was recommended that the Vice President, Lisa L. Morris, be installed now and serve her full term until the June 2025 General Meeting.

Motion by Officer Del Nero and seconded by Officer Moore to install Lisa L. Morris as the President of the RLE Foundation for the Future for the remainder of the 2023-24 year and through her normal term of 2024-25. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Discussion – AquaKnights Swim Program
 - Executive Director Heller recommended pushing this item to last on the agenda as a speaker is expected.

5. Discussion – Winn Foundation gift

- This item was introduced by Executive Director Heller or reminded the Board that the Winn Foundation graciously donated an additional \$15,000.00 to the Foundation for the Future on December 19th. A potential list of how to split the donation throughout the Foundation was provided for the Board of Directors to consider. This included:

Park Amenities and Dog Park	\$2,500.00
Engine #2	\$5,000.00
Senior Services	\$2,500.00
RLE AquaKnights	\$1,500.00
Youth Programs	\$2,000.00
AQK Scholarships	\$1,500.00

- After discussion, the Board made the following suggestions, which included a higher focus on the Recreation and Park District for transportation for youth and senior services as well as general District programming>

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Engine #2	\$5,000.00
Senior Services	\$2,500.00
RLE AquaKnights	\$500.00
Youth Programs	\$2,000.00
General Fund for Vehicle Wrap	\$2,500.00

Motion by Officer Moore and seconded by Officer Bastian to distribute the Winn Foundation donation as discussed during the Foundation Board Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion – Fire Engine/Firehouse Update

- The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who provided an update on the progress of the Fire Engine and Fire House Museum. The partnership with Supervisor Frost's Office and Good Life Construction was mentioned as all sides are searching for grant dollars to start the conversion of the firehouse into a museum.
- The fundraising dinner date has been set for Saturday, October 5th and this will be Supervisor Frost's last dinner as our County Supervisor. It has been recommended that she be named as the Guest of Honor for this year's dinner.

7. Discussion – Update on Foundation Programs

- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and informed the Board that the Foundation continues to be active. The RLE Foundation ended with a funding balance of over \$89,000.00 in 2023.
- The Executive Director has been encouraging Park District Staff to begin to spend their dollars as they have been doing a lot of fundraising and, financially, the Foundation is doing well.
- The AquaKnights continue to hold events and recruit more youth swimmers. They have a solid Parent's Committee and are set up for another successful season.
- The Senior program continues to grow and there is a good connection between the program and the Meals on Wheels program. Meals on Wheels would like to consider using the Park District as one of their hub sites and would like to bring a walk in freezer to our Community Center. Staff is currently working with them on the logistics of this.

- Special Events have been on the uptick and there are new suggestions being implemented for upcoming events to make flow of residents a little easier. The Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 23.
4. Discussion – AquaKnights Swim Program
- Executive Director Heller provided an update on the Rio Linda AquaKnights swim team and their upcoming programs.
 - The Board of Directors was reminded that a swim parent and long time member of the Parents Committee, Jeff Perry, was invited to the Foundation meeting to speak as he had spoken during public comment at the February Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Perry was not present for the RLE Foundation Board Meeting,
 - Executive Director Heller did meet with Mr. Parry on March 11th, and they had a conversation about the concerns that were brought up to the Board of Directors. These included:
 - i. Merit Based Scholarships
 - ii. The current swim awards that are presented
 - iii. The level of competitiveness being provided by the coaching staff
 - Executive Director Heller reminded the Board that this is a recreational swim program and that options for the more competitive swimmer could be recommended. He also stated that he would be reviewing the various awards handed out at the end of the season.
 - Officer Del Nero commended the Park District on the operation of the program as it is very difficult to run a program with two very distinct leadership groups (a Board of Directors and a Parents Committee). The fact that the team continues to grow and succeed is a testament to both groups.

Items not on the Agenda

Future Agenda Items

- Officer Moore requested that the Central Park Horse Arena be discussed at a future meeting for potential future donations and operations.

Adjournment

President Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm. The next meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future Board will take place on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00pm