

Minutes of the Third Van Rensselaer Division Council Meeting
of the 2011-2012 Kiwanis Administrative Year
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY
February 15, 2012 at Nichi's Restaurant, Wynantskill, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:36PM by Lt. Governor Robert Loveridge.

Roll Call of Clubs: LG Bob requested that Secretary Dave Booker call the roll which resulted in the following present:

Castleton - four members including Secretary Marty Ray;
East Greenbush – four members including President Lynne Catelotti;
Hoosick Falls - four members including President Jim Minor and Secretary Gale Leva;
North Greenbush – 10 members including President Brad Clowe and Secretary Noreen Barrett;
Rensselaer – none;
Sand Lake – seven members and two prospective members including President Pat Lane and Secretary Dave Booker;
Troy – none;

Division Officers present:

LG Bob Loveridge;
Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli;
Secretary Dave Booker;

SLP Guests present:

Key Club LG Sarah Brady;

Division Committee Chairs (Co-Chairs) present:

Ken Ormiston – webmaster/PR;
Lynne Catelotti – KIF/ Eliminate Project;
Bob Loveridge – NYDF/Kamp Kiwanis/YCP#1;
Noreen Barrett – Social;
Jean Andrick – Social and
Gale Leva – Nomination & Succession.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: At the request of LG Bob a motion to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2012 Division Council meeting as published was made (Hoosick Falls), supported (North Greenbush) and carried on a voice vote.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli observed that two of the Division's clubs had not yet paid the 2011-12 Division Fees and that the IRS deadline for the filing of 990s (both long form and 990-N) has been extended until March and that all clubs must file or face the possibility of the loss of their 501(c)4 status. After the Treasurer's remarks, upon a motion duly made (Sand Lake), supported (Hoosick Falls) and carried on a voice vote the Treasurer's report was accepted for filing.

Introductions & Comments: Lt. Gov. Bob Loveridge noted that the introductions of all had already been made and reviewed the contents of the club packets. He again asked the club's to review their answers to the questions on the second page of the Club Reports, previous responses were included in the packets, as this is the best way to gauge the club's progress toward being designated a "Distinguished Club" by Kiwanis International. He then reviewed the Letterman type countdown which he had included in the "Club Report" form:

- 10: Return any money collected or unsold K9 Calendars;
- 9: File the 990s;
- 8: Support the CKI District Convention to be held in Albany in March;
- 7: Sponsor members of Key Club who will attend the Leadership Training Conference;

- 6: Provide the name of a club member who will assist LG Bob in organizing the proposed Golf Tournament. After discussion of the possibilities of the fund raiser the consensus of those present was that the Division should continue to organize this event as a Kiwanis Family Event.
- 5: Support the New York District Foundation Outreach Campaign;
- 4: File the monthly reports on line;
- 3: Bring items for the Disaster Relief Program to the Mid Year Conference;
- 2: Encourage Past Presidents to consider being a Lt. Governor and
- 1: Be proud and have fun being a Kiwanian.

Club Reports:

Sand Lake: 54 members including two new members inducted since October 1; four prospective members which includes three to be inducted at the next meeting; the members are encouraged to invite individuals to join Kiwanis; new SLPs - a Builders Club at Algonquian Middle School will be chartered soon.

East Greenbush: currently 29 members including two inducted since October 1; there are three prospective members; new SLPs – the Tech Valley Key Club should be chartered soon; the Second Annual Comedy Night to be held on March 3, 2012.

North Greenbush: current membership of 20 which includes three new members since October 1; upcoming event is the Corn Beef Dinner which will be held on March 11, 2012.

Castleton: current membership of 50 including four new members; currently three prospective members; membership efforts include a new Facebook Page and inviting community leaders to become members.

Hoosick Falls: 33 current members with two prospective members; recent events include the First Annual Bed Race – the club's entry won the event.

Division Committee Reports:

Public Relations, Web Master – Ken Ormiston: Ken informed the council that photos of the Hoosick Falls Bed Race have been added to the Division's web site. He asked that he be notified of upcoming events so that he might include them in a calendar on the web site.

Governor's Project, First Lady's Project, Distinguished Club & Kiwanian: LG Bob encouraged the clubs to file the required paperwork as soon as they have completed either the Governor's or First Lady's projects.

Sponsored Leadership Services - Key Club LG Sarah Brady: requested that the clubs consider financially supporting members of their sponsored Key Clubs who might be attending the March Leadership Training Conference. At the LTC the new District Officers will be elected.

Kiwanis International: Eliminate Project: Lynne Catelotti recounted how her husband and she had picked out names for their first child months before the child's birth. She then observed that in many countries/cultures children are not named before they are at least four weeks old. Tetanus – known in the Bible as the “Seventh- Day Death” – too often takes newborns before that age. Lynne offered silicone “Eliminate Project” wristbands for sale for \$2 or the price of letting a newborn have his or her own name.

District Foundation: Kamp Kiwanis: Bob Loveridge encouraged the clubs to review the 2012 Kamp Wish List and make donations of the requested items at the Mid Year Conference.

Membership: Growth & Participation: although not in attendance, Joe Behson had filed a report reviewing the membership goals that the clubs had set for themselves:

- Castleton – five new members;
- East Greenbush – five new members;
- Hoosick Falls – three new members;
- North Greenbush – three new members;
- Rensselaer – three new members;
- Sand Lake – five new members; and
- Troy – ten new members.

The membership goals if realized would result in 34 new members for the Division.

Social Events: Noreen Barrett & Jean Andrick reviewed the Bowling Social to be held at the Sparetime Bowling Alley on Sunday and a trip to Amish Country next month.

Nomination/Succession Committee: Gale Leva again informed the clubs that the election for Lt. Governor would be held at the March Annual Meeting and that any member of a Van Rensselaer Division Club who would have completed a year as Club Past President by October 1, 2012 would be eligible to stand for election as Lt. Governor. A number of PLGs acknowledged that the year that they served as LG was their most enjoyable year in Kiwanis and encouraged all eligible past presidents to consider serving the Division as the Lt. Governor. It was also noted that the elections for Lt. Governor Elect, the Division Treasurer and the Division Secretary for 2012-13 would also be held at that meeting and anyone interested in any of the offices was encouraged to speak to LG Bob or Secretary Dave.

Old Business:

LG Bob thanked the clubs for their support of the Van Rensselaer Division Basket for the Mid Year Conference Basket Raffle.

New Business:

International Convention – PSDLG John Brownrigg noted that the last International Convention in New Orleans was very enjoyable. And anyone thinking of attending the convention should. It seems that there is interest in organizing a group to attend the 2013 Convention in Vancouver. It is proposed that the group could travel to Vancouver on the Trans Canada railroad and the possibility of an Alaskan cruise would be explored.

Next Division Council Meeting & Annual Meeting and Election is set for: Tuesday March 27, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express – 8 Empire Dr. (off of Rt. 4 in East Greenbush). Please notify Lynne Catelotti (479-2665) by March 23rd of the # of Club members attending.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker,
Division Secretary