

Note: These minutes are subject to amendment and approval at the next board meeting.

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 4/19/2006

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage called the meeting to order.

Board members and guests introduced themselves by name and organizational affiliation. nineteen members signed the attendance list.

The Chairman determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were amended by substituting the word "members" in place of the word "offenders" in the third paragraph of the Sixth Judicial District presentation. Keith Sutherland moved approval of the amended minutes. John McDonough seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as amended.

Community Service (John McDonough)

The Vision Enhancement Center had two problems that they asked RCRV for help on. Jim Spencer resolved one by using a light meter to compare home lighting by Aging Services Inspectors with known standards. This works well.

The other problem is measuring the reaction time between the foot leaving the accelerator and pushing the brake pedal down to simulate stopping a car. Many sources are available. Jim is trying to find a cost effective solution for the Vision Center. They have the money to buy one. We can always build one as well if the costs are extravagant.

We continue to volunteer at the Science Station by repairing various displays, tearing down displays and then assisting in the build and design of other display areas.

We also continue supporting the K-12 program with several of the local schools, the REACT Center, the Resident Advocate program in area nursing homes, and the SHIIP program.

We designed, built and installed a portable ramp in Anamosa. We continue to provide design support for the modular ramp and lift team that meets at Corrections the first Monday of each month. We have two design teams that meet in our offices on the modular ramp and lift programs. Reports are being written at this time.

John Wauer and Don Cantaberry are converting our web based documentation to PDF format so users can more readily get copies on-line.

Students at Pierce built, demonstrated, and removed a scale model of the Space Shuttle in their gymnasium under the mentoring of many RCRV folks.

The Governor Award Ceremony is scheduled for June 14, 2006. Over 200 folks will be receiving awards this year. Several RCRV folks will help in the ceremonies assisting in traffic control, ushering and helping people to and from the stage. RCRV will receive an award recommended by the Cedar Rapids Community Schools. Rockwell Collins will sponsor the coffee and lemonade as well as the flowers again this year. Thank you Cindy.

Communications (Rod Thorpe)

The next newsletter will be published by the end of June.

Data Base (Jim Klein)

The database was updated based on two new retiree update lists from Rockwell Collins (January-February and March-April) for a total of 44 new retirees living in Iowa.

The database was updated for reported deaths and changes of address. In addition to returned newsletters, we received information in the US mail, email, and voice mail. I would like to thank Ralph Arens who monitors the voice mail and forwards the address changes to us.

There were 39 returned newsletters from the April mailing, about the same as always. Some came with new addresses, some with the notation of “deceased” and some came with “Unable to Forward” (UAF). We were able to update only one of the UAF addresses by matching the phone number.

We have the most trouble updating UAF address of women, because often the new phone book listing is in the name of the husband or just the first initial is used and we cannot identify the correct person.

Recruiting and Retention (Pete Jurgens)

No report.

Heart of Iowa (Myrna Loehrlein)

We are awaiting information on a major grant from the federal government. It would be \$500,000 for each of three years. It is to serve pregnant and post-partum (up to 1 year) women. The grant would include \$90,000 for childcare, but this would likely be needed (and more) to provide the extra space this program would require. If we get the grant we are likely to be serving more infants, and our infant room is already oversubscribed. It is still a fine opportunity.

We are awaiting word on a grant to offer increased methamphetamine services. This grant would probably not affect HOI directly.

We are bringing several separate pieces of effort together. Our infant play pavilion should be finished by May 26. Our riding toys are here, but stored 7 miles from our facility because we have not storage space for them. We received 4 or 6 riding helmets donated by St. Lukes (thank you Denise). We are working with Chuck Wehage. to maintain a safe fall zone for our existing playground

St Lukes (Denise Walker)

Denise announced that the construction project at St. Lukes will disrupt traffic for 12 to 16 months. On June 3, the Rockwell Tanager Family Fest will take place. They will hand out 1000 free bike helmets at this event.

United Way (Mary Klinger)

Mary announced United Way's distribution of funds to RSVP.

Heritage Agency on Aging (Linda Dearing)

No report.

Aging Services (Carol Luth)

Carol reported that Aging Services also will receive funding from United Way.

Jane Boyd (Karl Kassel)

No report.

RSVP (position vacant—see discussion below under Other Reports)

No report

Options of Linn County (Wayne Clayton)

Report filed by Email: Briefly, Options' most recent activity with RCRV includes the repair of a bracket wobble switch and the gaining of information regarding an envelope stuffing project.

Red Cross (Missy Hall)

Missy handed out copies of the chapter newsletter, and another handout.. She announced a fundraiser, "Big Bash", and the annual meeting on May 24 at which a couple of lifesaving awards will go to used CPR to assist those in sudden distress.

REACT (Barb Klaweiter)

No report.

Bridge, Four Oaks (Carol Kalous)

Carol Kalous reported that Jack Rector received an award from Four Oaks, and that a fundraiser is planned for which volunteers may be needed (Vern Jackson and Rod Thorpe indicated an interest).

Sixth Judicial District (Heidi Soethout)

Next meeting of WRAP is at Corrections 9:00 AM June 5th. Heidi also announced that Americorps interns are documenting the work done by Corrections for Grant Wood Area Education Association on "Low Tech" assistive devices for physical education.

Grant Wood AEA (Ann Griffin)

It was reported that, even as her year winds down, Ann is still giving many speeches in connection with her national physical education award. RCRV assistive devices are prominently featured in her presentations.

Rockwell Collins (Jenny Becker)

No report.

Other Reports:

Sarah Case made a special announcement of her departure from RSVP to accept the position of volunteer coordinator with Hospice of Mercy. The chair reminded her that the RCRV board appointment is personal, not organizational, so that she will remain a Board member. The chair also expressed a hope that she will continue to accept board appointments in the future. Sarah said that the interview process is working to identify her replacement. Sarah will study the situation at her new position, looking for opportunities for RCRV to help there.

The National Special Olympics will be held in Ames the first and second weeks in July. Many volunteers will be needed.

One hundred mentors will be needed for 68 LEGO teams next year. A training session is scheduled at KTOS on September 9.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Pete Jurgens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon McDonough. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting is May 17th at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by Donald Grimm, Secretary.