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**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
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Date: May 14, 2020
Time: 6:30PM
Location: Via Teleconference
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
Pope Lawrence	President	X	
Doug Forte	President Elect	X	
Eric Moore	Vice President	X	
Mike Cuchna	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Cristian Lopez	Treasurer	X	
Director			
Robert Garcia	Community	X	
Steve Hobbs	Vocational	X	
Sam Traina	Club	X	
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Karla Seijas	Membership	X	
Allen Brooks	Public Image		X
Donald Barclay	Foundation	X	
Sara Fleszar	Field of Honor		X
Michael Pavlović	Field of Honor		X

Guests: None.

Reference: Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Pope.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Doug/Mike C/Aye.
- 3. Approval of April 9, 2020 Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Mike C/Aye.

4. Leadership Reports.

A. Treasurer.

1. **Current Financial Statements.** Provided.
2. **2020 Shrimp Feed Profits.** Cristian reported that Shrimp Feed earned \$6,218 despite not having occurred. This is subject to change. Last year the function raised over \$42,000. The revenue is in the form of tickets and sponsors converted to cash donations. The Club offered to refund everything.
3. **Adoption of Quickbooks.** After considerable discussion and review the Board agreed to pay an estimated \$480/yr in an online subscription for annual Quickbooks license for one year. A cheaper "non-profit" license may be available. The project migration will be supervised by incoming Treasurer Ron Stapp and his family's accounting firm - Stapp Accountancy. Sam and Pope each offered to pay the first year's fee if the club struggles under the post-CV19. It is believed this addition will enhance accounting functionality, reporting and streamline business practices. This is a new expense to be added to existing Club costs. Doug had a question about online payment transaction costs which will be addressed intelligently. M/S/C, Sam/Mike C/Aye.

B. Secretary.

1. **Bylaws Amendment and Club Vote.** Eric will circulate and post Amendments via Pmail and perhaps an online survey in lieu of the normal Club Assembly under the CV19 regime. The Board will seek a general 10 day period to collect votes in June with any "no" vote in opposition needing to be heard.
2. **Adopt Club Bylaws as Charity Bylaws and Club Vote.** Eric will also request a vote from the Club to officially adopt the Club Bylaws as Charity Bylaws. This action will bring better synergy between the two legal entities going forward.
3. **Steve Benner as Honorary Member.** Eric brought to the Board his nomination of Steve Benner as an Honorary Member based upon his years of active service with the Club as well as his continued volunteerism at the Merced Field of Honor even after moving to the Bay Area. M/S/C, Eric/Sam/Aye.

C. Immediate Past President.

1. **Kick-out Party.** Mike C instructed the Board the annual party is subject to cancellation in July. The Board has ideas to address.
2. **Rotaract.** Mike C issued plaques and other support to the Rotaract leadership for bringing life back to that organization. The Club concluded their year with a visit from Pope. Robert added that Mike C did a remarkable job mentoring the group and was the catalyst for the big healthy comeback.

3. **Rotaract Rotary Conference Refund.** This matter is still pending with Brenna and Mike C on the airline tickets. It may be the Club inherits a future ticket rather than a cash refund.

D. **Vice President.**

1. **SBA CV19 Grant.** Eric learned the Charity obtained \$1,000 under the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program to offset losses related to CV19. It is believed the sum is a grant and not a loan - no repayment terms extended or accepted.

E. **President Elect.**

1. **2020-2021 Budget.** Doug is struggling to fulfill the Club's mission without the normal annual fundraiser. There might be a need to access restricted MFOH monies. The Club barely has enough to fund Clothes 4 Kids between the District Grant and the \$6,200 from Shrimp Feed. Pope thought there was a way to have a strong year. Other smaller fundraisers might be in order. Robert thought the Club should focus on projects the Club is directly connected to. Doug concurred. A formal budget will be presented within the month for new Board and Club adoption.
2. **Merced Field of Honor.** Doug has been in communication with Merced College - cosponsor of the event. There is a chance the campus may be closed during the Fall semester impacting people and resources. Steve and others are coping with local graduations and how to abide by local health requirements. Don thought the chance of Fall classes was slim based upon his intelligence and that the Field would be closed if classes were also closed. Robert suggested there is a compromise to be had that meets the needs of the community, Merced College and the Club.

F. **Club Service.**

1. **Merced Field of Honor.** Sam suggested that the Board/Club should be psychologically prepared to not hold MFOH in November under CV19. Despite stakeholders' best intentions to normalize everyday life, the dynamics and virulence of the CV19 pathogen may resurface in the fall if not before.
2. **Rotary Community Corps CV19 Project Grant Request.** The Club received a request from RCC to support a smaller CV19 mask project in partnership with Rotary Winton Latino Nuevo Club - who already supported the project with \$500. The project revolves around a local gift card exchange for masks to drive mask donations from the public and drive local commerce. The masks collected will be directed into local migrant labor camps (five total) and other under-served communities. The Greater Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis are also onboard with this expanding program. The District recently issued a special \$300 grant to clubs to support community CV19 projects with an suggestion to match funds. Having no other competing CV19 projects, the Board agreed to fund RCC \$600. M/S/C, Sam/Steve/Aye. Eric and Robert abstained. Robert extended an invitation

to the Board/Club to participate in RCC efforts. Karla had a question if the request was in addition to a prior RCC \$2,000 request. That former request did not have enough interest or votes to be considered and is declined.

G. Community Service.

1. **Future CV19 Projects.** Sam suggested RCC deploy their project to Planada, another under-served community. Robert and RCC are already having this discussion and RCC is currently training members and other Directors to prioritize and takeover this and other projects. The dynamics of CV19 change risks and outcomes daily. Eric added that every month over the last year RCC has been attracting people from Planada, Livingston and elsewhere to learn and join a service organization so that they can have a positive sustainable impact in their community. Karla asked how many members were in RCC. Robert knew of 35 that were officially registered and another 20-25 people that were in regular communication. RCC was crafting a communication "app" when Cv19 hit and RCC lost its student development interns when the colleges released their local students. RCC is experiencing the same disruptions encountered by other service clubs.

H. Vocational Services.

1. **Budget.** Steve reported all the budgeted monies were spent on scholarships pending the mechanics of disbursements.

I. International Service.

1. **District Grant Process.** Gina is preparing District application covering Global Grants and Clothes for Kids. The Global Grant will go to another District club since the Club does not manage such a project.

J. Youth Service. No Report.

K. Membership. Karla and Sam will figure how to induct Luanna in the near future. Paying full dues during the CV19 event is a question. Karla also has a question and concern about retaining members for the new year. Gina thought a 9AM meeting would help. Sam saw that as an issue. Meeting at Paul's Place, Grubhub or a "parking lot" gathering might improve morale. Robert suggested not charging for meals until a return to normalcy. The Club has to comply with local health directives.

L. Foundation. No report.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** June 11, 2020, 6:30PM Via Teleconference

6. **Pope adjourned the Meeting:** 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,
/Eric A. Moore/
Secretary (Acting)
June 8, 2020