

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc  
Monday, March 5, 2007, 4:00 pm  
Boardroom, Black Diamond Country Club  
Lecanto, Florida

**Present:** Lloyd Beasley, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Kevin Conway, Al Coogler, Bill Joens, Jay Joines, Nancy Manafort, Bob Plaisted, Sharron Rosenberg, Jim Wood, Linda Youell

Susan Pratt

Guests: Greg Meahl, Citrus Christian Home Educators Association

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 5, 2007.**

**2. Review of Minutes, Monday, February 5, 2007**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Citrus Christian Home Educators Association**

Bob Plaisted introduced Greg Meahl, with the Citrus Christian Home Educators Association.

In 2005-2006, more than 52,000 Florida children were educated in a pure home schooling environment. CCHEA has 75 member families, with 200 children. In Citrus County as a whole, approximately 500 children are home schooled. Home schoolers can choose from five annual evaluation methods, which can be conducted by a certificated teacher or psychologist, or can be normed tests, such as the FCAT or the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Rich Hilgert, director of student services for Citrus County Schools, is the liaison with home schoolers, and tracks their achievement.

Mr. Meahl confirmed that home schooled children qualify for Florida's "Bright Futures" scholarships. He distributed an article from the February 28, 2007 on-line edition of *The Harvard Crimson*, "In a class of their own", which profiles three home-schooled students who are studying at Harvard.

Home schoolers do not receive any funds, books or supplies from the public school jurisdiction.

CCHEA and other local home school associations would welcome the opportunity for their students to apply for Foundation scholarships.

The Foundation thanked Mr. Meahl for his presentation.

**ACTION: AL COOGLER and SUSAN PRATT will meet with Rich Hilgert, Citrus County Schools, to gain perspective on students who are home-schooled, and students in private schools.**

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Jim Briley distributed the Foundation's financial report, a/o February 28, 2007, and noted that it did not include the \$10,000 commitment to CASA for furnishings for their new shelter, once complete. Therefore, the Unrestricted Fund Balance should be \$34,938, rather than \$44,938.

He has forwarded the grant of \$6700.00 to Daystar Life Center for the acquisition of an outdoor freezer. He distributed the latest newsletter from Daystar, along with some "success stories" that Karen Evans had provided about Citrus County residents who Daystar has been able to help, thanks to the Foundation and other generous Citrus County donors.

The Treasurer projected that the 4th Annual Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament will net more than \$26,000, when all sponsorship contributions are received, in turn raising the Foundation's uncommitted funds to \$55,000.

He has filed Form 8734 with the IRS, which has approved the Foundation's continuing as a public foundation.

#### **5. Old Business**

a. Take Stock in Children - Kevin Conway distributed a letter from Janet Clymer, Program Coordinator for "Take Stock in Children, Citrus County", who met with the Foundation Board at its February meeting.

**MOVED BY: KEVIN CONWAY**

**SECONDED BY: JIM WOOD**

**That Black Diamond Foundation award one, \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollar) scholarship to Take Stock in Children, and evaluate the program after one year. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Foundation Pro-Am - Jay Joines has requested the Quarry Course for Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Thank-you letters have been sent to all the professional golfers and celebrities, and to all the sponsors and donors.

**ACTION: LINDA YOEELL will distribute lists of the professional golfers and celebrities, and the sponsors and donors, who participated in the 2007 tournament.**

#### **6. Communications Review**

Jim Wood reported that the Foundation may submit a one-page article for *Black Diamond Happenings*, which is distributed monthly to Black Diamond Club members. Linda Youell distributed a short list of possible topics, and Jim Briley recommended that the "success stories" from Daystar would be good material.

Also, Foundation minutes can be posted on the Black Diamond Club website.

**ACTION: LINDA YOUELL will prepare an article for the May 2007 issue of Black Diamond Happenings. March 30th is the deadline for inclusion in the May issue. LINDA YOUELL will prepare a package of Foundation minutes, for posting on the Club's member website.**

## **7. 2006 Annual Report and Annual Fund Drive**

Jim Wood had circulated three drafts of the 2006 Annual Report for comment and correction; Jim Briley had distributed two lists of donors to the Foundation, for inclusion in the 2006 Annual Report.

The Foundation discussed including donors for the Maegan Fund at United Pentecostal Church in the list of donors to the Foundation. Consensus was that these donations were flow-through, and therefore the Foundation had little influence or discretion regarding their disposition.

**MOVED BY: AL COOGLER**

**SECONDED BY: JIM WOOD**

**That the Honor Roll of Donors for 2006 not include those whose sole donation to the Foundation had been designated for the Maegan Fund; and  
That the 2006 Annual Report not include the Maegan Fund.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **8. Project List Review**

An updated Project List will be ready for review at the April 2007 meeting.

**ACTION: LINDA YOUELL**

## **9. New Business**

a. New Board Member - The Board welcomed Susan Pratt to the Foundation Board. Susan recently retired as a teacher and administrator in New York, and looks forward to greater involvement in Citrus County, and the Foundation's role in helping Citrus County residents.

b. CitiGroup Grant - Kevin Conway reported that the CitiGroup Charity will donate \$500 to Black Diamond Foundation.

c. Black Diamond Investment Club - Kevin Conway reported that, in January 2007, the Black Diamond Investment Club approved a donation of \$500 to the Foundation.

## **10. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Foundation meets on Monday, April 2, 2007, at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Linda M Youell, Secretary  
March 19, 2007