

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, April 24, 2017
Black Diamond Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Jill Ludowese, Mary Jane Bower, Charlotte KcKim, Susan Savard, Dave Burns, Dick Ragatz, Foster Lamm, Judge Mark Yerman, Jon Radabaugh

Absent: Joan Plunkett, Susan Pratt, Kent Rinker

Guests: Linda Boles, President, Find 'M Friends, Inc.
Bridget Didsbury, Vice President, Find 'M Friends, Inc.
Ginger West, Director, Citrus County Family Resource Center
Jim Ludowese, Chair, BDF Golf Tournament

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:58pm, April 24, 2017.

2. Presentations

Find 'M Friends

Linda Boles thanked the Foundation for previous donation of funds to purchase 1,000 scent kits. These kits are used to collect and store the scent of children and at risk adults for the purpose of using tracking dogs to find lost individuals. This year they began a program in the schools partnering with the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. They started with the CREST School, combining the Sheriff's Department ID kit (photo, fingerprint, DNA kit) with the Find 'M Friends scent kit. They would like to expand this program to all 1,500 kindergarteners in Citrus County Schools.

Citrus County Family Resource Center

Ginger West expressed the need for extra funds during the summer months when the need for food increases and donations are lessened. Parents are stretched thin when the children are out of school and not getting their usual two meals at school. Their year over year numbers show a large increase in the need for food during the summer months.

Another need is for tents and outdoor living equipment like sleeping bags and tarps for temporary housing for families. The families usually need these tents on an emergency basis for 3-4 months, until they are able to save enough to get back on their feet. Sometimes these tents are returned and can be used again, but most times not.

Ms. West invited board members to come and visit the Resource Center anytime to see first-hand what they are doing.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 3, 2017 were approved as submitted.

4. Treasurers Report

Treasurer Susan Savard reported that due to the rescheduling of the May meeting to this earlier date in April, she has interim financial numbers. Monthly financials will be submitted to the board when complete.

The Foundation will receive funds donated through the Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities program while the Board is on summer hiatus. In January 2017, the Board approved granting designated funds donated through the "Birdies" program from the Hertz, Campbell, and Rosenberg families. Two additional families have submitted requests to designate their "Birdies" contributions. Those funds need to be approved for distribution when the matching funds are received.

MOVED: SUSAN SAVARD
SECONDED: FOSTER LAMM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1,500 (One thousand, five hundred dollars) to the general fund of the YMCA of the Suncoast, Citrus County Program Branch (\$1,000 from the Joines family, and \$500 from the Bower family).

APPROVED

5. Grant Requests

Citrus County Family Resource Center

CCFRC works to strengthen the family unit and improve the quality of life for children and families in Citrus County. They have requested a community grant to help increase their food stock levels throughout the summer months while children are out of school and unable to take advantage of free/reduced price lunch programs. They have also requested funds to purchase equipment for temporary lodging for homeless families.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: DICK RAGATZ

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to the Citrus County Family Resource Center to purchase additional food items and equipment needed to support local families in need.

APPROVED.

Find 'M Friends

Find M' Friends Inc., is a community non-profit organization that assists in the return of lost or abducted children and memory-impaired adults. They distribute scent evidence kits to the public, and train bloodhounds to help local first responders aid in recovery efforts. Kits are used to collect and save a fresh body scent. That uncontaminated specimen allows a bloodhound to track and find an individual who is lost or has been abducted.

MOVED BY: JON RADABAUGH
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$6,000 (Six thousand dollars) to purchase scent kits for Kindergartners students in the Citrus County School System.

APPROVED

6. Old Business

Transfer of Car Show Funds

The Black Diamond Car Show is now being hosted by the Rotary Club of Central Citrus County. Last month, the Board approved the transfer of the 2016 Car Show proceeds (\$4,436.64) to the Rotary. Sponsorship funds for the 2017 Car Show were donated to Black Diamond Foundation by the Title Sponsor, Crystal Automotive, through the Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities program. Ms. Savard will need Board approval to transfer that donation and its “match” to the Rotary when received during the Board’s summer hiatus.

MOVED: SUSAN SAVARD
SECONDED: JILL LUDOWESE

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. transfer funds provided by Crystal Automotive for the Black Diamond Invitational Car Show (\$15,000 plus matching funds) to the Rotary of Central Citrus County Foundation upon receipt.

APPROVED

Amendment of By-Laws, Director Terms of Service

As discussed last month, the Foundation will see 5 of its 12 Board members depart the organization in 2018 at the end of their 2 consecutive 3-year terms, unless the Foundation By-Laws are amended. Vice Chair Foster Lamm chaired a committee to review the By-Laws, and submitted a recommended revision to alleviate the potential loss of significant historical knowledge and Director experience.

MOVED: JILL LUDOWESE
SECONDED: DICK RAGATZ

That the Black Diamond Foundation amend the By-laws and adopt the paragraph 4.3.1 as follows:

4.3.1 Tenure. Directors shall be elected to two three (3) year terms that shall begin on January 1st following a term that expires on the previous December 31st. The policy of the Board of Directors is to encourage new Directors to join the Board by limiting Directors to two consecutive terms, although previous Directors may return as Directors after a two (2) year hiatus. This policy of the Board of Directors shall not be construed to prohibit a Director from serving more than two consecutive terms.

When new applicants for the Board of Directors express an interest to serve and the existing Board of Directors approves said persons for positions on the Board, said

persons shall replace Directors who have served two or more consecutive terms (unless a vacancy on the Board needs to be filled). When the number of new applicants is less than the number of Directors who have served two or more consecutive terms, the Directors who will be replaced shall be determined by lot such that all Directors who have served two (2) or more consecutive terms shall be equally likely to be replaced.

An exception to the above policy and procedure applies to the Director who is designated the Treasurer. Because the continuity of the financial activity of the Foundation is of particular importance, the Treasurer may serve any number of consecutive terms.

APPROVED

A current copy of the by-laws that is a PDF will be prepared by Foster Lamm. This will be distributed to all Board members.

2018 Golf Tournament

Jim Ludowese presented five options for the tournament moving forward. Discussion ensued. It was agreed Jim will pursue the possibility of obtaining sponsorships and other commitments needed to host a tournament on November 5, 2017. If he cannot get things in place by the end of July he will let us know and we will postpone the golf tournament to November 5, 2018.

It was suggested that we have a Black Diamond Foundation Fund Raising Gala in January 2018 to celebrate our \$2,000,000 mark of donations. Jill Ludowese will take the lead for planning and coordination over the summer hiatus.

7. New Business

“STEPS to CF” Scholarship Award Ceremonies

Jill Ludowese asked for a Board volunteer to present the two Foundation-endowed “STEPS to CF” scholarships at Citrus Springs Elementary School on May 22nd. She will present the Black Diamond Foundation-endowed and the Stan and Betty Olson-endowed scholarships at Central Ridge Elementary School on the same date. The scholarships are presented as part of school-wide award ceremonies, attended by students, faculty and parents. Foster Lamm volunteered to make the presentation at Citrus Springs.

Open Forum

Jon Radabaugh began a discussion of potential new fundraising ideas.

The Board thanked Charlotte McKim for her five years of service to Black Diamond Foundation. Charlotte is stepping down from the Board today.

8. Happening Articles

Jill Ludowese will write the next article for the May edition of “Happenings” to make it known the Foundation is looking for new Board of Director volunteers in 2018.

Foster will contact many of our grant recipients asking them to submit “one-pagers” that can be used for articles over the summer months, and in the future.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Black Diamond Foundation normally suspends regular Board meetings during the summer months. A query of the Board of Directors indicated a quorum would not be present until November 2017.

MOVED BY: DICK RAGATZ
SECONDED BY: JON RADABAUGH

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. suspend monthly Board of Directors meetings in Lecanto, Florida until November 6th, 2017.

APPROVED.

After summer hiatus, the Board will meet again on Monday, November 6th, and Monday, December 4th, at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm, Monday, April 24, 2017.

Mary Jane Bower, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Friday, April 30, 2017