ROTARY CLUB OF MENDOCINO
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF 10/1/2026

The meeting, held n the Hill House pizza restaurant, began a little early with participants enjoying the wine, beer and other drinks on offer. Board members present included President Gary, LaDonna, Margaret, Jeff, Donna, John, Brandt and Dean, as well as Toby by phone and non-Board member Terry Surles. It got underway at 5:00 and concluded about 6:30. Gary followed a relaxed agenda, discussing various aspects of upcoming actions particularly financial, fund raising, social and youth events.

1. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Larry Flores, CPA, the person responsible for keeping our books and paying our bills, and previously a member of another club, be made an honorary member. Jeff provided Brandt the standard Membership Information sheet, and asked that he have Larry fill it out and return it ASAP.
2. Brandt provided financial statements (Income, Balance Sheet, Lunch Transactions and Dues Payments) for this year through September 10. They showed that we should be in line to cover our administrative expenses out of member contributions including meeting fees and happy dollars. About 60% of members had paid their membership dues, which all are encouraged to do ASAP.
3. The Board appointed Terry Surles as Sergeant at Arms, responsible amongst other things for encouraging members to pay their dues.
4. The minutes of the last Board Meeting, held on August 27, were provided by Jeff. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that they be approved.
5. Donna suggested an evening event, to be held with Tobin Hahn and Jennifer Bosma, possibly November 5, to explore opportunities for a Youth Exchange program together with Fort Bragg Rotary. Donna will lease with Jennifer and Tobin and get back to us with a date.
6. Gary mentioned he would be out of town from 29 October to 2 November.
7. Jeff and Donna spoke about their talk about programming, mentioning the need not only to find speakers but also to conduct meetings that helped members understand the club, participate more in it and benefit from the training on offer. Gary suggested we leave time for Who-am-I's as a way of getting to know each other.

8. Jeff presented the program schedule for the next few weeks: Lucresha Renteria, MCC on October 8; David Latoof, MVFD on October 22; Peg Brown of the Mendocino Community Center on November 12; and a Club Assembly on November 19 to help and train all club members in the use of Ignite and DACdb.
9. John Cottle said he would contact the Christmas Choir group for the December 10 meeting.
10. We talked about the Dinner Raffle, timing and coverage. Gary suggested we decrease the number of tickets to be sold to 120 from 140 last year, and we decided to go ahead and get the tickets printed using the same restaurants as last year. It was suggested we have 4 prizes: 10 dinners, 3 dinners, 2 dinners and a trip or another such thing. We will aim to conduct our proceedings well after Fort Bragg, which began selling tickets two weeks ago. We could therefore have the drawing in the Spring.
11. LaDonna handed out a prospectus for the Bingo Bash, to be held on February 13, and asked members to read it, volunteer for the various roles and help get it moving.
12. Gary asked Jeff to coordinate the Country Western Hoedown and Chili Cookoff, to be held in March or April, beginning with the selection of a band, a venue and development of a prospectus on what it would cost and how costs could be covered.
13. Margaret presented a prospectus for a Cookie Exchange to be held on December 5th. She, Donna and LaDonna would form a cookie committee with help from Karen Stubbs.
14. Gary reviewed our financial strategy and re-emphasized that we will not spend club money until we have raised the funds, with the earliest source of income likely to be the Cookie Exchange. Having said that, we will give priority to dictionaries and youth.
15. Dean suggested we could look for something to do in the community that would use Rotary labor, and not require much in the way of funding.
16. We discussed the Torch Relay for Polio involving Rotary clubs up and down the Coast, to kick off on October 7 and reach our town on October 10. Margaret noted that $8,000 had already been raised, and there was a 2:1 match running through 31 October. The cost of one treatment was $3, hence each dollar donated would result in one treatment. KOZT is running a public service announcement. We should all encourage friends and businesses to donate. There is a website with a QR code which can be used to make donations. Gary, LaDonna,

Brandt and Terry all pledged to donate $100 each. If more information is needed to donate, please contact Margaret.

17. Last but not least, Toby proposed that the club set aside $500 for a project to be conceived by and implemented by each new member. This would be a way to get new members involved in club activities and meet other club members. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the proposal be approved and set in motion for our most recent new member.

The meeting ended at 6:30 with thanks to LaDonna and Gary for organizing this new format, which had been useful, sociable and enjoyable as well as getting a lot of business done.

Jeffry Stubbs
Executive Secretary
Monday October 5, 2026