

History:

The **Youth Abuse Prevention Committee** was in charge of setting up the rules for the implementation of a District Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy. This policy is mandated by Rotary International and was adopted at the May 2006 District Conference. It was up to the committee to define how was going to be implemented.

PDG Mike Stelman chaired the committee to address this issue. Since many people asked to be included in the decision process we defined the following rules:

1. To hold a minimum of **2 public hearings** on this subject with ample time to get the input from all participants.
2. To **publish the proceedings** of these hearings and have them distributed to the district leadership, whether they were present or not at the public hearings.
3. To **receive written comments** from all interested parties, and have them discussed at the hearings and committee meetings.
4. To have the committee publish **by the end of September 2006** a recommendation for the implementation of the policy and possible changes to it.

Rotary International District 5340

Youth Abuse & Harassment Prevention Committee

Minutes of Meeting – July 25, 2006

Attendance, Mike Stelman-Chair, Rob Eckert, Paul Pierce, John Fistere, Kevin Forester, Monica Sayers, Dale Bailey.

Youth Abuse Documents were passed out Following introductions, and there was a discussion as to the appropriateness of the Following Documents:

1. Youth Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy
2. Appendix A
3. Appendix B
4. Affidavit of Club Compliance

There was agreement that Appendix A should be modified to reflect how long applicant had lived in area, and total years as a Rotarian. Criminal History needed to be expanded, Kevin has submitted wording for that purpose. (see Appendix A for updated wording.)

Discussion regarding Certification, Consent and Waiver language, resulted in acceptance of Appendix A. Other documents were acceptable.

Discussion regarding specific program applications. RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact, Model UN, should have “program Specific” applications to meet the individual requirements of each program. To be presented to Youth Committee for approval.

District Youth Committee personnel was discussed. Representatives of Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Model United Nations Program should be members. Chair of committee recommendation was to have a PDG as chair. District Prevention Officer and District Administrator also recommended to be members of Committee.

Youth Policy “Process” (see attachment) was discussed and there was agreement that it was appropriate and should remain flexible.

Discussion of Time-Line (see attachment) The time-line was accepted with the concurrence that If there were problems meeting 2006 deadlines there should remain flexibility, however the 2007 dates (deadlines) should remain firm.

Dates for hearings were discussed and set as follows

- 1st Hearing, August 10th at 3:00 pm at the District Office
(If there are to many interested parties wishing to attend, another location will be found.)
- 2nd Hearing, September 7th at 3:00 pm at the District Office.

Chairman Stelman to submit information in QuickBits regarding upcoming Hearings.

Rotary International District 5340

Youth Abuse & Harassment Prevention Committee

Minutes of Meeting – August 10, 2006

Attendance, Mike Stelman-Chair, Rob Eckert, Paul Pierce, Judy Gallegos, Kevin Forester, Dale Barnes, Randy Mitchell, Bill Sturgeon, Lee Russell, Carol Jensen, Bill Stumbaugh, Jon Fish, Mike Whitehurst, Dale Bailey.

Youth Policy “Process” We are now a “Provisional” district and working toward “Certification.” The requirements from RI was discussed and there was agreement that it was appropriate and that the process should remain flexible, however the time-line, regarding RI deadlines should remain firm.

Youth Abuse Documents were passed out and there was discussion, suggestions and ideas regarding the Following Documents:

1. Youth Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy
 - Definitions,
 - Vagueness
 - Too specific
 - Overlapping topics
 - Notes were taken by Paul, Kevin and Rob with the intention of evaluating comments and recommending change to the committee.
2. Appendix A
 - Discussion regarding information required and “Criminal History” contents to be evaluated by Kevin and recommendations to be made to the committee
3. Appendix B
 - General acceptance as an information piece with the suggestion to move the “Statement” at the end of the document to the front.
4. Affidavit of Club Compliance
 - Discussion was limited and comments were sought by letter or e-mail.

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Date for final hearing was discussed and set as follows

2nd Hearing, September 7th at 5:00 pm at the District Office.

Chairman Stelman to submit information in QuickBits regarding upcoming Hearing.
Committee will meet before next hearing on Tuesday 8/22 7:30AM = Center City Cafe - Escondido.

Minutes by Dale

Rotary International District 5340

Youth Abuse & Harassment Prevention Committee

Minutes of Meeting – September 7, 2006

Introductions & Attendance, Mike Stelman-Chair, Rob Eckert, Paul Pierce, Judy Gallegos, Kevin Forester, Mel Gallegos, Jim O’Meara, Philippe Lamoise, , Lee Russell, Clara Harris, Cindy Ciuffo, Cheryl Minshew, Wayne Goodermote, Rita O’Brien, Mike Whitehurst, Susan Thorning, Dale Bailey.

Youth Policy “Process” was explained by Paul Pierce with comments by the Committee. We are now a “Provisional” district and working toward “Certification.” The requirements from RI was discussed and there was agreement that it was appropriate and that the process should remain flexible, however the time-line, regarding RI deadlines should remain firm

Youth Abuse Documents: the most recent versions were passed out and there was discussion, suggestions and ideas regarding the Following Documents:

1. Youth Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy
 - Notes were taken by Paul, Kevin and Rob and the revisions are to be incorporated into the current version and posted on the Web-Site for comments. Submit comments to Dale at Dale@Rotary5340.org .
2. Appendix A
 - Further discussion regarding information required and “Criminal History” contents to be evaluated and recommendations to be made to the committee

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District Youth Committee personnel was discussed. Representatives of Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Model United Nations Program should be members. Chair of committee recommendation was to have a PDG as chair. District Prevention Officer and District Administrator also recommended to be members of Committee.

Positive Presentation: There was strong agreement that after the policy is finalized for presentation to the clubs, emphasis should be made on the positive benefits to Youth and Rotarians.

The Youth Committee will meet September 20th for continued discussion on changes to the entire Policy.

COMMENTS: Should be E-mailed to Dale at Dale@Rotary5340.org .

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