

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

4 SEPTEMBER 2019

Attendees

Bill Gidley – Chair
Nick Bellamy
Sandy Dunn
John Gould
Graham Hollier
Jon Livingstone – Secretary
Stewart Mitchell
Bryan Rickett
Roger Shepherd
Peter Stuckey
Stuart Wineberg

Apologies

Keith Cameron
Clive Collier
Steve George
Gren Lamb-Hughes
Iain Small

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Signed by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill asked Jon to recommend a date for the SGM to approve accounts and appoint Club Officers. Agreed this would be the Business meeting 6 November.

3. REPORTS AND UPDATES

All updates are as in the Reports which follow, circulated ahead of the meeting, except where noted below.

3.1 CLUB TREASURER

As report.

3.2 TRUST FUND TREASURER

Graham advised 22 out of 34 foundation donors had switched to annual donations.

3.3 CLUB SERVICE

Agreed to try the Phoenix for the Social Fellowship meeting week.

Bryan and Bill are meeting to discuss Lead and Stalls volunteers for the Mayor's Picnic.

3.4 COMMUNICATIONS

John Gould, referring to the Roger Shepherd and Mike Kelly's abseil coverage, touched on the power of a personal aspect for press coverage. Sandy will explore this for WTTW.

3.5 MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

As report.

3.6 FUNDRAISING

Sandy indicated 15-20% fewer walkers this year; however all are fully paid registrations. Team from Pfizer to come. This may impact Club budgets for next year. Discussion of possible causes which the Walk team will investigate further. Keep up all efforts to publicise in the meantime.

Sandy will explore TV coverage, Sally Hall and Fred Dineage.

3.7 COMMUNITY SERVICE

As report. Also Community Service team will analyse existing support for Young Carers and Youth In Romsey and advise the Club.

3.8 FOUNDATION

Stewart advised may need more Members present with crocus blooming next year.
Event planned with Hillers now January/ February 2021.

3.9 INTERNATIONAL

Method of payment direct to School in Nepal charity has been agreed, to include Gift Aid.

3.10 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

As report.

3.11 SPORTS & SOCIAL

David Pantling seeking support for organising the Review 10 January. Jon discussed with David following the meeting and offered to help. David is updating at the next Business Meeting.

3.12 SECRETARY

Covered in President's Remarks.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date

REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

CLUB TREASURER

At the end of August, having made allowances for any unpaid bills. the Club had **£10,300** in its bank account which additionally held a **£500** positive balance on members dinner accounts.

Nick

TRUST FUND TREASURER

Report attached [in Appendix - sent to all active members of the RCoRT]. Any questions or queries, be grateful to receive before council/club meeting on Wednesday to enable a considered response and to save time on the night.

Graham

CLUB SERVICE - VICE PRESIDENT

The issue of meal vegetable quantities has been raised with the Olive Tree. Ali has assured me that this is being monitored. Let me know if the situation arises again.

Mike Thorne has raised the issue of loud music spoiling our social evening last week. I will be contacting the venue to see if this is to become a regular event, if so we may need to find a new venue.

I am aware that Mike Koscain is standing down from his role of stall co-ordinator for our next Mayors Picnic. As the event has a long lead time we rather urgently need a volunteer to take on this role.

Bryan

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Our first team meeting of the year discussed several items including "Attributes of an ideal Rotarian". I propose to share the output with the Club prior to the October Business Meeting when I will be present to answer any questions.

John Dunbar's interview is still on hold at his request.

Helen Arney has expressed an interest in attending a meeting and several dates have been provided.

Graham Lee and Ian Bullivant have agreed to carry on sharing the Almoner role to ensure greater coverage.
Iain

FUNDRAISING

Final four weeks before WTTW (our major fundraising event) on the 29th September and all our plans are fully in place. Our final committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday of this week to review and finesse the details.

Registrations are down on last year at the same stage but with 3 full weeks to go before we close the site for registrations, this

could change. I will update council on the actual numbers at Wednesday's meeting but at the time of writing we have 400 walkers. This is circa 100 less than last year at this stage.

The walk briefing for marshals and volunteers will be held on the 18th September.

Sandy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Emma Fry asked us for £225 towards a specialist bed for her disabled son. Variety Club provided £6k. Emma has taken part in WTTW in past years.

Peter

FOUNDATION

The October event at Hilliers will no longer take place.

We still plan to have our main fund raiser in Jan /Feb when the Crocus flower. We are planning to have a bigger presence at The Arboretum, so would like to ask for assistance from the club membership for raising awareness of End Polio now campaign and to raise funds for it.

Also I've contacted District to see what help they can give for funding promotional aspects and advertising, from their 'Promotional Fund'. Keith has followed this up and we may be in line for more than the original £500 quoted.

Please note Peace Jam 2020 is on Weekend of 14th March 2020. It is planned to include a Junior slam I've sent in a full District Grant Application to support Peace Jam in March 2020 I've not yet heard of any outcome.

Schools will be back soon. I'll be corresponding with our contacts by end of September to get things moving once they have settled in. Steve George is aware of the junior slam. So I will keep him informed

I've also sent in the Clubs MOU Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines the requirements and responsibilities of clubs asking for grants. I've notified Graham of the answer from District. We appear to be compliant.

Stewart

INTERNATIONAL

I will not be at Club Council or the Business Meeting on Wednesday but Sandy Dunn will be representing International. There is, however, very little to report this month.

School in Nepal

I am in discussion with the Trust Fund Treasurer and John Jones to establish whether there is a valid way in which Gift Aid can be added to donations given to the Club for the school, before the funds are sent to the school.

Mary's Meals

Peter Welsh has established, on behalf of the Committee, that Mary's Meals do not have a preferred way of receiving funds. The Trust Fund Treasurer's preferred way of giving donations is by BACS. Details of Mary's Meals bank account have been passed to the Trust Fund Treasurer in preparation for October's budgeted donation of £250.

Gren

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

This month the Youth In Romsey group held their Holiday project for disadvantaged children. There were 22 children in the end that enjoyed a holiday week that comprised 3 days at the YIR premises with various entertainment provided and then 2 days off premises in the New Forest. A thank you letter from Linda Bate and Wendy Herbert indicated all went well and they are looking forward to hosting us for Breakfast on September 11th. Steve George and Bill Gidley ended up organising a Ukulele session for the children with the help of two members of Romsey Ukulele Group who were very helpful in supporting us.

I regret that i have nothing further to report as I have been tied up personally with my mother in hospital and have not been able to co-ordinate other Youth activities. I send my apologies for the meeting as I am now imminently on a family holiday.

Jaime Garner has asked to come off the Youth committee because of personal work pressures and this will put my thoughts of a new Youth initiative in jeopardy.

I have asked the Youth committee to update the meeting with any other project updates.

Steve

SPORTS & SOCIAL

30 Oct all in place. 7.30 for 8.00 (Pilates in hall til 7.00 tho kitchen free before that). Caterer booked. Bring own drinks. Bagpiper booked.

11 Dec. White Horse Stables booked. No other action as yet.

10 Jan. Pantling extravaganza proceeding. Team Pantling yet to be set up.

That's all for now folks !!!

Clive

SECRETARY

My only item is when to hold the Annual SGM to approve Club and Trust Fund accounts and appoint the President, SVP, JVP, Secretary, Trust Fund and Club Treasurers for the following Rotary year.

Historically this has been held with the October Business Meeting. Standing Orders says it is normally held on or before the first Wednesday in November.

I would recommend 6 November unless guidance to the contrary.

Jon

SUB TOTAL			5,291	
Balance of Budgets		18,417		
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TOTAL OF COMMITTED FUNDS				23,708
TOTAL UNCOMMITTED FUNDS				3,015

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are prepared under the Receipts & Payments system of Accounting as approved by the Charity

Commission for charities with a turnover of less than £250k

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WELCOME AND GRACE

Bill welcomed members and Ian Bullivant provided grace.

TOASTS

Bill delivered the Loyal Toast, following which:

Nick Bellamy advised that Jane had recently achieved a landmark birthday and all sent good wishes and drank her health.

CLUB TREASURER

Nick advised healthy finances, presently stand at £10,300 credit.

Tony Trowsdale enquired why not spend the money. Nick responded Members' funds are being run down progressively each year. Whilst it is Member's funds, we can do, with an appropriate project.

TRUST FUND TREASURER

Graham advised 22 out of 34 foundation donors had switched to annual donations. Graham had previously circulated the up to date accounts.

CLUB SERVICE

Agreed to try the Phoenix for the Social Fellowship meeting month.

Mike Koscian has rightly stepped back from organising the stalls at the Mayor's Picnic next July. Volunteers please contact Bryan.

COMMUNICATIONS

John Gould, referring to the Roger Shepherd and Mike Kelly's abseil coverage, touched on the power of a personal aspect and 'human interest' for press coverage.

Excellent work by Paul Grainger has made the Club site easier to edit.

Rotary magazines have arrived for distribution.

John is commencing the next Club Newsletter, planning to issue later this month.

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Bill on behalf of Iain advised:

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to answer any questions.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Also Community Service team will analyse existing support for Young Carers and Youth In Romsey and advise the Club.

FOUNDATION

Stewart informed that World Polio Day is 24 October. In addition to The Abbey, planning to light RAODS in purple for polio.

Next year Polio flowering support in January/ February will be higher profile than before.

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We will learn more when joining YIR for breakfast next week.

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Dear all - if you reached this mid-way point, please send me a one-line email so I know how many people do read the minutes. Many thanks, Jon

SPORTS & SOCIAL

David Sutton has kindly arranged the Piper who will demonstrate the piping art on 30 October. Clive will send an em shortly.

Christmas event booked for 11 December. White Horse Stables booked. Further details closer to the time.

Norman is in the process of arranging a Golf Tournament likely to be early December.

ALMONER

Ian advised Mike Baker has been in hospital for six weeks. Graham will arrange a schedule of transport for visits for Pauline.

Mike Koscian advised Johanna had spent time in hospital and was pleased to have returned home. Mike thanked Members for the considerable support and many messages they have received.

Sandy advised Neil had a hospital visit whilst in France and is recuperating with Margaret in their flat.

Martha Smiley is commencing a new course of treatment. We look forward to seeing Frank next week.

The Club sends our good wishes to all !

AOB

Stuart will share details of an MP talking to the Chandlers Ford Club.

Ian Bullivant reminded all to return the token discs. Search your old jackets and pockets.

Tony Abbott; thanked volunteers for the Romsey Show. Contact Tony if any queries.

Tony also advised that Fred Stanley had had a bicycle collision with a deer. Fred then found himself at the centre of a police exercise.

Fortunately Fred; whilst grazed and understandably shaken is now resting at home.

John Whitham invited Members to think about resourcing for the Mayor's Picnic and whether ROR should be an annual event.

Any volunteers for District roles in 2020/ 21, please contact Jon Livingstone; nominations to be returned to District by Monday 23 September.

RAFFLE

Conducted admirably by Shaun.

NEXT WEEK

Breakfast meeting with Youth In Romsey; by the Rapids, Romsey.

FINAL TOAST

Bill included Jane Bellamy in the Rotary Peace and Fellowship the World Over toast

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date