



Rotary



Club of Melton Mowbray

Minutes for Annual General Meeting held on 24th April 2017

1. Annual reports from the Council and Committees.

Reports were presented and accepted see appendix 1.

(Proposed D.O. seconded C.C. and agreed by all members present).

2. Treasurer's report and proposed budget.

A budget report for the coming year was tabled by Treasurer K. Theobald recommending that the subscriptions increase to £119 with the Lunch levy remaining at £26. Subscriptions for 20017/18 therefore proposed at £145. (Proposed by K.T.. and Seconded by A.B.)

The Treasurer's recommendation was agreed by all members present.

3. Election of Honorary members

Lady Gretton and Mike Powderly both to continue as a Honorary members, agreed unanimously by all members present. (Proposed J.D. and Seconded by J.J-H.)

4. Confirm the appointment of the Chairmen of Committees.

The following Chairmen were proposed by J.S. seconded by A.H. and agreed by all members present.

Club Service,	Alison Blythe
Community/Vocational Service	Helen Bett
International Service	Diana Osborne
Foundation	Alison Blythe
Membership	Michael Osborne
Youth Service	Eric Hall

Nb. Sub Committees of :-

Club Service is Marketing, P.R. and Communications, chaired by Julia Joseph-Hinde.

5. Elect the ordinary members of the Council.

Committee Chairs who are not Club Officers were voted onto the Council en bloc. (Namely D.O., M.O., E.H., H.B. and a representative from Satellite Club). A vacancy exists for the role of Vice President - a Club Officer.

(Proposed D.M. Seconded R.A.)

Agreed by all members present.

6. Appoint a person or persons to examine the Club's annual accounts.

Sarah Amos was as last year recommended for examining Trust accounts, with James Green for Club accounts. (Proposed by K.T. Seconded by B.Mc.C). Agreed by all members present.

7. Elect three representatives of the Club on the District Council.

Presidents Janet Shortland or Adrienne Holland, President Elect Alison Blythe and Honorary Secretary David Ward were nominated and elected. (Proposed by I.N. Seconded by D.M.) Agreed by all members present.

8. Any other business.

Nothing to report.

Appendix 1

AGM 2017 Reports from Council and Committees

President's Report - *Ian Neale*

It has been a busy year and it started as it meant to go on with a Club Service Meeting, Hand Over Lunch with inductions and an evening Club Council meeting, I must admit that it was my fault as we also wanted to fit in holidays, which were often from a Monday afternoon to a Sunday afternoon so that I could be at Club Meetings!! But it worked and there were the usual mix of speaker Meeting with Business and Fellowship mixed in during the Year.

Fund raising and social events started with a Trip to Tatton Park Garden Show when our timing was impeccable with the rain starting just as we returned to the bus to come home, Classic Cars in the park in September, District Conference, Contact Teas, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Tree Festival, Santa Fun Run, Food Parcel Collection, Concert Visit Birmingham, Charter, Duck Race, all followed during the year.

We have had many interesting and varied speakers throughout the year, and have extended out meetings sometimes to allow the speakers more time for their topics which have covered a wide range of topics.

For me the year has been exciting, fulfilling and very interesting attending functions and meeting a wide range of people both local in Melton Mowbray and wider in the county whilst representing the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray. Going to other Club Charters and District Events, helps to see what a wide range of work is done by Rotarians.

It has been a busy year with inductions into the Club, 12 members to our Satellite group and 5 members to our lunch time club, Mike Kelsey, Malcolm Britton, Chris Gray, Phil Balding and Kriss Payne, it is good to have you all with us and we look forward to working with you on our various projects

My thanks must go to the whole of the Club for supporting me over this year, and especially to the Club Council and those on Club Service. Now that we have a 4 person communications group I look forward to raising the profile of Rotary with in Melton which is already bearing fruit.

I look forward to our Trip to Durham, a venture that has been resurrected from past trips away, there are still places, do talk to Bob if you are interested.

Thank you all for making these past 12 months very special for me

Yours in Rotary Service

Ian

Club Service Committee

Presidents Elect Adrienne Holland and Janet Shortland.

It has been a very good experience this year, working under Ian's Presidency and learning from both his and others' experience, skills and ideas. Together we have tried to provide a range of activities; some tried and tested old faithfuls, some new, different and we hope, inviting!

Ian organized a trip to Tatton Gardens, with its wonderful gardens. Those who were able to go along thoroughly enjoyed the day. So, thank you, Ian – perhaps this could be something that is repeated whenever possible.

The vintage Car Rally in September was extremely well received and raised £1000 for Loros. As ever, we have evaluated the event and hope that this year's will be even more successful and better attended – so please come along and bring your family and friends to enjoy a lovely day.

Later that month we had a joint meeting with the other Melton clubs to meet with District Governor John and it was good to meet with those Rotarians who attended. Our incoming DG, Chris Davies, prefers to have individual meetings so this will happen for us early in 2018.

Several of us attended the District Conference in Nottingham, which was felt to be a considerable success despite numbers being markedly reduced. 20 of us will be at the Llandudno conference, representing our club.

At Ian's suggestion we had a delightful celebration of Harvest at The Venue; with the food provided by all attendees and a challenging quiz offered by Ian. It was a great evening, which raised funds for Storehouse.

We have finally been knocked out of the Minor Sports competition at the quarter final stage, which is a shame as each evening was good fun and full of laughter – but it saves us travelling to a far flung part of the District to compete further so no-one seemed too upset by the defeat!

Our Santa Fun Run was a success again this year, with runners of all ages and abilities having a good time raising money for a whole variety of charities. As this is one of our major club fund raisers it is much appreciated that so many members are actively involved, and more are always very welcome. Please become involved in some way.

The Christmas Party was, we think, really enjoyed by all who came. The food was great and the company excellent. What more could you ask? Please make sure that you put the date in your diary as soon as we have agreed it for December.

We, to a rather limited extent, became involved in Belvoir's Santa Sleigh and it was good to see that this was, at least in theory, supported by the club. In the event only Janet represented us, but we are hopeful that we will have better information sooner next Christmas and will be able to develop our links with the Belvoir club.

Burns night was once again a not-to-be-missed evening, with the Haggis and Robbie Burns being suitably serenaded and celebrated. Those of you who missed it, that's a shame. Thank you, Ben, for a really great night, and thanks to Jenny for a delicious meal.

Those people who were lucky enough to be able to accompany Richard and many others to the Symphony Concert in Birmingham, really enjoyed the experience and we are very hopeful that this will become a regular event in our calendar. Many thanks are due to Richard for suggesting and organizing such a great trip.

Charter night felt quite different this year as, for the first time in many years, we changed venue and went to PERA. We had a disappointing turnout, with the numbers who attended falling. However, the general feedback was that it was a very enjoyable evening and we have reviewed it in detail. As it will be our 90th next year and the President of RIBI will be in attendance, we are hoping that numbers will increase and we will enjoy a memorable celebration of our longevity. Please ensure that you have the date, March 12th, in your dairies.

Another date to be kept is May 18th, when we will have the opportunity to show off our high levels of intelligence – or alternatively have a fun evening – at the quiz. Please form teams of 4 with fellow Rotarians, family and friends and come along to compete, eat and laugh a lot!

Bob has organized a weekend away in Durham for the weekend of 16th June. There are still spaces left for others to join the group visiting this lovely, historic city, so please consider it.

Our changeover celebration is at Kirby Bellars Village Hall, 12 noon on Saturday July 1st. It will be lovely to see lots of members and their families there to say a huge thank you to Ian for his very successful Presidential year. The official handover will be on Monday 3rd July.

Foundation - *Alison L Blythe*

The teacher training delivered with the help of a District Grant in summer 2016 was highly successful. The teachers have continued to give support through using social media from their school in Wigston, Leicester.

The DG (District Grant) was completed and signed off early March 2016. The underspent amount of the grant has been returned to District.

A District Grant application for the year 2016/17 has been submitted as reported by Diana Osborne For International in order to fund the travel and subsistence of the teachers for a further training session in summer 2017.

This application is also to fund up to 12 boxes of books and educational equipment to be shipped to Tacloban for distribution amongst the schools through the Educational Department.

An initial payment of £1400 is being made as part of the club's contribution to Foundation. It is hoped that we will receive a contribution from the Satellite Club to add to this as well as make an additional contribution before the end of the Rotary year.

Club members have supported End Polio Now both individually and through the terrific efforts of Helen Bett and COMVOC and members of LIR.

International - *Diana Osborne*

The Club has continued to support projects in Tacloban, Philippine Islands.

A final report on the renovation of the classrooms at Sagkahan Primary School in relation to the Rotary Global Grant was submitted and duly accepted.

Two volunteer teachers spent two weeks delivering training in Tacloban during July 2016. Approximately 1700 primary and secondary teachers benefited from this, due to the cascading down of knowledge imparted. The Club paid for the flight arrangements with the aid of a district grant and the accommodation costs were met locally.

An application has been submitted for a District Grant to support a similar visit in July 2017.

Preliminary work has been undertaken on the project to install water fountains in Tacloban schools. A locally developed project to improve children's health and sanitation has been named The Blythe Project in recognition of Alison's work in leading the projects which have already been undertaken.

Books have been sent to Tacloban which have been the basis for the Education Department there establishing a lending library to maximise their use.

We have raised £454 from a coffee morning, crocus sales and a raffle of a bottle of wine to be donated to the eradication of polio.

Spectacle recycling has continued through the efforts of Joe Carrington with the principal beneficiaries being in Africa.

A beef roast and a cream tea have produced £580 towards funding our projects.

A concert in St Mary's Church by Uppingham School achieved a surplus of £1562. Our thanks are due to the school for their generosity and excellent performance.

I would like to thank the members of the committee and others in the club who have contributed to our work.

Membership Development & Retention - *Michael Osborne*

The membership of the Club at the beginning of the Rotary year was 40.

During the year Duncan Manderson, Heena Dawda and Dick Colgrove resigned from membership.

We have been pleased to induct Mike Kelsey, Chris Gray, Malcolm Britton, Phil Balding and Kriss Payne as new members so that we now have a membership of 42.

The Satellite Group was established in July and is the subject of a separate report.

I have discussed common concerns with my counterparts in the Belvoir and Aurora Clubs.

My thanks are due to the members of this committee and those other members of the Club who have assisted the function of this committee in recruiting and retaining members.

Satellite Group Report - *David Morris and Mark Frisby*

The concept of a satellite group within our club developed from a club visioning exercise conducted in April 2014. It was presented to and approved by Club Council on the 11th September 2014; likewise a club business meeting on the 15th September. District Governor Ken Billington and District Secretary Dick Parsley both gave their consent and presented the proposal to a District Executive on the 28th October 2014 for formal district approval.

During the ensuing 20 months a dialogue continued with a number of potential members, many who had responded to the club's earlier initiative to supporting vulnerable local businesses which had suffered in the recent economic recession.

The satellite group now has the following 14 members, the first ones being formally inducted into membership on the 4th July 2016:

Doug Clements	Inducted on 4 th July
Mark Frisby	Inducted on 4 th July
Ruth Lynsey	Inducted on 4 th July
Frank Worthington-Clarke	Inducted on 4 th July
Andrea Fiford	Inducted on 25 th July
Alison Freer-Jones	Inducted on 15 th August
Joe Halford	Inducted on 5 th September
Alan Matthews	Inducted on 5 th September
Rachel North	Inducted on 5 th September
Andy Jones	Inducted on 31 st October
Colin Warburg	Inducted on 31 st October
Lewis Fiford	Application approved: awaiting induction
Andrea Kennedy	Proposed 6 th March: application in process
Paul Kennedy	Proposed 6 th March: application in process

The Group is focused on supporting persons needing help and support to establish their financial independence. This could be by providing business mentoring and support, or by helping unemployed persons living on benefits to become employable. A concert was held in August which was successful in raising the profile of Rotary in the town.

All fourteen members are new to Rotary and as such need firm mentoring and effective leadership. Whilst their ages range from 25 to 65, all but two members are aged below 45 years. As proved elsewhere, this age group is vulnerable to changes in circumstances and it is inevitable that at least two of them will not renew their subscription for next year.

There continues strong interest within Melton Mowbray in the progress of the new group and we are holding dialogues with a number of suitable potential members. It is likely that, despite the above, the membership of the group will double over the coming year.

Youth Services Report - *Eric Hall*

In line with previous years, our activities have largely been conducted in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Melton Mowbray Belvoir and Melton Aurora.

Competitions

Our objectives for the year included supporting six competitions and this was met. A late disappointment was the lack of interest in Young Photographer but this was in some ways balanced by generating interest and holding a competition for Young Artist.

It has already been agreed that next year's programme will include participating in Young Citizen.

Rotary Stars

This award is aimed at recognising good citizenship in local Primary School children. It is pleasing to report that more schools are supporting our initiative this year. The review process is not finalised until the latter part of the Summer Term.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

We continue to work with the Hub in identifying and supporting candidates wishing to develop their leadership and technical skills. A potential candidate has been identified and we are liaising with the Hub to ensure the candidate is able and ready to make the necessary commitment.

Warning Zone

The Warning Zone's facilities have been further expanded to meet the challenges faced by young people – primarily Year 6.

Attendance statistics indicate that schools may be having difficulty in funding visits. This is particularly the case with schools in Melton and surrounding villages where transport costs to Leicester are high.

Significant contributions have been made by the club in recent years. It is recognised that without an increase in fundraising we will be unable to continue at a similar level. However, the benefits available to young people by visiting the Zone are such that the Youth Group are investigating how more modest funds can best be spent

Young Chef

Stapleford Park, Jane Abbott and Jenny Foreman have provided excellent support at this year's events and I am grateful for their help and guidance.

It is pleasing to report that 20 pupils from three local schools participated in the event. The winner from each school qualified for entry to the District Competition which was held in Leicester on 25th March. All three acquitted themselves very well but unfortunately failed to be placed in the high standard field present on the day.

In recognition of the consistently high standard of work produced by Lucy Towle, a pupil at Belvoir High School, she has been awarded the Melton Young Chef Shield for 2017.

Youth Speaks

Another successful competition this year. Catmose again showed their prowess by having two intermediate and two senior teams qualify for the District Semi-Final held at Bourne. Their skills and hard work were rewarded with one Intermediate and one Senior team progressing to the Regional Final. Florence Brown, chairman of the successful Intermediate team won award for Best Chairman and Thomas Nguyen from the successful Senior team won the award for Best Vote of Thanks.

The Regional Final heat was held on 11 March 2017 at Catmose College, Oakham. The subject for the Intermediate team comprising Florence Brown, Elizabeth Mott and Georgia Bell was "Mistreatment of Animals". Unfortunately, although well delivered, their passionate presentation was not rewarded with a place. Success and a place in the National Final, was, however, well earned by the Senior team whose subject was, "Discrimination". Moreover, Kenneth Sparks also won best Chairman, Joe Betts best Speaker and Thomas Nguyen best Vote of Thanks – a clean sweep!

The National Final is at Telford on 7th May. I am planning to attend.

Young Musician

The low take-up of places for this year meant that all local musicians qualified for direct entry into the District competition held at John Ferneley College on 4th March. The day was successful and well attended.

It was noted that a number of entries were the result of advertising in the local press and contacting music tutors.

Young Designer

Arrangements are being made for the local heat to be held at MV16 with judges provided by Belvoir and our club. David Wilson (MV16) kindly and ably undertakes the main co-ordinating and organisational role and we are most grateful for his help and guidance.

Young Artist

This was a new competition for the group this year. Mike Rowe's successful promotional efforts produced 3 entries in the Senior section and 15 at Intermediate level.

As leader of the Youth Committee for the year, I am pleased to acknowledge and am most grateful for the help and support of the committee members and club.

Report of the Interact Officer - Diana Osborne

An Interact Club has continued to meet regularly at MV16. There have been approximately eight members who have supported the club.

They have organised fund raising activities to support a charity working with Youth Mental Health.

Jane Horn and I have held discussions with staff at John Ferneley College with the expectation of establishing a new club there.

Community Service Committee - *Helen Bett*

Community has had another very busy and successful year. The committee and the whole club have been supportive of all activities.

Kids Out at Twin Lakes

This took place on 22 September when children, teachers, support staff and carers from Birch Wood School visited Twin Lakes for the day. This year they were joined by children from the special unit at Sherard Primary School and we were supported in this by Melton Belvoir Club. However, raising money for this special day out is becoming a greater and greater challenge,

Go Purple for Polio

An addition to this year's agenda was the selling and donating of 10,000 crocus corms around the town. Reports of wonderful displays of our bulbs show that it was a worthwhile event. As well as donating bulbs to the Town Estate (planted round the Rotary sundial), and Melton in Bloom (St Mary's Church), I also visited several primary schools to give an assembly about 'Go Purple' and the 'End Polio Now' campaign and donated bulbs to schools. Each also received a wooden sign kindly made by Geoff Goodwin to advertise our efforts. Within the club we continued to raise money by all wearing something purple on World Polio Day and also by buying chutney made with Janet's apples, and wearing handmade crocus brooches.

Senior Citizens' Contact Tea Party

This was again held at Burton Lazars village hall in October and was very well attended by approximately 40 elderly people and their drivers. They enjoyed sandwiches, trifle and cakes provided by the committee and Ladies in Rotary. It was a lovely event which was clearly enjoyed by the elderly and much food was also taken home in 'doggy bags'. Special thanks to Fiona for her mountain of sandwiches and to everyone who provided food, waited on tables and washed up afterwards.

Christmas Tree Festival

'Go Purple' was this year's theme and a beautiful tree (thanks Ian) was decorated with crocus 'baubles' and purple baubles (thanks Margaret) as well as some of our Rotary roundels. It was a good advert for the club and we had some appreciative comments. Thanks to Di and Margaret who helped to make the crocus baubles and to decorate the tree.

Christmas Parcels

Despite some misgivings amongst members about this community activity which we do together with Melton Belvoir Club, Lions and the Barnes Trust, the public continued to be very generous in their giving of food parcels. The Rotary Clubs were stationed at Sainsbury's with the Lions at Tesco. Thanks to everyone who gave time to collect food and also to sort, bag up and distribute parcels to the elderly around Melton.

Christmas Party

Kate made a Christmas cake to guess the weight and I presented 4 cards made by pupils at The Grove School for us to sign. We made £247 on these two activities.

Duck Race at Twin Lakes

It has been hard work this year to raise the amount of money we need to fund activities such as our Kids Out day. There are fewer club members able to help with duck selling at Twin Lakes and many visitors no longer bring cash with them. This is something that we will have to continue to put our creative minds to and why this year we have tried some different approaches with the market stall and the 'friends and family' sheets.

Stroke Awareness

Again we are joining with Melton Belvoir Club to highlight to local people the importance of knowing their blood pressure. As before, this is taking place in the Bell Centre and I would like to thank those who have volunteered to encourage the public to have their BP tested. I am also very grateful to Keith Yates from Melton Belvoir who has arranged most of the day and co-ordinated with Latham House , including bringing furniture to the empty unit.

Leicestershire Life Education.

(This continues to be a mystery to me but I have now received some information and accounts from Melton Belvoir Club which I shall be able to share with the committee and Club Council.) If members agree we will continue to support this cause which usually amounts to £1000.

In addition, as part of an effort to get our Rotary name out into the community, Ladies in Rotary joined with me in making 'morsbags' (handmade shopping bags) which included our logo and which we gave out free in the market on 15 April. They were well received and we gave out all 70 in an hour and a half.