



Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Monday 15 April 2019

1. Annual reports from the Council and Committees.

President Alison presented the Report¹, which was **received**.

2. Treasurer's report and proposed budget and determination of the entrance fee for the ensuing Rotary year.

Treasurer Kate proposed a Budget 2019-20 that included subscriptions of £147 for Lunch Club and £95 for Satellite Group Members. The Budget² was **agreed** with 1 against and 1 abstention.

3. Election of Honorary members

President Alison moved, and it was **agreed**, that Jenny Gretton and Mike Powderly be elected as Honorary Members for a further year.

4. Confirmation of the appointment of Chairs of Committees

President-Elect Adrienne moved, and it was **agreed**, that the following members serve as Chairs of Committees for 2019-20:

Club Service (Communications Graham Bett)	Malcolm Britton
Community Service (inc Environment)	Helen Bett
Youth Service (Interact Adrienne Holland)	Alan Odom
International Service	John Redwood
Foundation	Alison Blythe
Membership	Ian Neale
Satellite Group	Andrea Fiford

5. Election of the Ordinary Members of Club Council

President-Elect Adrienne moved, and it was **agreed**, that:

- the Chairs of Committees who are not officers of the Club - ie Helen Bett, Alan Odom, Ian Neale, Andrea Fiford - be elected as Ordinary Members of Club Council
- Martin Scholes, from the Satellite Group, be elected as an Ordinary Member of Club Council.

¹ Attached to these Minutes.

² Attached to these Minutes.

6. Appointment of examiners of the Club's Annual Accounts.

President-Elect Adrienne moved, and it was **agreed**, that Sarah Amos be appointed to examine the Trust Account and Jim Green be appointed to examine the Club Accounts.

7. Election of three representatives, and three substitutes, on the District Council 2019-20

President-Elect Adrienne moved, and it was **agreed**, that President Adrienne, President-Elect Malcolm and Secretary Graham be the Club's three representatives at the District Council 2019-20, with Alison Blythe, Gill Kendall and Alan Odom as the three substitutes.

Chair _____

Date _____



AGM 2019: Reports from Council and Committees

President – Alison Blythe

Our aim for this year was to consolidate, promote harmony and happiness within the club and encourage co-operation with the other Rotary clubs in town to further public recognition.

The joint tree planting was a good initiative and raised Rotary's profile as has the various activities and fund raising events throughout the year detailed in the following reports.

Several people have said to me "we didn't know Rotary did that sort of thing"! Membership has increased – and is still increasing with new intending members hoping to join by May. All events have been well organised and appreciated. New initiatives to embrace modern ways have been blended with the traditional – hopefully successfully.

At the time of writing this report we look forward to more successful fund raising whilst enjoying socialising both locally and in the wider field to further the aims and awareness of Rotary – its values and wider remits.

Club Service – Adrienne Holland

Much of the work done by Club Service supports that of the President and other committees and is therefore reflected in their reports.

- CPR training on behalf of the club and Heartwise has continued by a group of members.
- A good number of Shoeboxes were collected, predominantly from local Primary schools.
- Trees were successfully planted in the Play Close, in liaison with members of the Belvoir and Aurora Clubs.
- An enjoyable fellowship evening celebrated the opening of Soi, Atul's new restaurant.
- The Santa Fun Run, organised by a small sub-group, was held at the Country Park and proved to be a good event, despite a smaller number of participants.
- Minor Sports provided the team with some good evenings – but they had to withdraw from one which meant that we went no further in the competition.
- Our Christmas Party was a lovely evening, with excellent food and fellowship.
- Burns Night was, once again, extremely successful and hugely enjoyable. Many thanks go to Ben for all the hard work that he puts into organising such a good event and to Bob for the unfailing support he provides.
- Our 91st Charter attracted record numbers and was a great success.

Events to come;

- A Foundation supper at the Rural Catering Centre on May 9th.
- A Quiz Night at the British Legion on April 12th.
- The Duck Race will be Monday 27th May; we are hopeful that every member will sell tickets at Twin Lakes, the Market Place, Play Close and at home - and come along on the day to support what is our main fund-raising activity.
- The Presidential Garden Party will be at Tresillian House on June 29th.

Community Service – Helen Bett

Community has had another busy and successful year. Thanks to everyone who supported our activities.

This year Birchwood School, chose to use our donations for **Kids Out** for a day-out visit for older pupils and to support 'eye-gaze' technology for severely disabled children.

£50 was raised by selling jars of '**Mrs Bett's Famous Apple Chutney**' which was made using a delicious selection of apples donated by Janet Shortland and tomatoes from Alison Blythe.

The **Senior Citizens' Contact Tea Party** 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 a wonderful tea provided by the committee and Ladies in Rotary. It was a lovely event which was clearly enjoyed by the elderly people and much food was also taken home in "doggy bags".

"Be the Inspiration" was this year's theme at the **Christmas Tree Festival** and a beautiful tree was decorated with new blue and gold baubles as well as our Rotary roundels. It was a good advert for the club and we had some appreciative comments.

We were unable to collect donations for **Christmas Parcels** at Sainsbury's, but the event went ahead with purchased foods and the Lions' collection at Tesco. Members sorted and delivered parcels and much was also donated to Storehouse. This scheme is currently in a state of change.

We applied successfully for a District Foundation Grant of £500 towards the cost of **Leicestershire Life Education** and monitoring is currently taking place.

Kate made a Christmas cake which we raffled at our **Christmas Party** and pupils at Great Dalby School made a delightful card for us all to sign. We made £230 on these two activities.

The date and location of the **Duck Race** was changed to make it relevant and accessible to local people. The race took place on Monday 28 May on the River Eye at the Melton Show. Printed raffle tickets made it easier to sell to the public and family and friends. We had a short and concentrated effort to sell to the public in the Market and at Melton Show over the Bank Holiday weekend. This is now classed as a 'whole club' event. We raised £1000 net.

We joined with Melton Belvoir Club to highlight the importance of people knowing their blood pressure for **Stroke Awareness Day**. This took place in the Bell Centre.

More **Morsbags** (handmade shopping bags) which include our logo were given out for free in the Market when we sold duck tickets. These were very well received.

International Service – Janet Shortland

The committee have continued their collection of spectacles, cartridges, and foreign currency. One box of cartridges has been sent, received £5.00. The foreign currency will be taken to the District at the July meeting. Proceeds from the sale of currency, will go towards polio eradication.

After advice from District 1070, the £100 donated in response to the Kerala disaster was sent to Shelter Box.

The Philippines Project is still ongoing. Final estimates and plans for the toilet block have been received and approved. John and Alison are in the process of completing a District Foundation Grant application. Two fund raisers are planned to meet a shortfall of approximately £1200.00. The first is a Fashion Show on 3 May at Asfordby Parish Hall by Colours, and the second is a concert in the Autumn at St Marys Church. These, and additional grant, should cover the shortfall. Further fund-raising projects are being looked into.

No further communication has been received from Towcester Rotary club regarding a joint international project.

Youth Service – Malcom Britton

As previously, the strength of the Youth Services Committee has been the collaboration between the three Melton Rotary Clubs giving wide opportunities to children and young people in this area:

Some of the highlights of the year have been:

- enabling a candidate from The Hub to benefit from the Young RYLA adventures at White Hall Outdoor Education Centre, Derbyshire in February
- sponsoring Gregory Scotland, a young talented violinist, to attend the International Music Camp in San Diego for the second year, by special invitation
- nominating Zoe Glasgow for the RIBI Young Citizen Award. Zoe, aged 17, triumphs over the effects of Turner Syndrome and is very active in the Turner Syndrome Society as a speaker and fund-raiser
- the excited response at local primary schools when we present the Rotary Star Awards
- the renewed enthusiasm for Young Musician through local music teachers, with seven young people qualifying for the Regional Finals
- continuing high standards for Youth Speaks where the Harington School team made it to the district finals. The success of Harington and Catmose teams illustrates how crucial it is to have an enthusiastic member of staff to guide and encourage the teams
- the much-valued collaboration of the staff of Stapleford Park Country House Hotel in providing valuable practice for the entrants in the Young Chef competition
- ongoing work with Young Designer, Young Photographer and Young Artist competitions
- the receipt of £500 from the Sir Richard Raynes Foundation for youth work

Challenges:

- keeping abreast of the rapidly changing youth culture and pursuing projects and activities which engage young people in today's world
- the changing curricular demands on schools which increase time and staffing constraints on recruiting for Rotary competitions.

Thanks are due to colleagues from Melton Rotary clubs for their guidance and active participation.

The Interact Group at MV16 has a small but committed team of four students. They prepared for a Cake Stall on a Saturday market, but extremely strong winds meant that the event was cancelled. Nevertheless, they raised about £90 towards their chosen charity by selling their cakes to family and friends.

Their next venture is a Quiz, hosted by Richard Angrave, at MV16 on Friday May 24th. Teams of up to four will be welcome; they will be provided with light refreshments. The cost is £5 per person and adult players are welcome to bring a bottle.

Interact need a lot of encouragement and support in order to raise funds for their chosen charity; the provision of "EyeGaze" at Birch Wood School.

The Rotary Foundation – John Dehnel

Fund-raising for our own charity has continued during the year. The club agreed that a minimum of 10% of funds raised by club fund-raising activities would be donated to The Rotary Foundation – helping towards a target of approximately £75 per member (a total club target of £3250). Additional money towards this has come from personal donations from a few members and an interim payment from Club funds of £1500. To date, donations to the Annual Fund amount to £370. It is hoped the club will approve a further payment to achieve the target by the end of June.

Additional funds have been raised and donated to the End Polio Now campaign, primarily from the sale of Christmas cards to members, raising £76.

This fund-raising supports the charitable activities of our Foundation across the world while some comes back to our club in the form of Global and District Grants.

This year The Rotary Foundation has awarded the Club £500 towards our support for the Life Education drugs awareness programme for Melton primary school children, and we are anticipating a further £1500 towards the toilet block and wash-stands at the school in the Philippines we have been supporting for many years.

We completed the reporting for the District Grant which paid 50% of the cost of equipping our Heartwise team, which has been teaching the essential skills of CPR and use of defibrillators across the District last year and this.

Satellite Group – Andrea Fiford

The Rotary Enterprise Group is gaining increasing momentum and attracting more young members this year following a series of successful Network Forum events and growing awareness of our Bursary scheme.

Members are local residents with business connections, who range in age between 28 to 70+. We meet together fortnightly to network and support one another, and we extend this support to others in the area looking to start up or who are in the early stages of their own business. This support may be networking, coaching through the wider Rotary network, and/or funding via our Bursary scheme. The Bursary Scheme aims to

- Make available a network of business coaches with specialisms in key business areas to assist local entrepreneurs
- Provide financial support, where applicable, to local 'start-up' and 'early stage' businesses through a small bursary scheme

We have had eleven Bursary applications to date and supported four applicants in the last year, with financial and /or business support, gifting a total sum of £700 towards business development costs. Finances to fund the Bursary scheme are raised by the group via community fundraising initiatives and a local community lottery.

Our Forum events are held 3 times a year and are open to the business community. Our last three speakers have covered: 'Why use video to promote your services and where do you start?'; 'The Bank of England's outlook for the economy'; and 'Celebrating Successful Women in Business in our Area'. The latter forum was linked to the International Women's Day. Future dates are on our Facebook and LinkedIn page.

Membership – Ian Neale

The Club has 45 Active Members, 7 of whom are in the Satellite Group. So far this year we have made a net gain of two members (+3 in the Lunch Club and -1 in the Satellite Group) and with three potential new members for the Satellite Group in the pipeline, we hope to achieve our target of a net gain of five members in the year.

Steve and John are looking at creating a Club specific new member information leaflet to give out at our various events.

We have continued our "membership interest and information lunches" that introduce potential members to Rotary and our Club. Although each one attracted only one or two interested people, they helped secure three new members to our Lunch meetings and one new member to the Satellite Group.

ROTARY CLUB OF MELTON MOWBRAY

GENERAL ACCOUNT BUDGET YEAR TO JUNE 2020

	Budget 2018/19				Costs to Date				1st Budget				Proposed Budget 2019/2020			
	No	£	£	£	No	£	£	£	No	£	£	£	No	£	£	£
INCOME																
Subscriptions	38	119	4522		35+	119	4252		38	120	4560		38	120	4560	
Subs Satellite	8	90	720		8	90	720		7	95	665		7	95	665	
Interest			5				5				5				5	
Income Total			<u>5247</u>				<u>4948</u>				<u>5230</u>				<u>5230</u>	
EXPENDITURE																
District Capitation - incl.Satellite	46	30.00	1380		Av.43	30.00	1,290		45	30.00	1350		45	30.00	1350	
RIBI Levy	38	60.00	2280		Av35+	62.00	2,210		38	62.00	2356		38	62.00	2356	
RIBI Levy Satellite	8	60.00	480		Av.8	62.00	496		7	62.00	434		7	62.00	434	
District Capitation - rebate			0				-258				0				0	
Rotary Packs/Leaflets			50				25				50				50	
Badges and Regalia			90				195				100				100	
Secretary/Treas/Postage			14				18				18				18	
Presidents Expenses			500				500				500				500	
Website			31				33				33				33	
Miscellaneous			350				306				350				350	
FLAGS for publicity			0				312				0				0	
Expenditure Total			<u>5175</u>				<u>5,127.00</u>				<u>5191</u>				<u>5191</u>	
Surplus for the Year			<u>72</u>				<u>-179</u>				<u>39</u>				<u>39</u>	

LUNCH FUND BUDGET YEAR TO 2019-2020

INCOME		38	26	988		35	26	910		38	26	988		38	27	1026
						3		33								
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EXPENDITURE																
Xmas Gratuity				250				250				250				250
Speakers/Guests				350				341				350				350
Functions																
Xmas Dinner				25				0				25				25
Charter Dinner				250				250				250				250
Lunches				100				99				100				100
Expenditure Total				<u>975</u>				<u>940</u>				<u>975</u>				<u>975</u>
Surplus for the Year				<u>13</u>				<u>3</u>				<u>13</u>				<u>51</u>

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Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray

Notes on Financial Sheet for Budget **2019-2020** details as at 11 April 2019

Note	Expense	Details	Cost to Date	Total	Proposed
1	Members Packs Membership Leaflets	RIBI	25.24 0.00	25.24	40.00 30.00
2	Badges Regalia	AW Matthews Badges	144.00 26.76	170.76	100.00
3	Sec/Treas Postage	Sec Exps Treas Exps Postage	0.00 0.00 18.00	18.00	100.00
4	Website	UK2	33.60	33.60	34.00
5	Miscellaneous	British Legion Wreath Printing Advertising (FLAGS) President's Gift Lottery Licence Xmas Tree Gratuity Accounts Lunch time donations/misc	50.00 165.00 312.22 0.00 20.00 39.00 19.97 0.00	606.19	50.00 165.00 0.00 50.00 20.00 40.00 20.00 100.00
6	Speakers/Guests	Visitors/Prospective Members	341.00	341.00	350.00
7	Xmas Dinner	Loss on Night	0.00	0.00	25.00
8	Charter Night	Loss on Night	250.00	250.00	350.00
9	Lunches	AWOL Unpaid	99.00	99.00	100.00
			1,543.79	1,543.79	1,574.00