

ROTARY CLUB of MELTON MOWBRAY
Minutes for Annual General Meeting
17th May 2010

Annual Reports

Reports were presented see appendix

Treasurers Report

A budget report for next year was tabled it was voted that next years subscriptions are £115.00 and the lunch fund levy remains at £26.00.

There was some discussion regarding the increase with 4 abstentions in the vote (non against)

Honorary Members

Lady Gretton continues as our only Honorary member, no new members proposed

Committee Chairs

The following were elected

Club Service	Pam Posnett
Community and Vocational Service	Pam Wiggins
International Service	Diane Osborne
Foundation	Mike Powderly
Fund Raising	Ron Edwards
Membership	Michael Osborne
Youth Activities	Jenny Foreman

Council Members

In addition to the Club officers the Committee Chairs were voted onto the Council. Ron Edwards and Michael Osborne would be non voting members due to a Constitutional conflict.

In addition Julia Hinde and Kate Theobald were elected as Council members. Martin Burton was the proposer, seconded by Ben Abbott.

Accounts inspection

It was agreed to ask Eric Cobley to inspect our accounts again.

District Representatives

John Horn, Pam Posnett and Richard Haines were elected

AOB

The Secretary asked if any members had a nomination for the position of District Governor 2013 / 2014. Members to consider, District have to be advised by the end of June.

Appendix, President and Committee Reports

President's Report for Club Council

If you cast your mind back to our Club Assembly in June 2009, I registered 5 key targets for the coming year. I firmly believe that the Club Council, Committees and Members have all contributed in achieving these beyond my expectations, in detail: -

1. To encourage a wider participation of members in projects and social events, and to have FUN during the coming year.

The environment at our Club meetings has been one of openness; friendly banter, fun and I believe effective involvement and contribution by the majority of our members. The social programme was wide ranging, and generally well supported. On many occasions I have received compliments from visitors as to their welcome and the 'friendly' ethos of our Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed the President's role.

2. Develop in the local community a 'desire' to be a Club member by taking every opportunity to demonstrate that the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray is an effective Service organisation and fun to be involved with.

During the year a Club brochure has been prepared and widely distributed at many of our functions, we have held a Rotary and Club Information / Awareness event, and recruited 4 new members. The 82nd Charter Dinner was oversubscribed. Publicity in the local press for our projects and functions has been regular, as well as supportive and very positive – a good relationship exists with local press.

3. As this year, individual committees will target to raise funds for specific projects, with support from the fund raising team. Other Charitable giving such as the Rotary Foundation target of \$100/member will be part of the general fund raising efforts.

The contributions to fundraising by individual committees for specific projects, and by the fundraising team for the more general charitable donations, has achieved results beyond our wildest expectations, many thanks to all Committee Chairs and members for their hard work and originality of ideas.

These actions have enabled my ambition of \$100/member for Rotary Foundation to be exceeded. Our Club's contribution is now closer to \$128/member, amongst the best in the District. Thanks also to an external donation in our Club's name.

The Club's Polio Challenge target has been exceeded, as well as a solid involvement and contribution into the ' Thanks for Life' project.

4. Over the year plan to balance Charitable Giving against Funds Raised.

Thanks to all the committees fund raising efforts we presently have, in the order of £2k of positive cash flow for the year in our Trust fund. This takes into account all our commitments, but excludes the potential income from the future planned events of Golf Day, and 3 Peaks Challenge. This amount is an overall figure, with differing balances for each committee, a brilliant achievement.

5. *Committee plans are again interesting, varied and challenging, in detail they are: -*

MEMBERSHIP

The committee has comprised Peter Briggs, Martin Burton, Brian Gromett, Chris Muris, Eric Cobley and Michael Osborne. We have met regularly during the current year. Our aims, as set out at Club Assembly at the beginning of the year, have been broadly achieved.

We undertook a membership review as at 30 June 2009, shared the information gained with Club Council, and gave a report to the Club. The strategy for the recruitment of new members has been followed. The new member orientation programme requires further work, although we have established mentor support for all new members.

We organised an information evening in November with the aim of explaining the aims of Rotary to members of the local community with the hope of attracting some additional members for the Club.

The attendance of members at Club meetings and participation in the Club's activities has been monitored. This information has been shared with members of Club Council. The summary of members' interests, prepared from the details provided by members, does however require updating. A questionnaire prepared by the district membership officer was circulated among club members and the responses summarised.

We have considered the issues relating to leave of absence and made proposals which Club Council have agreed.

The Almoner and others in the Club have offered sympathy and support to members during the year.

The requirement for the Presidential Citation, to have a net increase in membership of one at 1st April 2010, was met.

The Club has lost four members – Clive Watts, Frank Rinaldi, Angela Kirk and Richard Fisher during the year. We have been privileged to have Lady Gretton as an honorary member. The Club has inducted Chris Muris, Julia Hinde, Ian Neale and Brian Giller into membership during the current Rotary year. Our membership remains at 46, the same as at the beginning of the year.

Michael Osborne

CLUB SERVICE

The stated purpose of Club Service was, in support of President David, to provide a programme designed to attract as much participation as possible by all members, thus to foster good working relationships and fellowship, and therefore stimulate and encourage our Rotary Service for the benefit of our local community and international projects. I now thank all members of the Committee for their commitment, guidance and advice in creating such a programme for what I hope President David regards as a successful year. Similarly I thank all members of the Club for their involvement, not least, in fact most of all, David himself.

Some details.

Lunchtimes - we are grateful to Jenny, Gavin and their staff for their excellent service week by week and at various evening events. Steve Jeal has again organized an interesting range of speakers, locally the Mayor, Young Farmer, Magistrate, Rotaract, Youth Speakers, London Marathon, our own members, personal introductions and Club initiatives, international contributions on Immunisation in India, GSE visits to the Philippines, both in and out, and a visiting scholar. Yet to come, Catherine Allen with her DVD production "Exploring the Rotary Club, its' History and Traditions" – what will she reveal? Two variations – Committee Meetings at lunchtime (worth exploring further perhaps) and an interesting Museum Visit, with buffet from Sysonby Knoll.

Competitions (much enjoyed by the Club)

District Quiz – 2 teams this year – tough questions, but 1 team achieved 3rd place

Minor Sports - enterprising captaincy from Tony Lord and choice of sport is the key. Pea-shooting and conkers ensured victory over Grantham Kesteven, Oadby conceded, but a youthful Stamford St Martins triumphed by Wi Bowls, Jenga and Connect. Bowls v Belvoir, and Shooting v Rutland gave extra opportunities.

Social Events, thanks to the Fundraising Committee, included a Race Night and a very lively Burns Night.

Away from Melton – a small group went for a Derbyshire weekend, kindly organized by Bob McCord. A party of 27 went to Eastbourne for the District Conference and had a most enjoyable weekend. We were most grateful to David and Pam for their organization and hospitality

Finally the 2 regulars. First 77 members, families and friends attended the traditional Christmas Party and were in their customary good voice for "The 12 Days of". Second the 82nd Charter was held in March, a lively and enjoyable occasion in a convivial atmosphere, 120 present including Dick Parsley, D.G., and David Liddiatt, R.I. Director, 27 Rotary Clubs and other organisations represented, interesting speeches. Some aspects, however, do need further consideration in future.

There are, of course, two social events yet to come – the Safari Supper on June 5th, and the President's BBQ on July 19th. We are sure these will be as well supported as in the past.

John Horn, President-elect, Chair of Club Service Committee.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Showcase of Local Musical Talent

This was a successful evening in September with a concert in which the best of the musical youth talent from Melton and the surrounding area performed. The event raised the profile of Rotary in Melton and also raised funds to support the Club's youth budget. It is proposed that a similar concert is repeated in September each year.

Young Musician

23 young persons from Melton and the surrounding villages entered the competition in Melton in January. 6 of these progressed to the District Northern Semi Final in Melton in February. None of them reached the District final in Melton in March.

Young Chef

A competition was held in November each of the three senior schools in Melton with a total of 32 entrants. The winners competed in a Melton Final in December and the two winners from this then went on to compete at the District Final in Leicester in February.

Youth Speaks

A competition was held in November each of the three senior schools in Melton with a total of 8 teams entering. The winning teams competed in a District Semi Final in February in Grantham.

Young Designer

This competition is being held in June at the King Edward VII school

Interact

Another successful year with the membership peaking at 35. Whilst the meetings were less structured than previous years, the Club participated in a number of charitable activities.

Rotaract

Whilst the Club exists with a small number of dedicated members, they are having problems holding regular meetings on a day which suits each of their members. The Club is in urgent need of regeneration.

RYLA

Hannah May is being sponsored jointly by ourselves and the Belvoir Club

Budget

Funds raised by the Committee this year has totalled £1,177.98

Expenditure has totalled £1125.85

Surplus is £52.13

David Morris

INTERNATIONAL

Ongoing Projects

All the planned ongoing projects were delivered.

Philippines

Various items of medical equipment costing £370 were sent to Leyte and Siquijor, under the direction of Richard Fisher. There is a balance left from the District grant to be spent.

A second large container of school and medical equipment was despatched to Cebu, and its contents were very welcome. The GSE team from District 1070 saw some of the items being put to use during their visit. The committee wishes to record its thanks to Janet Shortland for organising a lunch which raised funds towards these projects, and to Tony and Sasha Lord for their considerable help with the logistics regarding the accumulation of contents and shipment of the container.

Spectacles Collection

This has continued, through the efforts of Joe Carrington.

Polio Challenge

The third annual contribution of £700 has been sent to District. Thanks are due to Pam Posnett, John Redwood, Marshall Pobjoy and Richard Fisher for organising a quiz night and smaller quizzes. Richard Fisher collected donations in respect of talks given about his trip to Everest base camp. Donations have been received from collecting tins, in particular from Twinlakes, towards the challenge.

Shelter Boxes

Due to the generosity of members and others in the community who had been made aware of the commitment of Rotary to fund shelter boxes, the funds to purchase six boxes have been sent by the Club at a cost of £2940. In addition four water aid boxes costing £600 have been funded.

New Projects

The Group Study Exchange team from the Philippines was hosted over the weekend of the District Conference. The Club's nominee for a member of the team to visit the Philippines was successful and he has reported to the Club on the visit.

The Committee, with Richard Fisher, John Dehnel and Joe Carrington being primarily responsible, supported the Thanks for Life initiative by organising a meal at an Indian restaurant in Oakham, jointly with the Rutland and Uppingham Clubs. This, together with other fundraising, enabled £434 to be sent to Foundation from our club and a further £331 from the other clubs involved.

Plans are being made for a group from the Club to attend the Polio National Immunisation Day in India during November 2010.

Thanks

Thanks are due to the members of the committee for their hard work and enthusiasm, especially for the leadership of Richard Fisher, who we wish well in his new home.

Diana Osborne

FUND RAISING

Events held

Cycle Challenge	£2600
Race Night	£980
Burns Night	£252

Event planned

Golf Day (21st May)	£1250
3 Peaks Challenge (22nd/23rd June)	£2500

In addition to the above a Wishing Well has been purchased and will shortly be installed at Twin Lakes

Ron Edwards

COMMUNITY AND VOCATIONAL

This has been a busy year for the Community and Vocational Team. We started the year with a list of projects, not knowing how or where the funds would come from.

We started to work towards the cost of our projects by carrying out cake raffles at the lunch- time meetings.

We only just had enough money to provide the pots of Flowering Hyacinths for the Blind, and these were delivered to them at their last meeting before Christmas.

A lot of time and effort was put into the preparation of the Rotary Christmas Tree decorations. We were pleased with the results of the committee's handiwork in presenting the completed tree at the St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Event

We had the Christmas Food Parcels for the Elderly project, which is run jointly with The Belvoir Club and Lions. Once again lots of Rotarians rallied round to encourage shoppers to make food donations, others sorted the food collected and Rotarians delivered it.

A Christmas Card was created by the youngsters at Asfordby School. The Club members agreed not to send Christmas Cards to each other, but instead they would make a donation and sign the Asfordby Card. This enabled the Team to gain valuable funds for our projects and we were pleased to be able to provide several copies of the Dictionaries for Life to the School as a thank you.

In February, we carried out a joint project with the Ladies in Rotary, to provide a surprise 70th Birthday party for the Chairman of the Melton Tigers Disabled Sports and Social Group. The Ladies prepared the food and four of us decorated their meeting room and served the food and drinks to them. A great time was had by all.

In Case of Emergency cards continue to be a focus. These have been placed in the Computer shop and the details included on the What's on in Melton web site run by one of our former members.

Our Stroke Awareness Day was held in April and resulted in 4 people being referred back to their Doctors for further health investigations. Although there were numerous problems in managing this years event, we can never lose sight that this project not only raises awareness but can also save lives.

Kids Day out is our next project and this will take place on the 9th June. This year the focus is very much about the children. We will not only provide them with special Tee-shirts, they will also receive a back pack each. We are also investigating the possibility of providing Rain capes for them and providing extra food for the journey home.

As I said at the beginning of this report, funding for projects has been a major problem. With that in mind a Duck Race was organised at Twin Lakes. With the help of Phil Bendall, his Team and customers and many Rotarians, we were able to raise over £3,500. This together with the donations received, has taken funds raised by the Committee to over £6,000.

Although we have not been able to complete all of the projects indicated in last years Club Assembly, we now have the funds to take these projects forward and look for new ones, which will benefit the local community.

I would like to end this report by thanking everyone on the Committee for their hard work during the past year. I would also like to thank all the organisations and individuals for their amazing generosity in giving donations for our Kids Day Out project. I would also like to thank all of those Rotarians for the time and effort that they have put in to make our projects so successful.

Pam Wiggins