

**ROTARY CLUB of MELTON MOWBRAY**  
**Minutes for Annual General Meeting**  
**2th May 2012**

## **Annual Reports**

Reports were presented see appendix

## **Treasurers Report**

A budget report for next year was tabled, it was proposed by Bob McCord that the subscriptions should remain at £110.00 and the Lunch levy remain at £26.00. this seconded by Richard Haines and agreed by members.

## **Honorary Members**

Lady Gretton continues as a Honorary member

## **Committee Chairs**

The following were elected

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| Club Service                     | Diana Osborne  |
| Community and Vocational Service | Ian Neale      |
| International Service            | Bill Hill      |
| Foundation                       | Alison Blythe  |
| Fund Raising                     | Mike Rowe      |
| Membership                       | David Morris   |
| Youth Activities                 | Richard Abbott |

## **Council Members**

Committee Chairs were voted onto the Council.

In addition Kate Theobald and Jenny Foreman were elected as Council members proposed R Haines seconded Julia Hinde

## **Accounts inspection**

It was agreed to ask Eric Cobley to inspect our Trust accounts and James Green our Club accounts

## **District Representatives**

Julia Hinde and Diana Osborne and James Wiggins were elected

## **AOB**

None

## Presidents Report

Firstly may I apologise for my non attendance today but it was unavoidable.

I am sure you will have a good meeting and be as impressed as I am when I look at all the work our committees have done over the past year.

I have enjoyed my year as your President and when I look back I realise how quickly it has gone.

We have had a variety of speakers who have been interesting and informative, I really don't know how Steve does it.

The Youth Committee have had a great year with their projects and I did enjoy Youth Speaks and presenting the award to the Young Chef. I believe this is one of our strengths promoting young people and assisting them in achieving their aims.

I also believe that how the Youth Committee works is the way of the future for Rotary, that is working with other clubs so that we can do so much more be it running competitions or raising funds to help others either locally or internationally.

The work that we do with Interact also demonstrates how we work with other clubs to help the young to develop and grow in confidence, they have been so successful this year in raising funds that they have donated to Shelter Box and Mencap. We must never forget these young people are Rotarians of the future.

The International Committee, again another successful year with the Philipines, it was good that some of our members could visit again this year and actually order and buy the items that they required. They have also been part of a Global Grant again another way of being able to help so much more when working with other clubs.

Com Voc again have had a good year the Duck Race allowed us to spread the message of Rotary when we collected at Twin Lakes. The money raised is vital for our success in all the projects they do. The launching of the ducks this year was a very innovative way Gavin as the launch master has promised us that next year they will be launched with a bang. Kids day out although has proved a little difficult to arrange this year with local schools working on Olympic Projects will take place and again I know how much the young look forward to it. Birch Wood are so pleased that this year you are taking their pupils to Twin Lakes it will be less travelling for them.

The Fund Raising Committee what can I say about them other than thank you for all the hard work you did for me personally in assisting with the Race Night for Birch Wood School that the 3 Rotary Clubs organised together. The school have now got the building and Ian Neale with one of his many hats on is helping them with planning the unit, they are hopeful that they will be able to use it from September. Also my Presidents Charity Night without the help of the members particularly Ron with his Auctioneering skills would not have been as successful as it was.

Club Service have been invaluable to me in supporting my year as President their help and advice has been invaluable. My Charter evening would not have been as enjoyable as it was without their hard work particularly Julia who had the task of arranging it all. It was a particularly proud evening for me when my son was the speaker

Club Council have kept me on the straight and narrow, thank you Diana and Michael for allowing us to meet in Harwood House.

I know I haven't been the normal President having to miss meetings because of my other commitment and certainly without the help particularly of Richard Julia and Diana I would have found it so much more of a task than an enjoyable event.

Thank you for putting up with me.

**Pam**

## Youth Committee Report

### Competitions

Young Musician: Tony Field; Penny Hancox  
Youth Speaks: Eric Sylt; Linda Moore  
Young Writer: Maggie Saunders; Linda Moore  
Young Photographer: Eric Sylt; Jane Abbott  
Young Chef: Brian Sollitt; Jenny Foreman  
Young Designer: Eric Sylt; Jim Schofield

### Other Activities

Rotary Stars: Dennis Hurst; Penny Hancox  
RYLA: Maggie Saunders; Chris Muris  
Youth Exchange: Tony Pick; Chris Muris

This year we have again enjoyed the total commitment of all members of the committee. Everyone has worked very hard to ensure that the information, relating to the many and varied opportunities offered to young people by Rotary, was disseminated as widely as possible.

Also our ongoing collaboration with the Evening Club continues to work extremely well and makes for a helpful and productive division of labour. Without this collaboration our participation would be on a much smaller scale.

Finally, we were all very sorry about the resignation of Chris Muris who had high hopes for his role in obtaining local support for the Youth Exchange scheme.

### COMPETITION UPDATE

#### YOUNG CHEF

Our participants in the District Final had their last training session at Stapleford Park Hotel on 12 January under guidance of head chef David Ellams. For the first time we had entries from Belvoir High School in Bottesford.

We entered the three winners in the District Final on 21 January 2012; Tom Mallender, Lydia Swift and Hannah Digby. Unfortunately Hannah was unwell and was unable to take any further part in the competition. On the other hand Lydia Swift was placed first in the Final and went on to represent the District at the Regional Final in Ilkeston.

#### YOUNG DESIGNER

Deadline for Rotary clubs to reserve places 12 May 2012

#### YOUNG MUSICIAN

Despite a considerable push on advance publicity, entries this year were down again. Nevertheless, the local competition was successful and very well supported by both parents and Rotarians and a number of participants went forward to the Northern District Semi Final.

#### YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER

Entry requirements discussed with Melton Vale Post 16 Centre (MV16)  
No entries received.

### YOUTH SPEAKS

Entries from Melton Young Farmers and Catmose College were received. Both organisations had an entry in both intermediate and senior sections. The 'bar' was raised by the inclusion of Catmose College who joined us, for the first time.

The domination of this competition at District level, by grammar/independent schools, has diminished. This justifies the amount of work done by the organisers to introduce adjustments to the make-up of the adjudicating panels and clarify their guidelines.

For the first time two District semi finals were hosted by the Melton Vale Post 16 Centre.

### YOUNG WRITER

Entries were anticipated from a number of primary schools.

Ultimately, we had 8 entries from the Grove school, but none from the other 12 schools contacted.

### ROTARY STARS

This is a new scheme and following much perseverance by Dennis and Penny expressions of interest have been received from the following schools and it is envisaged that several presentations will be made in June:

Old Dalby  
Gaddesby  
Great Dalby  
Somerby  
Captains Close.  
Asfordby Hill  
Frisby

We have our first presentation of a Rotary Star plus certificate and book token to Harry Bonney who is described as "courteous, hard working and someone who "gets stuck in."

### RYLA

Our candidate this year is Sally Crewe who has contributed £100 toward the cost of her participation in this activity.

### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

After a number of trials and tribulations we have three participants this year and details are with District. The Evening Club are sponsoring two candidates Jessica Tierney from Asfordby Valley and Rebecca Bates from Waltham. We have one candidate, Isabel Cocker from Harby.

Particular thanks go to Tony Pick. Linda Moore and Jane Abbott for their efforts to ensure that these young people were able to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

**Jenny Foreman**  
May 2012

## International Committee Report

The majority of the projects that we planned for the year were successfully concluded.

We were successful with our application for a district grant to help fund the cost of providing medical equipment for The Philippines. The District provided £1000, to which the Club has added £1166, raised mainly through fundraising with the lamb roast and quiz evening. The equipment has been purchased during a recent visit to District 3860 in The Philippines led by John Dehnel, with the support of Eric Hall, Joe Carrington, Pat Luckett and Kathryn Manderson. A variety of equipment has been provided with the assistance of local Rotarians for hospitals and clinics in Cebu, Tubigon, Siquijor and Leyte.

The collection of spectacles for reuse has continued through the efforts of Joe Carrington. Some 97 pairs have been donated to Sight Savers.

A fifth annual contribution of £2,500 towards the Polio Challenge has been sent to our District. This was funded by monies raised from the Three Peaks Challenge and donations including those from collecting tins at Twinlakes.

The cost of a shelter box has been met largely from a donation of £500 out of fundraising by the Interact Club.

Our Club supported a major project to provide a safe water supply to a village in Mali whereby we fronted a successful claim for a Rotary Global grant. Funding from the UK was provided by clubs in District 1190. That project has been completed and the successful outcome can be seen in the photographs on our website.

Our Club has supported the Ranger project, to provide a medical service using motorbikes in Africa, which our District has been encouraging, with a donation of £200.

Thanks are due to the members of the committee for their support during the year. Special mention should be made of the support from John Dehnel who has been this year's Foundation Chairman of our District 1070.

**Diana Osborne**

## Foundation.

1. The Club has made its annual contribution of \$100 per member.
2. We have received 3 district grants.
3. International have matched the grant and donated funding via clubs in the Philippines for medical equipment.
4. A joint grant through the presidents of the 3 Melton clubs was matched and work is in progress at a local school.
5. The third grant via Com/Voc was not taken up this year for logistic reasons.
6. The club has actively raised funds towards research into the eradication of polio.

**R.Abbott** Foundation officer.

## Fund Raising Committee

This has been a difficult year for fund raising. Circumstances have dictated that we have had to cancel both the bike ride and the Gold Day, both of which usually net us around £2,000 each per year. Fortunately, the decision taken in 2008, that committees should, where possible, fund their own activities, has meant that this has not impacted significantly on club activities.

On the plus side, the Santa Fun Run attracted around 30% more entries than last year, with a net profit of £3,087.47, and we are anticipating an even greater number of entries next year.

The Wishing Well which Phil kindly allowed us to install at Twin Lakes provided £320.30 (by the end of April, so more can be anticipated), plus certain unmentionable donations! E-bay and Amazon sales raised a further £339.63 (again by the end of April).

The committee also provided support to the President through the Race Night, at Birchwood School, which raised £1,264.45, and further assistance was provided in the organisation of the very successful Dinner held at St. Mary's church.

According to the Club Treasurer's latest report, the Committee had raised £6,493.73 in total to provide for those club activities and donations not covered by the fund raising of the service committees.

My thanks to the members of the Committee for all their hard work this year, and to those members of the Club who have provided generous support to our activities.

**Mike Rowe, Chair**