



Minutes of the District Council meeting

Tuesday, 17th April 2012

Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel

Corby

District Governor Linda May

District Council Meeting, Tuesday 17th April 2012

District Governor Linda May chaired the meeting which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel on Tuesday, 17th April 2012 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There were 124 Rotarians present from 63 Clubs. (Area A 9; B 11; C 7; D 12; E 9; F 8 & G 7 Clubs represented).

C. 11/12. 50 Welcome and Apologies:

District Governor Linda welcomed all who were present, in particular the PDGs and Simon Turner (acting Rotaract Chairman); all named were invited to stand and be recognised.

Apologies were received from:

PDGs: Ron Watson, Dan Connan, John Butcher, Ken McKellar, Eric Copley, Martin Bridge & Neville Hackett

Officers: Geoff Blurton (AG Area E), Tim Tucker (AG Area G), Janet Sinclair (New Generations – Rotaract)

Clubs: Ashby Castle, Boston, Boston St. Botolph, Corby, Hinckley, Kempston, Kimbolton Castle, Peterborough, Stamford, Stamford Burghley, Stamford St Martin's

Individuals: Presidents - Malkiat Khinda, Margaret Dooley, Phil Norton, Malcolm Mann, Gerry Colyer
Secretary's – Sue Roberts, Sue Fidler, Joyce Boddey: Rotarians – John Cartwright, Graham Scorthorne

C. 11/12. 51 Act of Remembrance:

District Governor Linda named the following Rotarians known to have passed to higher service since the previous Council meeting.

Rev Stan Condon (Thrapston & Raunds), John Homan (Kempston), Frank Plummer (Towcester)

She also paid respects to Jill Idell, wife of John Idell and long time supporter of D1070.

All present stood as a formal act of remembrance.

C.11/12. 52 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

PDG Richard Hyde proposed the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 23rd January 2011 should be agreed as a true record. Seconded by PDG Roger May and unanimously approved.

The minutes were signed by District Governor Linda.

C. 11/12. 53 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

C. 11/12. 54 District Governor's Report:

District Governor Linda had attended many Charters since January, with quite a few Clubs celebrating significant dates. She thanked Clubs for their hospitality to both her and her drivers, also thanking husband PDG Roger May for his support.

She had enjoyed the finals of many Youth events in D1070 witnessing some excellent performances and achievements. She gave a big thank you to the New Generations team, under the leadership of Mary Whitehead, for all their hard work.

The new Rotaract Club of Leicester will be chartered on 9th June, further details from Gemma Kiddy, RC of Leicester Novus. District Governor Linda was also pleased to announce that the provisional Club of Kettering Tresham will charter on 30th June and look forward to starting the new Rotary Year as a fully fledged Rotary Club. She congratulated President Andrea and thanked all those involved.

RIBI Conference

District Governor Linda reported on events taking place at the Business Meeting at the RIBI Conference last Saturday. Electronic voting was trialled but failed since the system could not cope with the numbers voting.

Proposed changes to the RIBI Board and DG Forum were approved following minor amendments.

Provision for a review in 3 years time was added to the 4th Resolution.

The 5th to 13th Resolutions all went through without any problem.

The 14th Resolution included a quorum when online voting was used. RC of Holbeach was successful in proposing that the quorum for the vote be raised from 25% to 50%. Their other propositions were then withdrawn.

A proposition from RC of Wollaton to prevent past RIBI Presidents from chairing an RIBI Committee was defeated and their next similar motion withdrawn.

There was plenty of interesting debate and the meeting transmitted online.

The Sunday morning of Conference featured award presentations.

- RC of Grantham won a PR Award for their Global Swimathon
- District 1070 was awarded the Best Performing District in Youth Exchange

District Governor Linda presented the Youth Exchange award to Colin Yarwood (Peterborough Ortons).

Changemaker Awards had arrived the previous day from Evanston. "President Kalyan designed these awards to encourage Clubs to both achieve a balance and improve effectiveness in each Avenue of Service, while creating positive and significant changes worldwide".

District Governor Linda presented the awards to Presidents, or representatives of Clubs.

Clubs qualifying for Changemaker Awards are: Grantham, Grantham Kesteven, Hinckley, Hinckley Ambion, Leicester de Montfort, Leicester Novus and Oadby.

The RI Presidential Citation Certificates are not expected to arrive until after the RI Convention.

District Governor Linda announced that, due to other commitments in the District, she will be unable to attend the RI Convention this time. She asked if anyone planning to attend Convention could contact District Secretary Barry to arrange to take the votes from Clubs on her behalf.

C. 11/12. 55 District Secretary's Report:

Databases

A few Club Secretaries had yet to enter details of Club Officers on the District Database. However, since sending a reminder to Club Secretaries a week ago, for 2012/13, only 4 Presidents, 4 Secretaries and 5 Treasurers are missing. He congratulated those Club Secretaries who had entered the data and acknowledged the frustration of having to enter the information 3 times: RI Global Database, District Database and District Directory.

With regard to **RI Global Database** - RIBI contacted him yesterday to advise that the details of 16 Club Presidents and 15 Club Secretaries are still not entered!

He has sent an email to all Club Secretaries asking them to complete their entries.

Governance

District Secretary Barry stressed the need for Clubs to run their affairs correctly. Legally, compliance is essential and RIBI insurers may not indemnify if rules are not adhered to. One particular point was emphasised: in order to change **meeting times** Clubs need approval from District Governor Linda and the General Council.

He emphasised that the District Team were in Office to advise clubs.

Council on Legislation

Provisional dates for CoL are 21st to 26th April 2013.

RI has received 376 items of proposed legislation. As a result of some of the decisions at the RIBI conference, proposed items of legislation from RIBI will be included, although they will need to seek some amendments.

RIBI Conference – Business Session

District Secretary Barry congratulated RC Holbeach for their tenacity and in particular Colin Scott, who has been like a terrier. The Club got proxy voting through COL in 2010.

He reminded delegates that last year we got somewhat of a "bloody nose" at the RIBI business session at Dublin. However, that started many Clubs in RIBI thinking about fair representation of voting at an RIBI Conference.

Following contact and meetings with RIBI, it has been agreed that on line voting will be part of future business sessions at RIBI conferences, and with a more realistic proportion of delegates to form a quorum.

Holbeach and Colin – well done. They have proven what can be done from Club level in influencing RIBI policy!

Colin Scott (Holbeach) said he would take these comments back to his Club. He thanked District Governor Linda for persuading General Council, PDG Richard Hyde for his representation at CoL, PDG Iain Vernon for seconding the motion at the RIBI Conference, the whole of D1070 for their support and especially District Secretary Barry for his help, support, encouragement, advice and direction. A great team effort.

District Assembly – 12th May 2012

- Replies to Registration Officer – PDG Dick Parsley by the 1st May
- Registration including lunch and coffee during the day £17.50
- Registration without lunch, but including coffee (on arrival and mid morning) £5
- Registrations after the 1st May attract a surcharge of £2.50

District Handover

Details have been sent out that day by email to all Clubs, District Officers and PDG's

District Directory 2012-13

Details of Club entries have been sent to all Clubs. District Secretary Barry reminded Club Secretaries that final versions must be sent direct to the printers and the dates had been advised for submission and alterations.

Election for District Governor 2015/16

Requests for nominations have been sent to all Clubs and District Officers that day by email, requesting nominations and CV's to be return to District Secretary Barry by the 20th June 2012

District Standing Orders

These were last revised following the District Council meeting in April 2011. Since then there have been several amendments passed by this District Council (Conference budgeting, District Directories) and it is intended to bring Standing Orders up to date to reflect these decisions at the July 2012 District Council meeting.

Copies of the proposed revisions will be sent to all Clubs in good time for that meeting.

Any comments - please contact District Secretary Barry as soon as possible (not to change any previously agreed procedure, as that would require a proposal to another District Council meeting, but on any grammatical corrections etc)

Protection

Protection Officer David Brown said he will be at District Assembly and offered to visit any session.

Health & Safety

H&S Officer John Steedman will issue a set of simple guidelines at District Assembly.

He urged Clubs to continue their efforts with H&S but reiterated he will not issue standard risk assessments as each event is unique. He stressed there is no substitute for common sense.

Correspondence

District Secretary Barry has received a letter from the Torquay conference authority inviting the District to consider their venue for the future, reminding us that most of their facilities are provided free of charge.

This will be passed to the Conference Committee.

Change of Club Details

Rotary club of Leicester De Montfort

Wef 18th April 2012 - New meeting venue:

Encore Hotel on Charles Street. Leicester

C. 11/12. 56 District Treasurer's Report:

Adoption of the Examined Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2011

District Secretary Barry stated that he had written to all Clubs on 8th April stating that submission and examination of the accounts had not been finalised, so unfortunately this item has had to be withdrawn again.

This item will be held over until the July Council meeting. He apologised for the delay.

Accounts for the year to date up to 31st March 2012

The District Treasurer commented that high spending months are approaching with activities coming to fruition. RYLA deposits have been paid. Bills for DOTS and PETS received.

He has received a number of queries regarding capitation fees and requested these be put in the minutes for reference.

- **District Capitation £31 per capita (as voted for at the January District Council meeting)**
- **RIBI subs £46 + £2.75 for marketing (3rd year as voted for at a previous RIBI Conference)**

C. 11/12. 57 Conference Committee 2011 –Examined Accounts for year ending 31st December 2011

District Governor Linda confirmed that conference accounts run from January to December (not the Rotary year). A subvention of £5,000 has been received resulting in a surplus of £6,500, credit to those who did the work.

PDG Andrew Cowling proposed the Conference Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2011 be adopted and approved. Seconded by PDG Roger May and unanimously approved.

C. 11/12. 58 Assistant Governors' Reports:

AG reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Each AG was asked if they wished to update their reports, with the exception of Area D & F, all who were in attendance didn't have any updates or comments.

Area D

Terry Gooding congratulated the 5 Clubs in Area D receiving Changemaker Awards. He thanked all Clubs for their friendship and helpfulness during his 3 years in office. He has enjoyed being Assistant Governor.

Area F

Peter Brearley (Area B) updated Item 4 in his report – RC Daventry now has a complete succession plan. Other Assistant Governors had nothing to add to their reports.

District Governor Linda thanked retiring AG's Geoff Richardson, Terry Gooding and Peter Brearley for their hard work during their 3 year terms of Office.

C. 11/12. 59 Showcasing the work of the District Com Voc Committee

Chairman Tony Robbs introduced his Com Voc team and led the showcase of their activities.

Mark Winfield (Rushden) spoke enthusiastically about Calvert Trust and the incredible impact on attendees, a life changing experience for those with physical or mental challenges. 28 are going this year but the centre is expanding and will be able to take 35 in future. Mark offered to visit Clubs to speak about Calvert.

Kids Out - 48 Clubs have registered for this project giving massive enjoyment to children who get so little.

Bryan Swain (Huntingdon Cromwell) will lead this event next year.

Tony spoke of Sailability offering to visit any Club not currently involved.

In the absence of Derek Wright (Peterborough Ortons) he reminded Clubs participating in Stroke Awareness of the need to notify the Stroke Society, inform Derek of their activities (number of blood pressures taken etc.) and get publicity.

Graham Cooper (Soar Valley) presented the Excitement of Science, a much smaller initiative. It was cancelled last year but 4 secondary schools are involved this year and will go to the Royal Institution, doubts over next year.

Bob Parfitt (Wellingborough Hatton) spoke of his Spring Clean initiative – details are on Facebook and the RIBI website. He suggested using other local groups to help.

Bill Watson (Shepshed Charnwood) announced the results of the 3 competitions run by Com Voc. These awards recognise Club efforts, create publicity and give ideas for other Clubs to follow. There were some excellent entries with very close results especially in the competition for the Community Shield where only 2 marks separated the winner and runner-up. Winners are:

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| • Vocational (construction of a Santa Sleigh) | RC Holbeach (retaining the award) |
| • Environment (recycling project) | RC Holbeach |
| • Community Shield
(Heart Start Emergency cover waiting
for ambulances in remote areas) | RC Oundle |

District Governor Linda congratulated the winners, presented the trophies and thanked the Com Voc team for their presentation and hard work.

C. 11/12. 60 Project Team Reports: Project Team reports had been circulated prior to the meeting

a) Community and Vocational:

Tony Robbs – see above

b) New Generations (Youth)

Mary Whitehead appealed to Clubs to honour their RYLA commitment.

At Club Assemblies 42 stated they intended to support RYLA but only 30 have done so far. Some Clubs have no candidates while 3 candidates need sponsorship.

PDG Andrew Cowling said Clubs have been reminded by their AGs and he needs Yes/No as soon as possible.

She asked Clubs to get schools involved in the Young Designer for 23rd June.

Mary promoted the Interact Rally (20th – 27th July) and stressed that any young person (12 years upwards) could attend. They do not need to be from a chartered Interact Club. Costs are £60 plus travel.

The Rotaract Challenge at District Conference in Southport raised £951.50 of which £475.75 will go to Polio Eradication and £475.75 to Calvert Trust.

Acting Rotaract Chairman Simon Turner presented the polio cheque to District Governor Linda for £475.75.. The remaining money will be presented by 6 Rotaractors at Calvert at the end of April.

District Governor Linda thanked Rotaract for their activities at Conference.

Mary thanked the New Generations team for their support and introduced Moira Bartlett (Leicester) who will lead next year. District Governor Linda congratulated Mary on a very successful 3 years.

c) International (inc. RFE):

Roger Neuberg has asked Club International Chairmen for details of International Projects to compile the usual Directory to be made available via the RIBI website.

Club International Returns should be sent to Roger by 31st May.

Support Team Reports:

Support Team reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

d) Communications (incl. District Editor, Web site, Marketing):

Graham Walker informed delegates that The Peterborough Evening Telegraph and similar evening papers in Kettering and Northampton will cease publication and be replaced with online versions. The hardcopy Peterborough ET will be replaced with a large weekly paper to be distributed on Thursdays and we are assured that Rotary Corner will continue to feature in this. All RIBI PR awards went to electronic initiatives.

The next edition of News & Events will feature entries for the 'Tomato Sauce' prize. Entries by 21st April.
District Governor Linda thanked Graham for his hard work success publishing News & Events.

e) Leadership, Development & Training:

DGN(E) Ken Billington had nothing further to add to his written report.

f) Membership (inc. Extension, Membership Development & Retention & Inter-Club Sports)

David Morris reported a net gain of 46 members this Rotary year. He explained this may be flawed as only 2/3rd of Clubs supply information to Alan Faulkner.

He appealed to Secretaries to complete the monthly return.

David was delighted that, in difficult economic times over the 3 years of his chairmanship, D1070 had only seen 0.1% losses as compared with RIBI with 5% overall.

David thanked his committee and liaison AGs for their support over his tenure.

His new challenge will be to edit News & Events next year and he asked Clubs to send a representative to the Communications session at District Assembly.

An open forum will take place to exchange ideas on the content and format of the magazine.

District Governor Linda reiterated the need for accurate membership numbers. She has written 149 letters welcoming new members to Rotary. She thanked David for his excellent work, at both District and RIBI level, and his success with the development of new Clubs.

Extension

PDG Iain Vernon was delighted to announce that PDG Roger McDermott will lead the Extension Committee next year and will also have an RIBI role.

g) Conference:

1. Telford 2012: DGE Chris gave an update on Telford emphasising the format asked for by Rotarians: shorter travel, cheaper hotels and increased chance for fellowship. Friday night will feature 'Best of British' with sausage and mash supper, Hadley male voice choir and the renowned local Jackfield Brass Band in a Proms Evening. There will be a cabaret atmosphere with optional fancy dress.

Speakers are featured on the D1070 website and will include Mark Cook from Hope and Homes along with Oggy, a young lad found in a cellar during the siege of Sarajevo and fantastic canine partners from Dogs for the Disabled.

The Sunday service will be replaced with a 'Time for Reflection' featuring peace as seen by various faiths, followed by presentations by our VTT team and Michael Portillo representing DebRA.

Patrick Boylan (Leicester) expressed disappointment at the limited Saturday afternoon trips organised, believing they fail to showcase Ironbridge and all the area has to offer.

DG Chris stressed that a full description of all local attractions had been given in earlier literature and at Southport.

2. York 2013: Conference Manager Neville Thompson said arrangements are in the early stages but DGN Margaret has a provisional list of speakers, details of which will be announced shortly.

3. Scarborough 2014: Venue booked

4. 2015: Provisional bookings have been made at Torquay, Southport, Lincoln and Eastbourne.

C. 11/12. 61 Rotary Foundation

John Dehnel had issued an email update featuring 2 pages listing details of District Grants awarded to Clubs.

Grants have been given to 32 Clubs for 37 Projects, 2/3rd of which are for local activities. Grant allocation is now closed.

At PETS he appealed to Presidents to appoint a separate person for Foundation as grants can overarch all avenues of service. He urged this representative to attend the Foundation session at District Assembly where there will be breakout sessions and discussion groups.

John thanked Rotaract for their donation to Polio Eradication. He was pleased to announce that the small amount remaining from grants had been used to double up their Calvert Trust donation towards the purchase of a new hoist.

C. 11/12. 62 District Roadshows – nothing to add

C. 11/12. 63 Date and venue for the next District Council meeting:

Thursday, 5th July 2012

Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby. NN17 1AE

Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m.

C. 11/12. 64 Any Other Business

Graham Cooper (Soar Valley) said DGs and Presidents come and go but District Secretaries go on and on. He thanked District Secretary Barry for all the help and support he has given to Rotarians in D1070, often devoting 5+ hours a day to Rotary service. He acknowledged Barry as the fount of all knowledge who has been an invaluable asset to the District. He also extended his best wishes on a personal level, particularly with his current health problems.

District Secretary Barry thanked him for his kind words and said it had been his pleasure (well at least 95% of the time!) to serve everyone in District.

There was a standing ovation in recognition of Barry's service over 5 years as District Secretary and as a previous District Governor.

IPDG Roger McDermott noted that this would be District Governor Linda's last District Council meeting. He congratulated her saying that she had run our 'parliament' in impeccable style and given everyone a chance to have their say. It has been a great year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

District Governor _____

Date _____