

## **Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting, Monday 21 July 2014**

District Governor Ken Billington chaired the meeting which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel on Monday 21 July 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

There were 145 Rotarians present from 68 Clubs (Area A 7; B 12; C 14; D 11; E 9; F 10; G 5 Clubs represented).

### **C. 14/15.01 Welcome and Apologies**

District Governor Ken welcomed all those present, and asked those Rotarians attending a District Council Meeting for the first time to stand to be recognised. Past District Governors were also asked to stand to be recognised.

Apologies were received from:

**Past District Governors:** Martin Bridge, Barry Hasdell, Dan Connan, Richard Hyde, Paul Buyers and Ken Parkin.

**Clubs:** Boston St Botolph and Oundle.

Janet Cooke (AG Area C), Lawrie Cooke (Huntingdon Cromwell/Visioning Officer), Joyce Boddey (Secretary, Kempston), Patrick Boylan (Leicester), Nannette Chapman (President, Holbeach), Peter Dorans (Leicester de Montfort), Bill Hill (President, Melton Mowbray), Garner Roberts (President, Loughborough Beacon), Colin Scott (Treasurer, Holbeach), Diane Scott (Holbeach), Phil Marston (Secretary, Uppingham).

### **C. 14/15.02 Act of Remembrance**

All those present stood in remembrance of those Rotarians who had passed to higher service since the previous Council Meeting and DG Ken read out the following names:

Peter Bateman (Ashby Hastings), David Benson (Ashby), Sir Tim Brooks (Leicester), Brian Cole (Honorary Member, Sandy), Stan Cox (Honorary Member, Huntingdon), Jack Harrison (Hinckley), John Ireland (Kempston), Bob Montgomery (Northampton Becket), Martin Newby (St Neots St Mary), Bob Oxland (Wellingborough), Alec Peters (Former member, Ashby Hastings), Derek Smith (Ashby Hastings), Dick Talbutt (Wellingborough) and Jim Watson (East Elloe).

### **C 14/15.03 Minutes of the last District Council Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the last Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2014 was proposed by Bill Martindale (Sleaford Kesteven), seconded by David Burr (Grantham) and agreed with two abstentions. The apologies from PDG Paul Buyers, omitted from the last minutes, had been added.

### **C 14/15.04 Matters arising**

The approval of the Conference Accounts for 2013 was proposed by Geoff Richardson (Huntingdon Cromwell), seconded by Ken MacKellar (Stamford Burghley) and agreed unanimously.

As item C 13/14.49 was not dealt with in accordance with District Standing Order it was proposed by Geoff Richardson (Huntingdon Cromwell) that the item be removed from the minutes and replaced by a new resolution: Capitation figure should remain at the agreed figure of £32 and an amount of £3 per member taken from the Conference Account should be

dealt with as a rebate to members for the year 2014/15. The proposal was seconded by Les Button (Huntingdon) and agreed unanimously.

#### **C 114/15.05 District Governor's Comments**

DG Ken presented badges of office to John Dehnel (DGN & AG Area B) and John Saunders (AG Area D) who had not been able to attend the Handover Lunch.

DG Ken reported on recent Club charters and visits and an Area A Forum. He is working with District 1260 in anticipation of the Bedford Clubs joining that District next year. He is also working with the DGs of 1270, 1220 and 1040 concerning re-districting.

He congratulated those involved on the quality of reports to this meeting and thanked all for making a difference.

#### **C14/15.06 District Secretary**

District Secretary Dick Parsley reminded Clubs that if they wished to put a proposal to the 2016 **Council of Legislation** they would need to put these to the next District Council meeting.

He requested that any Club involved in activities having a **high level visitor** to keep the District Governor advised in order to save embarrassment.

With regard to the **election of the District Governor for 2017/18**, DS Dick asked that Standing Order 8(a) be suspended until RIBI advised the situation with regard to the process for election within an enlarged District. This was agreed unanimously.

Club secretaries were asked to ensure the online **membership and club officer details** are kept up to date.

The following **District appointments** were noted: Rotaract Alan Jukes (Brackley), Leadership, Development & Training Graham Martin (Soar Valley), Health & Safety John Steedman (Ashby de la Zouch) and Protection, Equality & Diversity David Brown (Wreake Valley).

#### **C 14/15.07 District Treasurer's Report**

DT Eric Lenox reported on progress for the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2014 and that small surpluses for some District projects would be carried forward as a reserve into this year. He would be shortly starting the budgeting process for 2015/16.

The online payment system was not yet in operation because the bank had incorrectly set this to require only single authorisation rather than for two people as agreed. He was working with the bank to correct this.

There were no questions on the circulated accounts.

He drew attention to the capitation invoices being placed in the Club baskets and thanked District Assistant Treasurer Mike Warrington for working long and hard in their preparation.

#### **C 14/15.08 Re-districting**

Membership Chairman Chris Chew gave a presentation on the background and current situation regarding District changes in RIBI. The current proposal is that some Clubs to the north of 1070 would combine with 1070 Clubs to form a District with approximately 101 Clubs and 3,300 members. Consultation with Clubs involved would be completed by the end

of September 2014; the proposal would go to RIBI General Council in November 2014; and implementation would take place in July 2017 or before.

#### **C 14/15.09 Assistant Governors' Reports**

There were no questions concerning the written reports.

AG Robin Green added that the **Area F Forum** on Wednesday 3 September 2014 would be held at the Cheyne Walk Club, Northampton and all Rotarians from Area F would be welcome to attend.

#### **C 14/15.10 The Rotary Foundation**

Foundation Chairman, Trevor Davies (Brackley) reported that the Annual Programme Fund giving for 2013/14 had approached \$220,000 which was a per capita of \$84.85; 38 Clubs made or exceeded the target of \$100 per member; 7 Clubs had given nothing; and Ashby de la Zouch was top with \$179.43. Other funds had included nearly \$80,000 for Polio Plus; Endowment of nearly \$2,000; giving a total giving of just under \$300,000.

As part of the good stewardship of Rotary he said that any Club which had given less than \$25.00 per member requesting a Foundation Grant would be invited to an interview prior to a decision being made.

#### **C 14/15.11 Project Team Chairmen's Reports**

The following items were in addition to the written reports circulated by all Committees.

**Youth Services:** Andrew Cowling (Northampton) advised that RYLA at Grafham Water would be open to visitors between 1500 – 1730 on Sunday 27 July 2014 and that he still had a small number of places available.

**Community:** Bill Watson (Shepshed Charnwood) announced that the Environmental Award for 2013/14 had been won by Huntingdon for their Quiet Garden project. The trophy was presented to President Ann Dear by IPDG Margaret Morley. The Community Award had been presented to the Peterborough clubs (AG Janet Cooke) for their dementia café project at the District Handover lunch.

**International:** Mike Kingdom (St Neots) thanked Tony Sharp for providing discs of International information which are being circulated to all Clubs, and Les Aldrich for preparing the list of coordinators. Clubs requiring speakers for individual projects should contact the relevant coordinator in the first instance.

#### **Support Team Chairmen's Reports**

**Communications:** David Morris (Melton Mowbray) reported that four pages of advertising for News and Events had been achieved much earlier than anticipated and this had reduced the cost of the current edition from £3,200 to about £1,000.

The Bulletin Award won by Rushden Chichele was presented to their Bulletin Editor David Wilson by IPDG Margaret who also presented the Vocational Award for Melton Mowbray to David Morris and Diana Osborne

**Membership Services:** Chris Chew (South Holland) drew attention to the Membership Forum being held at the Best Western Rocking Forrest Hotel on Thursday 9 October 2014 and asked for a representative from all Clubs to attend. A volunteer is needed to run the District Golf competition in 2015/16, who would be able to shadow Keith Cooper (Oadby

Launde) during this year. RIBI membership website enquires would now be distributed by Paul Miles (Shepshed Charnwood). A representative for the Committee from Area A is still required.

**Post Meeting Note:** At the end of the meeting Rotarian Iain Martin (St Ives) volunteered to fill the golf competition vacancy.

**New Club Formation (Extension):** Roger McDermott advised that the formation Club of Bradgate Groby which meets at the Stamford Arms in Groby at 7.30am on Wednesdays had reached 14 members and were in the process of applying for Provisional Status. He said that more Clubs were looking at new membership options and he was carrying out presentations on what is involved.

**Conference:** Neville Thompson (Grantham) advised that 760 delegates had booked for Scarborough and numbers were growing. Any Team Leader requiring a stand in the House of Friendship should contact David French (Blaby Meridian) without delay.

### **C 14/15.12 Next Meeting**

DG Ken confirmed the next meeting would be held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby NN17 2AE on Tuesday 25 November 2014 at 7.30pm

### **C 14.15.13 Any other business**

- a) DT Eric asked that expense claims for 2013/14 be submitted to him without delay.
- b) DS Dick announced that the District Handover lunch had been booked for Sunday 28 June 2015.
- c) DG Ken thanked all for making a difference through Rotary in the local area and the wider World.

There being no other business, DG Ken closed the meeting.

District Governor: .....

Date: .....