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MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017

GREETHAM VALLEY GOLF CLUB

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHRIS DAVIES

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting – Tuesday 18 July 2017

District Governor (DG) Chris Davies chaired the meeting, which was held at Greetham Valley Gold Club commencing at 7.30p.m.

There were 147 Rotarians present from 62 Clubs (Area 1 8; Area 2 X17 Area 3 16, Area 4 10 Area 5 18; Area 6 18 Area 7 13; Area 8 13; Area 9 9).

C 17/18.01 Apologies and Welcome

DG Chris welcomed all those present to District Council and asked those Rotarians attending a District Council meeting for the first time to stand and be recognized. Apologies were received from: **PDGs Roger MacDermott, Barry Hasdall, Margaret Morley, Iain Vernon, Dan Conan, Simon Kalson, Ken MacKellar., Chris Chew. RC of Shepshed. Rtns Laurie Cooke, Derek Wingrave, Joel Weaver, Al Good, Richard Long, Peter Robinson**

C17/18.02 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 Chris read out the names: **Denis Bradbury (Brackley), Frank Batchelor (Grantham), Bob Carter (Towcester), Bryan Cooper (Lutterworth), John Cranston (Kimbolton Castle), John Croot (Blaby), Fred Ellis (East Elloe), Jim Goodchild (Northampton), Tony Griffin (Grantham Kesteven), Richard Haynes (Kibworth and Fleckney), Geoff Hollis (Wigston (Hon)), Barry Jackson MBE (Lincoln (Hon)), Peter Jackson (Stamford), Robert McEwan (Alford and Mablethorpe), Ken Mold (Lewicester), Ian Noyes (Alford and Mablethorpe), Ken Parkin (Huntingdon), Arthur Perry (Corby), Ralph Tempest (Brackley (Hon)), Ian Walker (Ramsey), John Tyers (Soar Valley).**

C17/18.03 Minutes of the Last District Council Meeting Held on 12 March 2017.

There were no questions or comments. A motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously. The Minutes were then signed by the DG.

**Proposed: IPDG John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded: Rtn Malcolm Webb (Lincoln)**

C17/18.04 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising

C17/18.05 District Governors Report

The DG informed the Council that she would not be issuing direct reports to District Council. She would be sending reports to Clubs on a regular basis in the same way that IPDG John and PDG Geoff had done.. That was a system that had worked very well.

She had spent time during the day to speak with the Woodland Trust following on from RI President Ian's strategy on tree planting. She felt that this is something that D1070 could become involved into help Make a Difference. It would involve tree planting in the District but land would have to be identified to make this possible. An are of circa 2.5 hectares would be needed. There would also be an opportunity of doing this

internationally and the planting of hedges would be an option. She would be sending out an options paper to Clubs about this subject.

The DG then presented a Past AG Jewel to Past AG Les Aldrich.

C17/18.06 DGE Report

The Report from DGE Tim had already been circulated. There were no questions.

C17/18.07 District Secretary

There was nothing to add to the District Secretary Report which had already been circulated. The District Compliance Officer passed on her thanks to those who had already completed their Compliance Forms. The cut off date for the remaining forms is the end of July.

C17/18.08 District Treasurers (DT) Report

There was nothing to add to the report which had already been circulated.

There were no questions.

C17/18.09 Assistant Governors' Reports

Written reports had been circulated for each Area and the following additional comments were made:

Area 1 Nil to add. No questions

Area 2 Has now completed another Club Assembly. He noted that there is now a DG Facebook page and if any Club wishes to have photos of DG visits etc loaded on to the site then they should contact either Nanette Chapman or AG Area 2.

Area 3 Nil to add. No questions

Area 4 Nil to add. No questions

Area 5 Nil to add. No questions

Area 6 Nil to add. No questions.

Area 7 Nil to Add. No questions

Area 8 For the benefit of Area 8 Clubs, the AG asked them to note that the first Area Forum would be held on Wednesday 13 September. There were no questions.

Area 9 President Paul Bertenshaw (Ashby Hastings) corrected the Club meeting schedule. The Club does in fact meet twice per month, not every 2 weeks.

The AG Area 9 noted that the Training Course for Area 9 Presidents and Secretaries would be held on 30th Sept in Ashby. President Phil Dyer (Ashby) is

arranging the event. There may be space for attendance from outside Area 9 but space is limited.

C17/18.10 Foundation

It was emphasised that District Grant submissions cut off is the end of this week, 21 July. Calvert and RYLA are now fully subscribed. For those Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs who have not yet completed the requisite training, there will be a Training Symposium on 15 August at Falcon Hotel in Uppingham. It was also noted that any Club considering a Global Grant may find it useful to speak to the Foundation Team first.

Rtn Barry Hackett (Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch) informed Clubs that orders for Crocuses need to be in by the end of July. It is unlikely that there will be any extension to this closing date. Barry will be participating in this years triathlon in aid of End polio. Clubs sponsoring him will have such monies allocated to their Foundation/End Polio donations.

C17/18.11 Project Teams' Reports.

Youth Service. There was little to add to the detailed report already circulated. Rodney Spokes (Leicester) did note that there are 2 vacancies on the Youth Committee, one for Young Artist and another for Young Photographer.

PDG Ken Billington (Huntingdon Cromwell) noted that RYLA is due to start at the end of July. Additional candidates could be accommodated. There would be an Open Day on 30 July to demonstrate what RYLA is all about. Tea and exceedingly good cakes would be served.

Rotaract.

The Rotaract Chair offered his thanks to AGs who have reported on Clubs where there is interest in Rotaract. There were no questions.

Community.

There was Nil to Add to the report already circulated. However, Rtn Jackie Brame (Northampton) raised a question concerning Kids Out. She was concerned about how much this event has outgrown its needs. Children with lesser abilities than more able bodied seem to have to wait much longer to use some of the rides. In some cases over the course of a day some such children were able to access no more than 3 rides. This is clearly unfair and perhaps now is the time to review how we take this forward.

International. There was nothing to add to the detailed report already circulated. There were no questions.

C17/18.12 Support Teams Chairmen's Reports

Communications.

There was Nil to Add to the report that had been circulated.

Rtn Nanette Chapman (Holbeach) introduced the winners of the website competition; the trophies were presented by IPDG John Dehnel.

3 rd Place jointly	RC of Bradgate and RC of Leicester Novus
2 nd Place	Leicester de Montford
1 st Place	Shepshed Charnwood

Vocational. There was no report. The DG has asked Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray) to become Vocational Chair. This will take effect after Conference.

Conference Report.

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The accounts for the Nottingham Conference have been approved by the auditor. The accounts were accepted by District Council.

Proposed:	Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded:	IOPDG John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray)

The Conference Manager proposed that the sum of £1800 be transferred from the surplus in the Nottingham Account. This would allow for a drinks reception for all those registered for Conference prior to the Saturday Dinner Dance. The Proposal was carried overwhelmingly with 3 votes against and no abstentions.

Proposed:	Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded:	PDG Richard Hyde (Ramsey)

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Arrangements for the 2018 Conference are progressing well with the venue deposit having been paid.

Leadership Development and Training.

There was nothing to add and there were no questions.

Membership.

Retention:

There was Nil to Add to the report already circulated.

Rtn Les Aldrich (Ashby de la Zouch Castle) who is running District Quiz informed Council that the closing date for entries will be 31 July. Last year 64 Clubs out of 90 entered, it would be good to better that figure this year.

Rtn Robert Palmer (Thrapston and Launde) was one of several Rotarians to raise views on this subject. In summary there is a real need to follow up why Rotarians are leaving. Should this be done at RIBI or at District. Rtn Malcolm Webb (Lincoln) noted that when a Club removes a member from membership, there is an option tab on the website. On suggestion that any action should be taken by RIBI it was suggested IPDG John could take this further at Executive Council. AG Graham Martin (Soar Valley) suggested that such a move would be premature with a District Membership Seminar coming up. If this

was to be taken up it would potentially impact on staffing levels at RIBI; it was therefore agreed that this strategy would wait.

In 2001 RI had held a wide review of why Rotarians leave. One of the major reasons was a feeling of lack of involvement. It was noted that society has changed and this has an effect on personal relationships and that may impact of retention too.

AG Mike Warrington (Stamford) put all the comments and concerns in perspective. Last year D1070 had 172 new members; even with the numbers who have passed to higher service there is still membership growth.

Attraction:

PDG Dick Parsley (Wellingborough Hatton) Was positive about the options available to Clubs: associate and corporate membership for example, the changes to rules approved by COL gave opportunities for moving forward. However, as always there is some resistance to change.

Know Your Rotary will continue this year and details of venues will be forthcoming.

RCC v2 is now live; it is faster, looks different and navigation is comparatively easy. There is a new Tab marked resources that gives access to a range of "How To" docs.

Rtn Nick Blunt (Danetre Daventry) remarked about the cost of membership noting that this is something that needs to be kept under constant review.

President Carol Eyley (Ashby Castle). Informed Council that the 3 clubs in Ashby de la Zouch are working together to produce a joint Flyer approaching the subject as Rotary Ashby. Rtn Malcolm webb (Lincoln) had done exactly this but they had taken advice from Grantham. He suggested approaching Rtn Irvin Metcalf for information.

C17/18.13 Club Presentation Slot

Rotary Club of Towcester

A Towcester representative gave an update on Mary's Meals. It now costs £13.60 per annum to feed a child under this scheme. 93% of donations goes to buy food, much of which is spent in the country where it will be used.

Mary's Meals also run a Backpack Project with Backpacks filled with a large variety of materials that will be useful for education needs.

Both of these initiatives are regarded as International Projects.

Young RYLA

Rtn Maureen Gariff (Lincoln Colonia) gave an update about Young RYLA where Club Support is very much needed. Young RYLA covers 13-16 year olds and is designed to take them out of their comfort zone. The last event to be held went extremely well. The cost of sending anyone on this event is £156 per student which covers for 3 nights (2.5 days). Rooms

have already been booked for the next event . Dates are Feb 12 – 14. Now is the time to look for candidates.

Rotary Club of Ramsay

PDG Ken Billington (Huntingdon Cromwell) spoke on behalf of Ramsey. The suggestion is that foreign coins brought back from holiday be collected together and exchanged through a central RI approved organisation. Money collected will go to End Polio. Collected coins should be brought to DC and Ramsey will coordinate the process.

C17/18.14 To Confirm the Venue and Dates for the Next District Council Meeting

The next District Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th November at Greatham Valley Gold Club commencing at 7.30p.m.

C17/18.15 Any Other Business