

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting, Monday 8 July 2013

District Governor Margaret Morley chaired the meeting which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel on Monday 8 July 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.

There were 155 Rotarians present from 72 Clubs (Area A 11; B 12; C 9; D 12; E 10; F 8; G 10 Clubs represented).

C. 13/14.01 Welcome and Apologies

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

DG Margaret welcomed 2 Youth Exchange students who were visiting the district and presented them with District 1070 Youth Exchange banners. DG Margaret said our District had 119 students involved in YE over the year.

Apologies were received from:

Past District Governors: Dan Connan, Paul Buyers and Tony Martin.

District Officers: John Saunders (Assistant Governor Area D), Robin Green (Assistant Governor Area F), Mike Warrington (Assistant Treasurer), Peter Brearley (Leadership, Development & Training) and Colin McCartney (Vocation).

Clubs: Biggleswade The Deepings, Melton Mowbray Belvoir and Oundle.

Presidents: Arthur Ambrose (Grantham Kesteven), Juliet Gayford (Kempston), David Lawrence (Wellingborough), Kevin Lawrey (Grantham), Mary Martin (The Deepings), Sally Smith (Northampton West), Martin Stephenson (Huntingdon Cromwell), Chris Tily (Stamford Burghley) and Keith Yates (Melton Mowbray Belvoir),

Individuals: Patrick Boylan (Leicester), Zelda Gunn (Kimbolton Castle), Lesley Hammond (Boston St Botolph), John Hardacre (Wellingborough), Phil Marston (Uppingham), David Ward (Melton Mowbray) and Allan Wilson (Northampton West),

C. 13/14.02 Act of Remembrance

DG Margaret advised that the names of Rotarians known to have passed to higher service since the previous Council Meeting were displayed on the screen: Harold Baker (Ashby De La Zouch), Fred Bellingall (Rutland), Derek Butler (Huntingdon), Lars Helgeson (Leicester), Ken Melling (Northampton West), Richard Minifie (Shepshed), Richard Payne (Wreake Valley) and John Sanderson (Melton Mowbray Belvoir). DG Margaret also advised that a book of remembrance would be available at District Council Meetings and from her during club visits so entries or tributes could be inscribed. All present stood in an act of remembrance.

C 13/14.03 Minutes of the last District Council Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the last Council Meeting was proposed by Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray), seconded by IPDG Chris Chew (South Holland), and agreed unanimously.

C 12/13.04 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

C 12/13.05 Presentation to Outgoing Officers

IPDG Chris said that he had not organised a hand over lunch in order to save cost and so that the acknowledgement of the work done by the outgoing officers could be made in front of a larger number of Rotarians. He presented Past Assistant Governor badges to Geoff Blurton, Geof Nichols, Garner Roberts and Tim Tucker.

He presented a Significant Achievement Award on behalf of Immediate Past Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka to Ian Taylor President of St Neots St Mary for the Club's work with a centre for students with learning and behavioural difficulties.

He also expressed thanks to Geoff Richardson for standing in as Acting Treasurer and all the work following the financial incident.

He wished DG Margaret a rewarding and inspiring year.

C 13/14.06 District Governor's Report

DG Margaret confirmed busy start to year and all about to get busier. She used analogy of Andy Murray's inspiring win at Wimbledon as a lesson to us all in connection with the Eradication of Polio Campaign.

DG Margaret reminded delegates that the first International Youth camp for many years was to be held in the District.

She wished all delegates to be aware of the brief forthcoming visit to the District of RIBI President Nan McCreddie. Due to time constraints, activities had to be limited and restricted to a limited area of the District. Good variety of activities planned including Bedford's 90th Charter.

She said that there had been criticism of RIBI last year for the lack of consultation over alterations to Districts. This was now being addressed by holding District Restructuring Consultation meetings in each Area, and she encouraged Clubs to send representatives to attend as organised by AG's.

C12/13.07 District Secretary

District Secretary Dick Parsley announced that the three nominations received for District Governor 2016/17 were: Janet Cooke (Peterborough Ortons), John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray) and Tim Tucker (St Ives). Voting information and ballot papers had been distributed in the baskets for Clubs and Officers. Clubs and Council Members leaving the District on 1 July 2015 would not be eligible to vote. After the closing date of 5 August 2013 he would be seeking nominations for other elected posts for 2014/15.

DS Dick asked that any apologies for those unable to attend District Council should be directed to him.

C 13/14.08 Council of Legislation

PDG Martin Bridge reported on his attendance at the Council of Legislation as delegate for this District. All the amended legislation can be viewed/downloaded from the RI website:-

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/col13_report_of_action_en.pdf

He advised Clubs that they could consider putting forward resolutions to the 2016 Council of legislation for items which affected all Rotary Clubs. With regard to the failure to pass the resolution for the restructuring of RIBI, DG Margaret said that the existing arrangements of General Council would continue.

DG reinforced the statement that COL gave an opportunity for Clubs to change rules.

C 13/14.09 District Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Lennox responded to the only question about the accounts for the period ended 30 May 2013. This was from Steve Howe (Towcester) concerning an unbudgeted expenditure on advertising of £633 and DG Margaret explaining that this had been a contribution to a multi-District campaign organised by RIBI to provide marketing materials for all Clubs usually related to Eradication of Polio

C 13/14.10 Assistant Governors' Reports

The following were additions to the written reports:

AG Area B, John Dehnel referred to five Paul Harris Fellowships having been awarded at Shepshed.

AG Area C, Janet Cooke referred to progress with the Rotary Memory Café in that Peterborough City Council had responded favourably to her request for funding for this project. This is being taken forward in association with organisations including Age UK and the Alzheimer Society

C 13/14.11 Rotary Foundation

Foundation Chairman, Trevor Davis advised that the total of donations from the District for the Annual Fund in 2012/13 were US\$222,771, averaging \$83.81 per Rotarian. The total was slightly down from the previous year of \$231,118.

The top three Clubs for Annual Giving were: Ashby de la Zouch at \$179 per member, Oadby Launde \$157 and Corby Phoenix \$132.

The total of donations from the District for Polio eradication was £33,788 averaging £13.26 per member. The top three Clubs were Market Harborough at £57.83 per member, Corby Phoenix £57.79 and Grantham £48.

The Terry Watts Foundation Salver for all round support to Foundation was presented to Ian Day of Corby Phoenix by IPDG Chris and PDG Terry Watts. Runners up were Ashby de la Zouch and Ramsey was in third place. Rotarian Ian commented that DG Margaret had played a significant role in the results achieved by the club.

A Rotary Foundation District Service Award was presented to Alan Davis (Nene Valley) for his work implementing and controlling Foundation grants and finance during the introduction of the Future Vision Programme. Service Awards would also be presented to Bruce Lamford (Kettering) for his work in producing photo albums for Calvert participants and to Irvin Metcalf (Grantham) for his administration of the successful Vocational Training Team to Kenya.

C 13/14.12 Project Team Chairmen's Reports

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

Youth: Chairman Moira Bartlett reported on the results of the Young Designer Competition and advised that the leaflet showing the details was in the baskets. A Rotaract representative is needed from a Rotaract Club in the District, and also a Rotarian to act as co-ordinator.

DG Margaret reinforced Moira's plea as Rotaract has always been a strength in 1070.

Andrew Cowling (Northampton) said that two places were still available for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) which takes place from 27 July – 2 August and anyone interested in attending the open day should advise him.

Colin Yarwood (Peterborough Ortons) said that visitors to the International Youth Camp would be welcome by prior arrangement.

Community: Chairman Tony Robbs reminded members that we are supporting the Footsteps Foundation and the Teenage Cancer Trust. He also advised that Sailability at Grafham Water would welcome financial help to buy new Life Jackets for children.

C 13/14.13 Support Team Chairmen's Reports

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

Membership: Chairman Alan Faulkner reported that 158 members had been inducted in 2012/13 and 223 had resigned giving a net loss of 65. Owing to technical issues, the e-mail address treasurer@welland100.org.uk should be used by Clubs to supply monthly membership reports rather than that given in the District Directory.

IPDG Chris presented Rotary International Membership Development Initiative Certificates to Market Harborough for their formation of a new Club within a year and this was received by Immediate Past President Ian Clarkson who referred to the work done by their member Andrew Granger. And to Rushden who had inducted eight members at one meeting – this being presented to one of the new Rotarians, Barbara Jenney. A third certificate had already been presented to Andy Wilson Immediate Past President of Loughborough Beacon for their starting of a satellite Club.

John-Marie Vernon (Melton Aurora) gave an update on **Club Visioning** which was a management tool being offered to Clubs to help them form a three to five year plan with the objectives of achieving a happy vibrant Club. Any Club interested in requesting a meeting should contact Lawrie Cooke (Huntingdon Cromwell).

DG Margaret emphasised that this was something for Clubs to think about; in business we would make plans for the future.

Vocational: Clubs were reminded to appoint a Rotarian as a contact for Vocational. Graham Cooper (Soar Valley) reported that he had been working with RIBI to provide a Rotaskills on-line survey form which would be available in September 2013. In the meantime, the hard copy forms could continue to be used.

Conference: Conference Manager, Neville Thompson advised that 816 bookings had been received for the **2013 Conference** in York and the capacity for the Saturday evening function at the National Railway Museum had been increased from 700 to 800.

DG Margaret reminded all conference delegates Rugby regalia and clothing required for final plenary session on the Sunday. She requested two more volunteers for performance of the Haka. Names to Roger Neuberger Oadby RC.

Assistant Conference Manager, Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray) explained that nine venues had been considered for the **2015 Conference** and that this had resulted in the realistic alternatives being Llandudno and Bournemouth. Taking account of the Clubs leaving the District he was budgeting for 600 delegates and a registration fee of £44. DGN Geoff Blurton

said that he had previously been a member of Bournemouth and proposed that the 2015 Conference should be held there. Tony Robbs (Kettering) seconded and the motion was agreed overwhelmingly with 6 against and 8 abstentions.

C13/14.14 Discussion Topic

DG Margaret introduced the topic of “Should the January meeting of District Council be held on a Saturday instead of a weekday evening?” She emphasised this had come from Club Discussions and she felt District Council meetings gave a good opportunity for views to be aired.

AG Area A, Bill Martindale, commented that clubs in Area A had suggested this change but with the requirement that meetings were structured and over before commencement of afternoon sports activities.

Views from various speakers included that: This would give more time for travel; mornings could be as icy as evenings; clash with Saturday afternoon sporting events; that there might be an increase in cost for Saturday room hire; currently about 10-12 fewer Clubs attend the January evening meeting; and Saturday is a family day. Comment was made welcoming opportunity to challenge established practices.

DS Dick advised that if any Club wished this to be considered further they should submit a formal resolution for District Council to consider in accordance with Standing Orders.

C13/14.15 Next Meeting

DG Margaret confirmed the next meeting would be held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby NN17 2AE on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 7.30pm

C13/14.16 Any other business

Protection, Equality & Diversity Officer, David Brown drew attention to the fact that significant changes came into force on 17 June 2013 under the Disclosure and Barring Service. He gave examples of where the new Act introduced additional requirements and advised he would be circulating details to Clubs. He also reminded Clubs that in order to comply with insurance cover requirements, Club Presidents must sign certificates confirming compliance with the Protection and Equality policies at the first Club Council meeting of the new Rotary year.

There being no other business, DG Margaret declared the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

District Governor

Date