

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting, Wednesday 4 March 2015

District Governor Ken Billington chaired the meeting which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel on Wednesday 4 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

There were 100 Rotarians present from 61 Clubs (Area A 10; B 11; C 11; D 9; E 8; F 9; G 3 Clubs represented).

C 14/15.29 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 recognised. He welcomed and presented a banner to Marnel Muller from Ontario, Canada who is being hosted by Northampton West whilst working on a New Generation Service Exchange.

Apologies were received from:

Past District Governors: Martin Bridge, Paul Buyers, Dan Connan, Barry Hasdell, and Iain Vernon.

Vocational Team Leader: John Clayton

Protection & Diversity Officer: David Brown

Assistant Treasurer: Mike Warrington

Clubs: Bedford De Parys, Corby, Hinckley and Leicester De Montfort.

Individuals: Les Button (Secretary, Huntingdon), Lawrie Cooke (Huntingdon Cromwell), Alan Dover (President, Biggleswade Ivel), Adrian Harrison (President, Towcester), Barbara Jenney (Rushden), Bob McKinlay (President, Grantham Kesteven), and Derek Wingrave (Secretary, Huntingdon),

C 14/15.30 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: Chris Archbold (Kempston), Alan Argyle (Honorary, Sleaford), Roger Brown (Stamford), David Griffin (Grantham Kesteven), Barry Guilfoyle (Lutterworth Wycliffe) Cliff Hale (Rushton), Bill Harris (Stamford), Robert Ingram (Kettering), Bob Leonard (Oundle), John Linnell (Honorary, Northampton West), Les Marsh (Hinckley Ambion), Mervyn Payne (Honorary, Thrapston & Raunds) and John Tilley (Honorary, Wellingborough Hatton).

C 14/15.31 Minutes of the last District Council Meeting

DS Dick Parsley advised that in C 14/15.16 (Apologies) the name Eoin Morgan should be corrected to Eoin Martyn. With this amendment, approval of the minutes of the last Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2014 was proposed by Nanette Chapman (Holbeach), seconded by John Saunders (Leicester) and agreed unanimously.

C 14/15.32 Matters arising

No points were raised from the floor. DG Ken then referred to a letter received from Oadby in January expressing concern at the late receipt of a paper at the November meeting, and a subsequent challenge as a "point of order" on the timing by a member who had not been at the meeting. Standing Orders requires the "Notice of Meeting" to be issued a clear 14 days before the meeting and this was complied with. However the report concerning the venue for the 2016 Conference had been issued only 10 days before the meeting. The DG ruled that the submission of a "point of order" should be made at the meeting to which it referred and thus

no action would be taken on this occasion. Consideration had also been given to the further work done in the period since the meeting in November based on the decision made.

C 14/15.33 District Governor's Comments

DG Ken advised that he had presented the Charter to the new Rotary Club of Bradgate. He drew attention to the RIBI Business Meeting in April and said that papers were available so that motions could be discussed by Clubs in advance enabling Delegates to vote (in person or on line) according to the Club's wishes.

Submissions for Presidential Citations should be made via AGs in the last week of March.

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The RIBI President would be visiting Sailability at Rutland Water on Thursday 21 May 2015 and all are welcome to attend.

Donations to Burn Aid have exceeded £10,000 and he also thanked those making donations to Trade Aid and the Army Benevolent Fund.

He asked for support for the Prostate Cancer fundraising cycle ride taking place on Sunday 21 June 2015 (Fathers' Day).

C14/15.34 District Secretary

DS Dick referred to a correction in the circulated List of Officers for 2015/16 in that AG Les Aldrich was a member of Ashby Hastings and not Ashby Castle as shown. He reminded members that there would be a clearance sale of Rotary Retail stock at District Assembly.

Following the change in suppliers, the functionality of the District Database to produce membership listings should be restored by the end of the month. Work was being carried out to link this database to the RI Global Database but for now both databases should continue to be updated separately ready for the next Rotary year. The production of the hardcopy District Directory would be a further separate activity. DG Ken said that the cost of the new database would be covered by RIBI.

C 14/15.35 District Treasurer's Report

DT Eric Lennox said that for the 2015/16 Budget the membership would be reduced by 10% following loss of the members who were moving to District 1260 but it had still been possible to maintain the Capitation Fee at £32. AG Chris Davies (Market Harbour) said that she had been asked to raise a query on the large amount being held in a current account. DT Eric said that deposit interest was low and care was needed to ensure that a reduced balance did not trigger current account fees but he would review the situation. Bob Seery (Thrapston and Raunds) said that there had not been a proper consultation about the level of Capitation and that cost was a significant consideration for membership. He was asked whether these points were the agreed position of his Club and he replied that he had discussed this with other members of his Club but the points he made was as an individual. DT Eric reaffirmed that the Capitation was not being increased in spite of loss of revenue including part of the RIBI grant. The Budget had been recommended by the elected Finance Committee and by the Executive. Bob Seery responded by saying that the last Budget was too high and was put forward as at fait accompli. There being no further discussion approval of the 2015/16 Budget including a Capitation Fee of £32 was proposed by Bill Martindale (Sleaford Kesteven) and seconded by John Malpass (Thrapston and Raunds) and agreed unanimously. DT Eric advised that the amount for claimable District travel had been reduced from 29 to 27 pence per mile and a further reduction could be expected.

There were no questions concerning the District accounts for the six-month period ended 31 December 2014.

DT Eric said that 20% of Clubs had not supplied a certificate for their 2013/14 accounts which should have been submitted by 31 December 2014. He would be following up those outstanding with the clubs concerned as a matter of urgency.

C 14/15.36 Assistant Governors' Reports

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

Area C: AG Janet Cooke advised that Ricky Cawood (President, Peterborough Minster) had received a Green Champion award from the local council for his work on the Railworld Wildlife Haven Project

Area F: AG Robin Green advised that the Rotary Flame on a world tour would be passing through the District on the way to Sao Paulo, provisionally on 24 or 25 March 2015 calling at St Neots, Wellingborough and Northampton. There were logistics problems getting the Rotary Flame from the Philippines on time but contingency plans were being explored.

C 14/15.37 The Rotary Foundation

Approval of the Share Division as per the circulated proposal was proposed by Mike Kingdon (St Neots), seconded by Richard Hyde (Ramsey) and agreed unanimously.

Foundation Chairman Trevor Davies advised that a Peace Fellow, hosted by IPDG Margaret Morley (Corby Phoenix), would be visiting club meetings at Northampton at lunchtime on Monday 16 March, and on Tuesday 17 March to Blaby at lunchtime and Peterborough in the evening. Those wishing to attend should book direct with Club.

Details of the Foundation Lunch on Sunday 19 April 2015 had been circulated and early booking was requested.

C 14/15.38 Prostate Cancer Cycle Ride

David Lawrence (St Neots St Mary) gave a presentation on the Cycle Ride taking place on Sunday 21 June 2015 (Fathers' Day). The objectives were to support the charity, publicise Rotary and increase membership. DG Ken added that this was about fun and family.

C 14/15.39 Committee Chairmen's Reports

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

Project Teams

Youth Services: Moira Bartlett advised the final of Young Musician would take place at Leicester Grammar School on Sunday 22 March 2015 and the Youth Speaks final at Catmose College, Oakham on Saturday 14 March 2015. The District website has now been updated with the details of Young Designer which takes place at Kettering Buccleuch Academy on Saturday 20 June 2015. For RYLA, 47 Clubs had indicated they would be putting forward candidates for the 45 places but only 25 had so far booked. RYLA Project leader Andrew Cowling would be happy to visit and talk to interested Clubs. She asked any Club organising a Technology Tournament to advise her of the details.

Community: Bill Watson said that 19 bookings had so far been received for the 30 places at Calvert (25 April – 2 May 2015) and asked that other Clubs interested in booking should contact Mark Winfield (Rushden) as soon as possible.

Support Teams

Communications. News and Events. The new Co-Editors of News & Events are John Garley (Rushden) and David Wilson (Rushden Chichele).

Vocational: The meeting was reminded that entries for the District Vocational Cup should be submitted to Vanessa Cookson (Blaby Meridian) by 30 April 2015.

Membership Development and Retention: Chris Chew said that for Minor Sports before the evening of competition, each teams should nominate one member to take part in a play off in the event of a tie, and for this to be a simple game requiring no special skills. Games should end by 9:30pm. The next round to take place by Friday 17 April and the final is on Thursday 18 June 2015. At his request, DG Ken made the draw for the next round the result of which is attached as an annex to these minutes.

Chris advised that he could supply background information used for RIBI Webinars in January.

New Club Formation (Extension): Roger McDermott said that the new Bradgate Club had received its Charter last Saturday. He said that a 1070 hybrid Rotary e-Club was being formed and details were available in the baskets. The provision president of the club, Steve Howe, gave an overview on the method of operation of an e-club.

Conference, 2015 Bournemouth: Following a request for any questions on the Budget, Nigel Brotherton (Market Harborough) commented on it being unwise to budget for a deficit. Conference Manager Bill Hill said that this was based on a conservative attendance of 600 and he expected more to attend. Approval of the registration fee of £42.50 per delegate was proposed by Bill Hill, seconded by Richard Hyde (Ramsey) and agreed unanimously.

Conference, 2016 Nottingham: Conference Manager Bill Hill, said that as requested at the last meeting, he had investigated the possibility of a larger venues for the Saturday evening Gala Dinner but none were suitable and therefore the originally proposed venue would be used with a limit of 450.

C 14/15.40 Next Meeting

DG Ken confirmed the next meeting would be held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby NN17 2AE on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 7.30pm

C 14.15.41 Any Other Business

DG Ken noted that this would be the last District Council meeting at which the Assistant Secretary Rodney Spokes would be taking the minutes and thanked him for his work. He had also thanked at various points during the meeting those other members of the District Team who were reporting to the Council for the last time in their various roles.

On allocating the responsibility for clearing the baskets of clubs not represented, DS Dick said that although there was a good attendance, a number of clubs were represented by a just single voting delegate which could affect the balance of voting and encouraged clubs to bring along their full complement in the future.

PDG Margaret Morley proposed a vote of thanks to DG Ken for his charring the District Council meetings during the year and this was agreed with acclaim. There being no other business, DG Ken closed the meeting.

District Governor

Date

District 1070 Minor Sports

Round 4

The draw was made at the District Council meeting Wednesday 4 March by District Governor Ken and is as follows-

Melton Aurora (Home)

V

South Holland

Wellingborough (Home)

V

Bedford Park

Peterborough Werrington (Home)

V

Kettering Huxloe

Lutterworth (Home)

V

Loughborough Beacon

Matches to be completed by Friday 17 April.

Please note that due to the serious level of competitive spirit that is generated as the competition moves towards completion it is important that the 'games' are conducted in a friendly manner. You are all asked to observe the following –

1. The format of the evening is agreed between the two teams before the games commence – especially how the scores are recorded – please keep it simple 1 x point to win / ½ point for a tied / 0 points to lose.
2. **BEFORE** the games begin one member of each team should be named to take part in a 'play off' in the event of a tied score eg; Presidents / Team leaders.
3. A simple game (basically no skill!) should be agreed for the playoff **BEFORE** the evenings games commence eg: Connect Four / Bagatelle / Tiddlywinks.
4. All timings to be agreed before the games commence ie; to end at 21.30hrs

CJC minor sports March 2015.