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**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018
GREETHAM VALLEY GOLF CLUB**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHRIS DAVIES

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting – Tuesday 13 March 2018

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

There were 126 Rotarians present from 63 Clubs:

C 17/18.16 Apologies and Welcome

DG Chris welcomed all those present to her final 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 Simon Kalson, Richard Hyde, Len Taylor, Richards Long, Barry Hasdell, Margaret Morley. AG Peter Berry, Rtns Terry watts, Mary Taylor, Malcolm Lyons, Eoin Martin, Derrick Wingrave, Colin Taverner, Geoff Richardson, Bob McKinlay, Mike Kingdon and the RCs of Corby, Blaby and Rutland.

C17/18.17 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: James Epton (Bailgate Lincoln), Tarak Ghosh (Huntingdoin), Bob Sanders (Kettering), Barrie Clarke (Northampton), Jack Clay (Oadby), Ejar Johanson (Stamford Burghley), Howard Bartlett (Wigston). Honorary Members: Robert Asquith (Melton Mowbray Belvoir) and David Reeves (Rushden).

C17/18.18 Minutes of the Last District Council Meeting Held on 7 November 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: PDG Chris Chew (South Holland)
Seconded: Rtn Irvin Metcalf (Grantham)

C17/18.19 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising not on the agenda.

C17/18.20 District Governors Report

In addition to her report which had already been circulated, the DG raised the following:

The DG emphasised the motions to be debated and voted on at the forthcoming RIBI Business Meeting at the RIBI Conference. She encouraged all Clubs to register to vote on-line in support of the motion if that was their wish. A similar motion had been voted down by those attending on the floor last year when there were few on-line voters.

The RIBI President has no role in RI and the RI does not support the concept of a presidential role. No Presidents have been approved by RI since that of the RIBI President in 1926.

The motion put forward and supported by General Council proposes that by 2020 the role of the RIBI President will be abolished and the RI appointed Director will have an enhanced role. The aim is to deliver cost savings and allow for a management structure fit for the 21st century.

A second motion Proposes that **ALL** future Committees will be retitled Teams. The leaders of these teams will sit on the Executive. This structure will make them more accountable. The Learning and Development Team have already changed and have delivered real cost savings while at the same time delivering training which is much more focused.

When opened to the floor, the following questions were raised:

1. (Lutterworth) Could a copy of the proposed resolutions be circulated to Clubs. In response the DG and District Secretary emphasised that this had already been done via Club Secretaries.
2. John Hockin(Woodhall Spa) Wished to support General Council although they would like the motion to go further in bringing change. They emphasised the fact that it is important to VOTE.
3. Ken McKellar(Stamford Burghley) This was one of many clubs that had problems registering their vote. It was acknowledged that there had been problems last year but it is hoped that these have now been resolved.
4. A representative of Lincoln Colonia questioned if a postal vote could be organized given the problems of last year. It was pointed out that this was not possible but it was hoped that the issues from last year had been resolved.
5. David Burr(Grantham) noted that the search engine that had been used last year did not support voting and that he hoped that this issue had now been resolved.

C17/18.21 DGE Report

The Report from DGE Tim had already been circulated. There were no questions. He did add, however, that because the PETS had been cancelled because of weather, several smaller events would be organized to catch up.

DGN Report

DGN Rodney Spokes (Leicester) noted that there would be a meeting of those who are attending the RI Convention in Toronto, on the same day as the Foundation Lunch.

C17/18.22 District Secretary

The District Secretary noted that more information would be forthcoming from RIBI concerning General Data Protection Regulation. Data Protection will be considered at District Assembly.

Following the last District Executive meeting, the Executive was seeking approval to continue to hold future meetings at Greetham Golf Club. With 2 votes against, District Council **APPROVED** the request.

C17/18.23 District Treasurers (DT) Report

In his last District Council as Treasurer, presented his budget the details of which had already been circulated to clubs. There were no questions. The proposed Budget was carried unanimously.

C17/18.24 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. Nil to add. No questions
- Area 3. The AG noted that Peterborough Werrington will continue meeting until the end of this Rotary Year. The clubs of Rutland and Uppingham are continuing to cooperate on membership.
- 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. Nil to add. No questions
- Area 9. AG David was pleased to say that the first steps have been taken towards forming a new Satellite Club in Hinckley.

C17/18.25 Foundation

The Foundation Team report had already been circulated to all clubs. The Chair noted that there are still vacancies for the Foundation Lunch.
Council voted to accept the DDF proposals

C17/18.26 Project Teams' Reports.

Youth Service.

There were some points to add to the report already circulated:

1. A Young Chef has won through to the National Final
2. Rtn Ngaire Hall (Shepshed) is involved with an Interact Project to collect aluminium cans to raise funds for the provision of helicopter pads at hospitals.
3. Rtn Colin Derrick (Leicester) is retiring from his role overseeing Young Technology.
4. PDG Ken Billington (Grantham Kesteven) reported that to date there were 30 candidates for RYLA this year. He emphasised that 45 are required to make the event wholly viable.

Rotaract. Rtn Jim Davies (Market Harborough) reported that Northampton University Rotaract would shortly be chartering.

Community.

Rtn Bill Watson (Shepshed Charnwood) noted that there was nothing to add to his report; he did, however, emphasise that with a clash of events (Foundation Lunch, Disability Games and now with a Convention Meeting also clashing) there does need to be much better communication between Teams.

International.
Nil to add.

C17/18.27 Support Teams Chairmen's Reports

Communications.
Nil to report

Vocational.
Although there was nothing to report, Rtn BILL HILL (Melton Mowbray) informed Council that there would now be an attempt to resurrect the Vocational Competition.

Conference Report.
In order to regularize accounts in accordance with Standing Orders, the Nottingham Conference accounts were brought back to Council and were unanimously approved.

Leadership Development and Training.
There was no report.

Membership.

Retention: Rtn Robin Green (Northampton West) noted that the turnout at Know Your Rotary at Lincoln had not attracted as many members as had been hoped for.

Attraction: PDG Dick Parsley (Wellingborough Hatton) has been receiving a number of questions concerning forming satellite clubs. He requested that those involved keep passing him feedback.

C17/18.28 Club Presentation Slot

Rtn John O'Reilly (Ramsay) reported that the foreign coin collection had raised a total of circa £1300 (including the top up from the Gates Foundation). It is hoped that this initiative will continue with more clubs participating in the future.

Rtn Maureen Gariff (Lincoln Colonia) gave a report about Young RYLA which, in spite of the weather, had been a great success. This is an event that will be run again.

C17/18.29 To Confirm the Venue and Dates for the Next District Council Meeting

The next District Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th July 2018 at Greetham Valley Golf Club commencing at 7.30p.m.

C17/18.30 Any Other Business

The DG thanked all those who are retiring at the end of this Rotary Year; Rtns Lawrie and Janet Cooke, Eric Lennox, Bill Watson, Robin Green, and AGs Elaine Sefton and Graham Martin.

IPDG John Dehnel thanked DG Chris for her leadership of the years District Council whilst acknowledging that there were still 3 months of the current Rotary year to go.