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MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2017

GREETHAM VALLEY GOLF CLUB

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHRIS DAVIES

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting – Wednesday 29 November 2017

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

There were 142 Rotarians present from 69 Clubs: (Area 1 15 from 6 Clubs; Area 2 19 from 9 Clubs; Area 3 16 from 9 Clubs, Area 4 19 from 6 Clubs Area 5 17 from 8 Clubs; Area 6 10 from 6 Clubs; Area 7 16 from 8 Clubs; Area 8 18 from 9 Clubs; Area 9 12 from 7 Clubs..

C 17/18.16 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: RC Ashby Castle, RC Corby, PDGs Barry Hasdell, Ken Billington, Ian Vernon, Margaret Morley, John Dehnel, Richard Long; Rtns Trevor Davis, Tim Aton, John Fox, Norman porter, Keith Sawbridge, Lesley Hammond, Bobbie Chase.

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:

John ALLEN (Northampton)
Bob CONBOY (Stamford Burghley)
Malcolm HYNE (Rushden Chichele)
Roy LAW (Woodhall Spa)
David LAWRENCE MBE (Grantham)
Scott MELLORS (Loughborough)
Peter SEAGRAVE (Stamford Burghley)
Sir Terence STREETON (Northampton)
John TYERS (Soar Valley)
George WILLMOTT (Rushden)
Graham WISE (Shepshed Charnwood)
Peter HEATH (Nene Valley)
Ronald SPEARS (Market Harborough)
Peter HAMMOND (Lutterworth~)
John SUTTON (Kettering Huxloe)
PDG Tony MARTIN (Deepings)

C17/18.18 Minutes of the Last District Council Meeting Held on 18 July 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: AG Graham MARTIN (Soar Valley)
Seconded: PDG Roger MAY (Lutterworth Wycliffe)

C17/18.19 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising not on the agenda.

C17/18.20 District Governors Report

The DG extended a warm welcome to RIBI President Denis Spiller who was visiting the District and will be attending Corby Phoenix Charter on 30 Nov.

DG Chris acknowledged that there are some issues with the website and it is in need of regeneration. She outlined the essential areas of focus:

1. The objective is to make it easy to manage, professional and consistent looking. There needs to be a management process in place to ensure timely updating.
2. It must be an information tool for members as well as membership attraction and needs to present the Brand 1070 and Rotary International professionally.
3. It should have a members' only section to view agendas and minutes of District meetings.

The Technical Leaders have done a superb job in creating a workable platform; however, the content has to be owned by the contributors: Communication Team, District Team Members and any other invited contributor. The DG expressed her deep thanks to PDG John Dehnel for dealing with this and doing such a good job. Her thanks were echoed by Rtn Nanette CHAPMAN (Holbeach), Communications Chair.

DG Chris explained that District is looking to relaunch the District Vocational Team, Further details will be given from Bill Hill in the Vocational Report slot
DG Chris was pleased to note the growth in younger members: RotaKids is doing well and there are new Interact Clubs

C17/18.21 DGE Report

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

DGN Report. DGN Rodney gave a short presentation about the forthcoming Rotary Convention which this year will be in Toronto. Although there is much information about speakers still to be released, when taking Atlanta as an example, this years Convention promises to be just as good. In answer to a question from the floor by Loughborough Club which raised the question of having a UK based booking centre to negotiate the best accommodation, it was pointed out that the RI booking centre is likely to be cheaper because of volumes if for no other reason. Accommodation costs apart, the Booking Fee for the Convention will be \$360 if booked before 13 December.

C17/18.22 District Secretary

The DS Report had been circulated and there were no questions. The DS did, however, remind everyone that each club should ensure that their membership figures are up-to-date before the end of December. Subs will be based on the figures as at the end of Dec.

PDG Geoff Blurton gave a short brief about the forthcoming COL. Enactments (Constitutional Changes) will be discussed in April 2019. Resolutions, which are not binding on the RI Board have already been discussed and voted on electronically. Some of those with particular interest in D1070 were not passed; Raising the upper age for Rotaract for example were not agreed across RI. There will be an opportunity to further discuss these issues in the Spring.

C17/18.23 District Treasurers (DT) Report

DT Eric noted that the District Examiner has signed off the accounts following due diligence. The accounts were healthy and showed a surplus slightly above £15000. Following agreement by District Executive the DT proposed that:

It is hereby resolved that every Club in D1070 shall receive a repayment of £6 per member based on their membership numbers as at 1 July 2017 and that this sum be deducted from their January 2018 payment.

Proposed: DT Eric Lennox (Kettering Huxloe)

Seconded: DS Roger McDermott (Coalville)

The Motion was **carried** unanimously.

C17/18.24 Assistant Governors' Reports

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

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| Area 1. | Nil to add. No questions |
| Area 2. | Nil to add. No questions |
| 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. | 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

A comprehensive briefing paper has already been circulated to Clubs. There were no questions relating to this report. The Foundation Chair Irvin emphasised that there are still funds available in this Rotary Year for District Grants. He was also keen to ensure that Clubs are aware that there are changes to the Global Grants that Clubs need to be aware of. He, or a member of the Foundation Team are very keen to come out and speak to either Clubs or Area Forums about any issue relating to Foundation.

Irvin also passed on his deep thanks to all the Clubs that have already made grants to Foundation. He further noted that there are still volunteers required to serve on the District Foundation Team. If anyone has an interest in serving, please contact Irvin direct.

C17/18.26 Project Teams' Reports.

Youth Service.

Rotaract.

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

Since his report was issued, there have been 3 meetings concerning the development of Rotaract in D1070. First, there had been a meeting of the Rotaract District Council which had been very successful and at which the chairmanship had been handed over to Rotaract. Secondly, the Rotaract Clubs held a joint project meeting with representation from all six effective clubs to plan for a major Fundraising Day during the Summer. The ambition is to raise some £20k towards End polio. The third meeting was one of the newly established Rotary Rotaract District Committee with representation from all AG Areas

Community.

There was Nil to add to the Chair's report. He did, however, emphasise that if any Club has an interest in Heartwise, then they should contact PDG John Dehnel direct or Rtn Bob Parfitt (Wellingborough Hatton).

The Community Shield this year was awarded jointly to The Rotary Clubs of Rushden and Kettering. The DG presented this award which, it was agreed was well deserved.

International.

There were no matters raised concerning the report already circulated and there were no questions. Joel Weaver (Kimbolton Castle), this year's chairman is happy to come out to any Club to talk about all the current issues and projects involved in International.

C17/18.27 Support Teams Chairmen's Reports

Communications.

A report had been circulated and there were no questions.

Vocational.

Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray) who is now Chair of Vocational, informed Council that there were now 2 members of the Committee together with a further 2 volunteers. The Committee had made a request for a Rotaract member to join the Committed. There is an aim to consider areas such as Mental Health, Mentoring and Literacy as immediate points of interest.

Conference Report.

1. Llandudno

Rtn Bill Hill (Conference manager for Llandudno) informed Council that there is likely to be a small surplus from the Llandudno Conference. He wished to record his sincere thanks to all those who had helped to make the event such a success.

2. Torquay and Beyond

Rtn Bob McKinlay (Grantham Kesteven) who is Conference for Torquay and beyond, presented the options for Conference in 2019. The options had been narrowed down to Southport and Harrogate. Numbers are always a problem. If numbers cannot be guaranteed or are too low, costs are much higher. Never the less the costs differential for each of the venues was striking:

Southport	Registration would be £38 per delegate
Harrogate:	registration would be £59 per delegate

He also pointed out that the cost of hotels in Harrogate were also generally more expensive when compared to Southport

When put to the vote, Council gave **strong support for Southport.**

Leadership Development and Training.

There was no report.

Membership.

Retention:

There have been 2 Know Your Rotary dates added to the programme:

Thursday 8 March	Lincoln
Monday 19 March	Hinckley

The District Quiz had been won by Northampton west. Charles Stevens presented the monies raised from the Quiz , amounting to £905, to the DG. She will put this towards her Global Grant Project.

Attraction:

It was noted that so far this year membership numbers are very much in the Black. However, it was pointed out that this often happens at this time of year because of the reductions that have taken place in the latter part of the previous Rotary Year. PDG Dick Parsley is happy to come to any Club to talk about membership issues. He emphasised that the Team is there to help and should be used as a resource for Clubs.

C17/18.28 Club Presentation Slot

Rotary Club of Ramsay had run a very successful Junior Technology Tournament. Although the subject was challenging, it was enjoyed by all. The project was run in one school but other schools in villages in the area want to be involved.

DG Chris thanked RC Ramsey for their "Foreign Coin" initiative as well as to those who have contributed. The money raised will be sent to End Polio.

RIBI President then gave a presentation on how Rotary had progressed over the years due to the vision of individual Rotarians. He emphasized the need for our Clubs to make full use of the flexibility afforded to them by COL in order to attract younger members, given that the current average age of Rotarians in RIBI is 74

He also informed Council that 2 new appointments have been made in RIBI with Rtn Jim Davies (Market Harborough) becoming Chair of Rotaract for RIBI and DG Chris Davies who will Chair Learning and Development.

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

The next District Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at Greetham Valley Golf Club commencing at 7.30p.m.

C17/18.30 Any Other Business

Rtn Paul Bertenshaw (Ashby Hastings) came to the Mic to make a proposition requesting a 'standard' format for all reports
Whilst such motions can be taken on the night at the discretion of the DG they still need to be in writing and seconded appropriately
The DS responded that in many ways he agreed with the intention but as the format of report had a lot to do with the job function pertaining to the report in question
However where common ground can be found the District Executive will attempt to ensure that the commonality is reflected