

Rotary Youth Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on 15th July 2014,

Present : Maggie Saunders (Chair), John Horn (Sec) Sheila Aston, Tony Field, Jenny Foreman, Penny Hancox, Jane Horn, Kathryn Manderson, Mike Rowe, Brian Sollitt, Eric Sylt.

The Chair circulated a list of members with their e-mail addresses, asked for any additions, errors or omissions to be corrected, welcomed all to the meeting and asked all present briefly to identify themselves.

Apologies Mic Hirst, Dennis Hurst, Linda Moore. Sadly Mic was still in hospital, good wishes were sent and details of visiting arrangements shared.

Minutes of the last meeting on May 6th were approved. Any matters arising will be covered elsewhere in the agenda

Finance :Eric Sylt brought the Accounts for 2013-2014. Clarification was sought on a few details, which Eric agreed to discuss with Barry Cragg. A vote of thanks to Barry for his work on the Committee's behalf was proposed and agreed.

Feedback from District Assembly :

1. Reminded to be sure of insurance requirements and Club Protection policy for relevant activities
2. Young Citizen nominations could be for an individual or Club
3. Rota Kids – would depend on an individual's interest and enthusiastic staff support. Comment made that it might duplicate existing activities.
4. Young Artist – again would need an individual's interest.
5. Youth Exchange – Colin Yarwood has moved on and Jane and John Horn had met the new District Officer, , Jane had had a very interesting discussion with her.

Youth Competitions etc.

Members volunteered to take principal responsibility for :

Young Musician	- Sheila Aston, Tony Field
Young Chef	-Jenny Foreman, Brian Sollitt
Youth Speaks	- Linda Moore, Eric Sylt
Young Photographer	- Eric Sylt, Kathryn Manderson
Young Writers	- Maggie Saunders, John Horn
Young Designer	- Mic Hirst (hopefully), no early decision needed
Rotary Stars	- Penny Hancox, Dennis Hurst
Eisteddfod – The Hub/Birchwood	- Jane Horn and Aurora Youth Team
RYLA	- Maggie Saunders
Youth Exchange	- to be discussed after we have invited the new District to speak with the Committee.

In further discussion on the programme above the following points were raised :

For Young Musician last year entries were too low to need a local heat.

To encourage more entries (and in other competitions) we could use the recent financial support for school music as a basis for personal visits to Headteachers, and distributing the Rotary Youth Service booklets

Personal visits more likely to be more effective than letters.Schools best left left to settle in until late September

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School choirs with a wide range of pupils particularly welcome.

We can build on existing contacts e.g. for Young Chef, Youth Speaks, Young Writers.

For RYLA, as last year, we should try to find a candidate from the uemployed. We could perhaps obtain some support from the Raynes Trust

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Last year's single exchangee, Sophie Bradshaw, and her Canadian partner had spoken to the Belvoir Club

For Eisteddfods, at the Hub staff and pupils will be building on last year's success, and Jane Horn will be in touch with Birchwood after the arrival of the new Headteacher

The Venue ; Jane Horn reported success in the first round of the Big Lottery Application, and Aurora have applied for matched funding from Foundation of £750' to be matched by £750 from the Club to fund a skilled staff member on a fixed term project to complete the Round 2 Application.

The Warning Zone : All 3 Clubs had given financial support for transport costs, though Aurora sought guidance on who to contact. Tony Wallis was suggested.

Interact : Diana Osborne is willing to continue to attend the regular meetings (Tuesdays 10.45 – 11.15 a.m.) David Morris assists as Interact Officer. but additional help by occasional visits would be greatly appreciated. Jane Horn had discussed the possibility of inter-generational work.

Dates for future meetings : The 2nd Tuesday in the month seemed acceptable but each meeting would decide when the next month would be.

Next meeting therefore Tuesday 7th October, 7 p.m.

John Horn