

## Minutes of Rotary Youth Committee

6 May 2014

Present - Richard Abbott (Chair) Tony Pick (Sec) Sheila Aston, Tony Field, Jenny Foreman, Penny Hancox, Jane Horn, John Horn, Mic Hirst, Dennis Hurst, Brian Sollitt, Eric Sylt

Apologies – Sue Herlihy, Linda Moore, Maggie Saunders

Minutes of previous meeting signed as a true record.

Matters Arising – John Horn (Melton) Maggie Saunders & Eric Sylt (Melton Belvoir) to be joint chairs of Youth Committee next Rotary year.

Jane confirmed that the Aurora Council are pleased to be part of the Youth Committee working together. She emphasised that Aurora had agreed through Council that the Club continues to focus on vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

Finance - Waiting to see budgets for next Rotary year, but envisage little change from this year.

Young Musician – Sheila reported that no local heats required for next year due to poor uptake. Northern semi final at John Ferneley College 7 or 8 March 2015. Eric to seek continued sponsorship from Melton Building Society encouraging them to sponsor competitions on block.

Young Chef – All completed. Shield to be presented to Joe Smith (John Ferneley College)

Youth Speaks – Eric reported on the letter send to Moira Bartlett (District Youth Officer) on the appalling way the Northern Finals were

conducted and the distress caused to competitors and staff supporters from Vale of Catmose School in Oakham. We have had a reply which infers that nothing can be done until the RIBI Mid Year Review in the Autumn. We have indicated that this is not at all satisfactory since, by then, the competition will again be underway. Serious consideration to be discussed at a future meeting to our continued involvement in Youth Speaks.

Young Photographer – Eric reported no entries this year. The Melton Photographic Society had offered further support and encouragement to competitors in future years.

Young Writer – John reported that two entries from John Ferneley College had been sent to area final and we received a winner in Miriam Roberts and second in Yaznia Pourmozafari. Maggie had one junior entry from Brownlow School who automatically won the competition. The shield to remain in Melton at John Ferneley College. Congratulations expressed to our winners.

Young Designer – Mic reported the competition to be judged on 11 June 2014 from 2 pm with presentations at 5.00pm. Tony Pick, Jim Schofield and David Ward to act as judges. Jane to ask at Aurora if had any female member who could join the judging panel.

Rotary Stars – All in place with prize books. Waiting to visit schools in summer term.

RYLA – Maggie reported via Richard that no ATC candidates were 18yrs old this summer so no candidates from that source. Jane ask if the Hub had been approached we were confident that was the case as well as news of RYLA in the Melton Times.

Youth Exchange – Richard reported that Sophie Bradshaw was to be our only candidate this year the other three had for various reasons dropped out as all four had last year. Sophie was not able to go to

the compulsory orientation day but Colin Yarwood ( District YE Officer) had met her in his home and was able to progress her application. A detailed discussion on how we might better encourage young people from under privileged backgrounds, who might benefit from YE. We are to further consider if the Hub and Schools might be in the best place to identify possible candidates next year. Richard reported that the Raynes Foundation were prepared to sponsor a youngster from such a background. With Colin Yarwood moving to “higher office” we are going to invite the new District Officer (from Grantham) to meet us to share our thoughts on YE

AOB - Vote of thanks given to Richard & Tony as they leave the committee to take up President Elect & President responsibilities next Rotary year.

Richard & Tony thanked the committee for their hard work and enthusiasm for the many activities we are involved in.

Date of next meeting – Tue 15 July Quorn Lodge Hotel 7.00pm  
(Room Booked)