

ROTARY CLUB of MELTON MOWBRAY
Minutes for Club Council Meeting, 12th February 2015

	Jly	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	My	Ju			Jly	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	My	Ju
B. Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						A. Blythe	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓				
R. Abbott	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓						D. Morris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x				
D. Ward	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓						E. Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
K. Theobald	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						J. Horn	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓				
D. Osborne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						A. Dawda	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
I. Neale	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓						S. Jeal	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x				
M. Osborne			✓		✓																					

Apologies for Absence

Received from David Morris and Steve Jeal

Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th January 2015 were accepted.

Matters Arising

It was considered that most matters arising would be covered within the agenda, other than: -

- President had written to students from John Fernley who had requested sponsorship for a voluntary work trip to Borneo stating that we are unable to support on this occasion. A recent similar request to receive same response. Secretary requested a copy of President's standard response for the files for any future use, to ensure consistency. **Action W.H.**
- Warning Zone, Youth committee asked to confirm which schools were being sponsored in order to avoid schools making duplicate requests to other charity organisations. **Action J.H.**
- Dennis Spiller confirmed as successful candidate in election for RIBI President 2017/18.

President's Business

- President Bill reported on a recent District team meeting, a few points:-
 - Those present at the meeting considered that Club structures needed to be more flexible.
 - The Presidential Citation application procedure for 2015/16 will be an online process.
 - The recently circulated document from RI on the subject of their pilot scheme proposals for trialling 'Innovative and Flexible Clubs' was worth reviewing.
- President proposed that a loose leaf folder containing details of our Club events be established and circulated at the weekly meetings. **Action W.H./I.N.**

Secretary's Report

- At the Club Business meeting of Monday 19th January 2015 the following was agreed by members present:-
 - Donation of £500 for the Warning Zone for year 2013/14 with a further donation of £350 for 2014/15.
 - Approval to progress the organisation of a Fundraising Summer Ball planned for 25th July 2015.
- Correspondence received and circulated as follows: -
 - Rotary Ride on Father's Day for Prostate Cancer, including slide presentation. **(E.H.)**
 - Reminder poster for Stroke Awareness Day on Saturday 18th April 2015. **(E.H.)**
 - Reminder of Young Artists Competition. **(J.H.)**
- Secretary reminded Council members of forthcoming AGM on 27th April and actions required.
- A list of other club's Charters and events tabled, details of these would be circulated separately to all club members, basically: -
 - Life Education Fundraiser - 6th March 2015
 - Uppingham President's Night - 18th April 2015
 - Huntingdon Cromwell's Charter Dinner - 25th April 2015

Treasurer's Report

- Statements of accounts for the period 14th January - 11th February 2015 along with the Committee balances had previously been circulated by Email to Council members.
- General Account balance at £4,177, the second half of District capitation charge at £1,062 has now been paid.
- The Charity account has a balance of £19,499, included in this amount are monies donated by other Clubs for the Philippines project, and along with that raised by our Club totals £15,889. The majority of the balance of £3610 is also allocated against specific projects .
- Gift Aid recovery from HMRC was still ongoing, James Green having submitted all necessary documentation.
- Council members agreed that at the request of the Burn's Night organisers, the surplus for the event of £256 could be allocated to Shelter Box fund. It was further agreed that this £256, with a separate £100 donation, can be used to purchase a Shelter Box at a cost of approx. £600, the £244 difference to be taken from International misc account. **Action K.T.**
- John Horn requested that Trust Account Trustees consider whether the Youth committee annual school prizes are a General or Trust account cost. **Action Trustees K.T.**
- Club Council discussed a procedure for the allocation of any surplus from Fund Raising events, with particular reference to our general donations such as Foundation and Life Education . Although no decision was established it was considered good practice to define the beneficiaries of any event at the planning stage. **Action Club Council**

Diary

- The diary generally complete, with a few events covered in the 13th January 2015 issue of 'What's on in Melton'. All other events detailed on Club website, a few refinements are: -
 - 30th March - St Mary's Church visit and Pizza, to be a social event.
 - 20th April - Launde Abbey steak night, a raffle agreed for fund raising.
 - Possible Safari supper, suitable date to be established. **Action J.H.**

Committee Reports

Club Service, Fundraising and Communications

- Nominations for role of Vice President 2015/16 developing, hopefully a proposal by next meeting.
- Charter Night dinner progressing, most 'Club invited guests' responded positively, menu to be circulated, cost £26.50, final details in hand. **Action R.A./W.H.**
- Summer Ball as a three Rotary Club joint event, meetings continue to establish details. Timescale likely to be revised, possible date now 19th September 2015, just prior to District Conference. **Action R.A.**
- President's Handover under review as a 5th Monday evening event, possibly as a wine tasting/Italian evening. **Action R.A.**
- **Communications**, team continuing to support project teams and events.
- **Sub-Committee of Fundraising**, several events in planning: -
 - Santa Fun Run team initial meeting planned for 19th February 2015. **Action W.H.**
 - Golf Day on 15th May 2015. **Action B.A./R.A.**
 - Vintage and Classic Vehicle Meet 6th September 2015, action plan under development. Team emphasise the need for total support from Club membership, along with probable need to underwrite some initial costs, requirements to be put to members at the business meeting on 16th February. **Action I.N.**

International/Foundation

- District **Foundation** Lunch on Sunday 19th April 2015, A.B. taking bookings. **Action A.B.**
- Polio update, 6 new cases in Pakistan this year against 305 last year.
- A request for payment of the Club's 'target' \$100/member Annual Foundation giving, equivalent to £2628 at present Rotary \$/£ exchange rate was discussed. To make the full annual target payment now would take advantage of the present favourable rates. After consideration the Council members present agreed with a vote of 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstention, that an interim payment of £1000 should be made now, with a further payment later in year.

The key factor in the decision being the very low balance of unallocated funds in the Trust account. The £1000 to be taken from remaining International Misc. £520 (after £244 Shelter Box donation taken off), E Bay/ Amazon sales £203, with balance from Wishing Well and invested reserves. **Action K.T.**

- **International**, application for Global Grant, further clarifications required by assessors. The details required are well advanced in being defined with resubmission imminent. **Action A.B.**
 - Fundraising Roast beef lunch planned at Tresillian House on Sunday 2nd August.
 - International fundraising lunch planned for 22nd March at Janet Shortland's house.
 - Uppingham concert in St Mary's planned for 16th October organisation progressing.

Youth, (written report circulated for Council members).

- Youth Speaks, both Intermediate and Senior Catmose teams won their semi finals, and will be in District final on 14th March at Catmose.
- RYLA, a good candidate found, a generous donation of £300 from Raynes Trust will go to support candidate Thomas Askew.
- No Youth Exchange planned this year.
- Young Musician, few competitors but semi finals planned for 7th March at John Ferneley.
- The Venue Project, a non alcoholic Youth Club venue for 13 - 17 year olds in Melton, premises hopefully secured in Phoenix House. Not a Rotary project but volunteers, may be required.
- Council agreed that the Youth team can run a Grand National fundraiser. **Action J.H.**

Community

- Duck Race details progressing, start date being 31st March 2015. **Action E.H.**
- Art Group Project, MMBC have reduced funding but presently seeking alternative source of monies to fund the £400/month required to continue with the project. The Communities team plan to contribute £1000 of their committee's £1632 of unallocated funds, subject to MMBC being successful in sourcing alternative funding. **Action E.H.**

Membership (Minutes of the February committee meeting circulated and on website)

- Fiona Buckton, new member to be inducted on Monday 15th February 2015 at Club's business meeting.
- Satellite Club, three membership proposal forms have been signed and submitted, interviews to progress. 8 members are required before the Satellite Club can be properly formed under R.I. procedure. **Action D.M.**
- RI Innovative and Flexible Club Pilot, team had an initial review on scheme with further evaluation required, particularly regarding relationship with Satellite Club.
- Attendance at Club Meetings and events, Council members agreed to place three members on LOA for a period of 3 months to ease the 'apologies' problem of Treasurer and members. Secretary to arrange and inform the members. **Action D.W.**

Visioning

- Document on Visioning prepared by David Morris reviewed by I.N. and M.O. at a meeting on 16th January 2015, the review will be fed back to the relevant committees for comment and assessment of actions required, a few of the key points being: -
 - Thrust should be on Membership retention and recruitment.
 - Uppingham concert in St. Mary's was a good motivator, develop the lessons learned.
 - Consider a Brainstorm of whole Club on membership retention and recruitment.
 - Use of the Rotary Club of Peterborough marketing publicity.
 - Consider extending the role, or making greater use of the Almoner.

A.O.B.

- A letter from Rotary Club of Lucon in France received by J.H. confirming that their Club wish to pursue a twinning relationship with our Club. Further discussions required, but our intent was to pursue a friendship rather than twinning relationship. **J.H./W.H.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

6.30 pm Thursday 19th March 2015 at Tresillian House