

ROTARY CLUB OF MELTON MOWBRAY
Minutes for Club Council Meeting, 9th January 2014

Present

D. Osborne, J. Hinde, R. McCord, B. Hill, R. Abbott, A. Blythe, I. Neale,
D. Morris, E. Hall, M. Osborne

Apologies for Absence

D. Ward, J. Foreman

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2013 were accepted. There were no matters arising that would not be covered in reports.

President's Business

A request for a raffle prize from Friends at Melton had been received after the event. DO would respond.

The Spinal Injuries Association were organising a fish and chip supper to raise funds in May. The letter was passed to IN.

A Christmas card had been received from Birchwood School. IN has acknowledged this.

The requirements for a Presidential Citation had been received from the ADG.

A letter of thanks from Longfield school for supporting their award scheme had been received. They had acknowledged support with their Uganda project.

John Saunders would represent the DG at our Club Assembly on 9th June.

Notification of Charter anniversaries from Grantham Kesteven on 26th February and Ashby Castle on 4th March had been received.

The request from Angus Smith for a grant reported at the previous meeting had been passed by IN to the Raynes Trust for consideration at their meeting on Monday.

Secretary's Report

The time for comments from members on the applications to join the Club from Atul Dawda and Heena Dawda had passed. Club Council confirmed the acceptance of those applications and inductions should take place on 13th January.

Voting for RI Director 2015/17, RIBI President 2016/17 and RIBI Treasurer 2015/16 were considered. There were no views contrary to the RIBI recommendations.

The contribution of £600 for the Christmas food parcels had been approved by members on 16th December.

The resignation of Jane Abbott as a member was reported with regret.

Treasurer's Report

The current balances were some £3500 for the Charitable Trust and some £5000 for the Club.

The President will thank members for their personal contributions to the Philippines Disaster fund.

A request for a £500 contribution to the Warning Zone had been received. It was passed to RA for the comments of the Youth Committee.

RM has spoken with Mike Powderly. It was possible he could attend lunchtime meetings for coffee only.

The financial position for the June BBQ had been resolved. A surplus of £172 was available to split between Ladies in Rotary and Homestart.

There was a delay in receiving payment of gift aid through some difficulties in satisfying HMRC that their requirements had been met.

Diary

The Visioning meeting provisionally planned for 31st March was confirmed as there were some doubts whether the timing of the visit to the Philippines which could involve three members would actually clash.

The BBQ suggested by Club Service to be on 28th June and handover of the Presidency on 30th June were discussed, the 30th June being a fifth Monday.

A team was being entered for the Life Education quiz on 6th February.

Committee Reports

Club Service

The Committee had considered the request by the DG elect for a combined visit to Melton Mowbray. The consensus of the other clubs was for the evening of 8th September at the Bowls Club. As September is a month with five Mondays this meeting could be designated as an evening meeting of our Club.

The Santa Fun Run committee had met to review the event which was considered a success with increased participation and no reported problems.

Communications/Public Relations

JH reported that the web portal for the joint access to the three local Rotary Clubs was operational. It appears on the first Google page using "Rotary in Melton Mowbray".

A request for photographs of Club events to be sent to the webmaster was made.

Bill Glancy was available to work in promoting committee events. Larger events planned for the current calendar year were the Duck Race, Concert and Santa Fun Run. A proforma to help with planning had been produced.

The idea of a "business card" with Club information had been mooted.

An updated version of the trifold leaflet was to be considered by Club Service.

Foundation

It was apparent that funds were still available within District to support suitable projects.

There was a requirement for training to be undertaken in connection with the grant application process.

A contribution to Foundation would be considered when the financial position was clearer.

International

Club members would be asked to confirm that £800 could be spent on financing the acquisition of computer equipment in Gambia during the imminent visit.

The committee was considering an application for a global grant of \$75k for four possible water linked projects in the Philippines. Melton Mowbray would link with Brackley, Holbeach and other clubs in the District.

Youth

RA reported that there were four candidates for youth exchange opportunities.

The District competitions were progressing.

Another visit to the Warning Zone was contemplated.

The joint committee were due to meet shortly.

Community

IN reported that some £245 had been received from members through the Christmas card and a further sum was to be collected. £42 had come from the cake competition. The duck race was planned for 27th April with the selling of ducks at £1.50 each from 15th April.

The Club would repeat the Kids Out trip to Twinlakes. The committee suggested that consideration of a contribution towards the District event at Wicksteed Park be deferred. Stroke awareness promotion day was planned for 5th April.

A request to make a donation of £1000 towards a defibrillator at Old Dalby had been received, The committee would like to support this.

It was agreed by Council that a donation of £50 be made to the Peter Le Marchant Trust, with a reference to potential help from the Raynes Trust.

Membership

DM reported that there were 14 potential members on the current list of contacts.

The business support group was continuing to meet regularly. Alastair Cunningham from the Bank of England had been booked for 1st May. His talk should be of interest to Rotarians and businesses.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as Thursday 13th February 2014 at Tresillian House, commencing at 6.30pm.