

**ROTARY CLUB of MELTON MOWBRAY**  
**Minutes for Club Council Meeting, 8th October 2015**

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R. Abbott	✓		✓	✓										A. Holland	✓		✓	x							
I. Neale	✓		x	✓										W. Hill	x		✓	x							
D. Ward	✓		✓	✓										E. Hall	✓		✓	✓							
K. Theobald	✓		✓	✓										S. Jeal	✓		✓	✓							
M. Osborne	✓		✓	✓										J. Shortland	x		x	x							
A. Blythe	✓		✓	✓																					

Nb. August Meeting cancelled due to low availability of Council members

### Apologies for Absence

Received from Janet Shortland, Bill Hill and Adrienne Holland.

### Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th September 2015 were accepted.

### Matters Arising

- Publicity material, Council agreed that the standard wording for all our fundraising advertising material should be '**Charities and Good Causes Supported by Rotary**' in addition to the main focus of the fundraising event. **Action All Committee Chairs**

### President's Business

- Summer Ball, excellent event with +£9k raised, final figure close to being confirmed by Event Treasurer. Air Ambulance to receive 50%, with Aurora and our Club to receive 25% each. Review of this event and frequency of future events being undertaken by event committee. An email survey of membership (7 responses) undertaken by President, concluded that a biennial event was the preferred option. However a wider view would be sought at Monday's business meeting including the proposal that the event should be focused more towards Corporate attendees. **Action R.A./I.N.**
- Foundation contributions, following on from the Club discussions when the alternatives of:
  - Annual (monthly/quarterly) voluntary contributions from members, paid directly to RF (UK).
  - Top slicing a percentage from all fundraising events
  - A combination of the above two options.

Council agreed that it was preferred to define the strategy to members after the presentation to the Club by the Foundations Officer on 7th December 2015. **Action Club Council**

### Secretary's Report

- To record approval by the members present at the meeting of 21st September 2015, to support the previous level of costs of the annual Kid's Out event at Twin Lakes. (Costs in order of £2.5k)
- Correspondence received by secretary, predominantly invitations to 'other' Club's Charters and events had previously been summarised and circulated to all membership. Council agreed that this method of informing membership was acceptable. **Action D.W.**
- Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir Charter dinner on 16th November 2015 being on the same day as our Club's planned SGM, Council agreed to move our SGM to 23rd November 2015. **Action I.N.**  
 Secretary collecting names of attendees for Belvoir Charter. **Action D.W.**
- SGM, actions required before SGM now on 23rd November 2015
  - Seek nominations for Vice President for 2016/17. **Action Club Council**
  - Hold a Trustees meeting to review accounts before presentation to membership. Trustees being James Green, Michael Osborne, Kate Theobald, Alison Blythe and David Ward. **Action K.T.**

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported balances of £6371 in the Club account, and £6804 in the Charitable Trust account.

The Trust account now includes the recently received reclaimed Gift Aid of £2765.82, although marginally lower than the amount forecast, this represents a major achievement by all involved in the process.

Membership fees, one member still to pay, Treasurer progressing.

**Action K.T.**

'Teas for the Elderly' teas, hire of Burton Lazars Village Hall at £40 to be questioned with knowledge that booking is for a charitable event.

**Action S.J./K.T.**

## Diary

- As recorded on website and 'Blue card', no present issues.

## Membership (including Vocational)

- Resignation of long serving member Peter Knowles reported.
- Communications with members who do not regularly attend meetings or events, Club Service have considered the problem - see later under Club Service.
- Recruitment of members remains the main priority, with one strong lead in progress, and 7/8 nominations as potential members from one Committee chair. The request for additional nominations from all members through their Committee chairs was reiterated.

**Action Committee Chairs**

- Recruitment open evening now planned for Jan/Feb 2016. The target of 7/8 new members over next 2 years remains.
- Satellite Club, David Morris progressing the resurrection of the club.
- Almoner, 2 widows of past Rotarians, along with one widow's daughter, attended a tea event on 27th September 2015. The event which was well received, was hosted by Michael and Diana Osborne, with Peter and Dorothy Briggs present. Plan to repeat in the future.

**Action All Members/M.O.**

**Action M.O./D.M.**

**Action M.O.**

## Club Service, Fundraising and Communications

- Classic Vehicle event, £500 raised of which £200 agreed for QMC Helipad project with balance of £300 into Charitable Trust as advertised for 'local charities'.
- Council supported the request from Club Service/Fundraising for a £300 working fund to enable the committee to facilitate future fund raising events. To put to business meeting.
- Communications procedure for members who do not regularly attend events or meetings. Club Service to trial an information leaflet which could also be used for 'friends of Rotary, potential members etc. All Committee chairs would be required to support the proposal with information of their work.
- Council agreed to recommend to members at 12th October 2015 business meeting that the annual Christmas gratuity to Sysonby Knoll staff be £200 for this year.
- The following list of events was planned by Club Service: -
  - Minor Sports v Aurora on Tuesday 13th October 2015, 32 attending.
  - Support for concerto 16th October 2015, offers of help coming forward.
  - Spice of India - banquet buffet evening (Atul Dawda), Friday 13th November 2015.
  - Belini's, meal at restaurant including guest speaker for 5th Monday on 30th November.
  - Christmas dinner at Sysonby Knoll hotel, Monday 14th December 2015.
  - Monday 21st December 2015, last lunch of year with Christmas roast and fellowship.
  - Burn's Night, Ben Abbott agreed to organise on 30th January 2016 at Sysonby Knoll.
  - 5th Monday in February, event to be defined.
  - Charter dinner Monday 21st March 2016, speaker booked.
  - Fundraising Quiz night at British Legion on 3rd March 2016.
  - Fundraising treasure hunt with tea at Burton Lazars village hall on Sunday 24th April.
  - Weekend away being considered for end 2016.

**Action K.T.**

**Action I.N.**

**Action I.N./All Committee Chairs.**

**Action I.N.**

## Youth

- Joint Youth committee meetings progressing positively.
- Contacts with schools progressing and developing to promote Youth competitions.
- The Young Chef competition, Stapleford Park agreed to continue involvement with their new chef. Jenny Foreman still prepared to help and be involved in the event. Organisation well advanced. **Action E.H.**
- Youth Speaks, and Young Writer, Linda Moore offered to help with Youth Speaks, John Horn progressing competition with the schools. **Action E.H.**

## Community

- Kids Out on Thursday 24th September 2015, very well received.
- Teas for 'Elderly' planned for 25th October 2015, help required from members. **Action A.H.**
- Food parcels for the elderly at Christmas, funding requirement to be defined and presented to membership for approval. **Action A.H.**
- Shoe Boxes, 350 boxes received at NFU offices, however a second location nearer town centre to be sought. Project progressing, details being defined and collated ready for Melton Times advertising. **Action A.B./A.H./S.J.**

## Vocational

- Report circulated earlier by David Morris on the future proposals and involvement of Melton Mowbray Rotary Club, and the Melton Mowbray Borough Council with the Business Forum. Council supported in principle the offer to help local developing businesses with members 'expertise' through the Business Forum. However a more detailed understanding of the type and extent of 'support' that could be required was needed before fully committing to the involvement. Once established this could then be considered against the skills, expertise and willingness of members to participate. **Action W.H./D.M.**

## Foundation/International

- Concert on 16th October 2015, planning progressing well with: -
  - Over 100 tickets sold, 70 ordinary tickets, 13 for dinner, and 24 for canapes. Revised seating plan with improved seating allocations and Church layout.
  - Over 200 raffle tickets sold
  - Unfortunately likely to be less tickets sold to school than last year due to other school events.
  - Programme details nearing completion ready for printing.
  - Raffle prizes good start with prizes from Stapleford Park, Twin Lakes, Cinema tickets, Food hamper, wine etc.
  - Agreed that 100 canape ticket sales would be the cut off, with one glass of wine with canapes, but with extra wine to purchase.Proceeds from the concert to be considered for a water fountain project in Taclaban.
- Visit to Philippines organised for November 2015 by 5 members of the Club.

**Action A.B.**

## Visioning

- Information from initial visioning exercise reviewed by Ian Neale and Graham Betts who had undertaken a similar role within Melton Mowbray Town Estate. The details to be assimilated by Graham and fed back to Ian Neale to review future actions with Council. **Action I.N.**

## Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th November 2015, 6.30 pm at Tresillian House .