

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting, Tuesday 29 January 2013

District Governor Chris Chew chaired the meeting which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel on Tuesday 29 January 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.

There were 134 Rotarians present from 66 Clubs (Area A 9; B 11; C 8; D 12; E 11; F 6; G 9 Clubs represented).

C. 12/13. 30 Welcome and Apologies

District Governor Chris welcomed all who were present, in particular asking those attending their first Council meeting and Past District Governors, to stand to be recognised.

Apologies were received from:

Past District Governors: Ronald Watson, John Butcher, Martin Bridge, Barry Hasdell, Dan Connon and Paul Buyers.

Officers/Team Leaders: Geoff Blurton (Assistant Governor Area E) and Roger Neuberg (International).

Clubs: Bourne, Loughborough, Loughborough Beacon, Peterborough and Sandy.

Presidents: Joyce Boddey (Kempston), Alan Johnstone (Wellingborough Hatton), Hilary Painter (Blaby), John Sadler (Huntingdon Cromwell), Keith White (Sleaford Kesteven and Ossie Williams (Daventry).

Individuals: Patrick Boylan (Leicester)

C. 12/13. 31 Act of Remembrance

DG Chris named the following Rotarians known to have passed to higher service notified since the previous Council Meeting: Arthur Brown (Northampton), Juliet Bryce (Danetre Daventry), Dennis Halliday (Rushden), Alan Harrison (Nene Valley), John Josephs (Leicester), Ken Peggs (Honorary, Huntingdon) and John Sproson (Honorary, Huntingdon). All present stood in an act of remembrance.

Afternote: PDG Keith Brown (Honorary, Huntingdon), Simon Kingston (South Holland) and Pauline Foster-Smith (Holbeach) were not listed but had been notified.

C 12/13. 32 Minutes of the last District Council Meeting

PDG Roger May proposed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 22 October 2012 should be agreed as a true record. This was seconded by DGN Ken Billington, unanimously agreed, and signed by District Governor Chris.

C 12/13. 33 Matters arising

District Secretary Dick Parsley referred to the proposition at the last meeting from the Rotary Club of Bourne concerning travel grants for New Generation competitors, which had been referred back to the District Executive. He confirmed that funding had been included in the proposed budget for 2013/14 and that a draft of the rules for allocation was with Bourne and the New Generations Committee before presentation at the April meeting of the District Council.

C 12/13. 34 District Governor's Report

Council of Legislation: DG Chris advised owing to health issues PDG Barry Hasdell had decided to stand down as the District 1070 representative. The alternate PDG Richard Hyde was now unable to attend and therefore after consultation with the District Executive he had appointed PDG Martin Bridge (South Holland) who was the third candidate in the election and suitably qualified. He drew attention to the meeting to discuss the proposed legislation being held on Tuesday 5 February 2013 which should be attended by interested Rotarians.

Future Vision: DG Chris said that e-mails had been received from another District criticising the new Foundation format and claiming that Group Study Exchange visits had been discontinued. This was not correct as GSE could continue but would need to be funded from District Grant funds. He said that the replacement by Vocational Training Teams had been very successful and was a better way forward.

Redistricting: DG Chris announced that the Rotary Clubs of Bedford, Bedford Castle, Bedford De Parys, Bedford Park, Biggleswade, Biggleswade Ivel, Kempston and Sandy had agreed to transfer to District 1260 with effect from 1 July 2015. Arrangements were being made to enable them to vote for the 2015/16 District Governor for 1260.

Club Visioning: DG Chris recommended the Club Visioning programme as a self-evaluation and a way forward for Clubs. Participation would be voluntary and not a diktat from RI.

Financial Incident: DG Chris said that the previous District Treasure had been convicted of fraud and false accounting but the outcome had not been completely satisfactory and this was being taken up with the Crown Prosecution Service. He thanked his fellow members of the Crisis Management Team (IPDG Linda May, PDG Barry Hasdell, Rotarian Geoff Richardson, Rotarian Robert Gibson and PDG Dick Parsley) for their work.

RIBI President's Visit: DG Chris thanked all Rotarians and Clubs who had helped to give a flavour of 1070 to RIBI President John Minhinick during his visit.

C12/13.35 District Secretary

Presidents Elect Training Seminar: DS Dick thanked the two-thirds of Clubs who had booked and asked the others to submit registrations by Friday 1 February 2013.

District Database: Over half the entries for 2013/14 Club Officers had been completed and he reminded Club Secretaries that a separate update was needed for the RI Global Database. A database training course for Club Secretaries would be held in mid-March.

C 12/13. 36 District Treasurer's Report

Accounts for year ended 30 June 2012: District Treasurer Geoff Richardson (Huntingdon Cromwell) said that audit of these accounts could not be completed until the financial outcome from the court case was finalised. He hoped the accounts would be presented at the April District Council Meeting

District Budget 2013/14: DT Geoff said that the only correspondence on the Budget was from Jeff Rosenthal (Oadby) concerning the District Conference costs. He pointed out that this was in line with the standing agreement by District Council. He proposed adoption of the Budget including the capitation fee of £31.50. This was seconded by Sergeant at Arms John Aked (Huntingdon Cromwell) and agreed unanimously.

Conference Budget 2013: DT Geoff referred to the Conference Budget which had been circulated and included a registration fee of £39.00. There were no questions. Adoption was

proposed by PDG Andrew Cowling (Northampton), seconded by Bryan Swain (Huntingdon Cromwell) and agreed overwhelmingly.

District Accounts 2012/13: No questions were raised on the Income and Expenditure accounts for the period ended 31 December 2012 which had been circulated. Acceptance was proposed by Mike Warrington (Stamford), seconded by PDG Richard Hyde (Ramsey) and agreed unanimously.

C 12/13. 37 Assistant Governors' Reports

There were no additions to the written reports and no questions were raised.

C 12/13. 38 Committee Reports

The following items were in addition to the written reports circulated by all Committees.

Project Team Chairmen's Reports

New Generations (Youth Opportunities): PDG Roger May asked whether the amount of £2,000 was sufficient funding for the Youth Camp. DT Geoff said that he had attended a Youth Camp subcommittee meeting and now believed that sufficient funding was in place.

PDG Andrew Cowling drew attention to the details and application forms the Rotary Youth Leadership Award programme which he had put in the baskets.

Community: Chairman Tony Robbs (Kettering) said that following presentations at Conference, he was pleased that donations had been received for DEBRA and Canine Partners, and he hoped these causes would be considered by further Clubs.

Vocational: Chairman Mary Whitehead (Biggleswade Ivel) announced that the Rotaskills project started by 1070 was to be adopted by RIBI from the start of 2013/14, and that the form could be downloaded from the District website. DG Chris urged Rotarians to complete the forms in order to offer skills not described by their classification.

Support Team Chairmen's Reports

Communications: DG Chris said that 18 Clubs had booked Social Media Training and hoped more would follow. He also congratulated Holbeach on their use of Facebook to publicise progress of their Santa Sleigh which had received considerable positive comment.

Membership Services: DG Chris advised that the removal of funding for Business Link gave Clubs an opportunity to fill the void by providing business networking opportunities.

New Club Formation Officer PDG Roger McDermott reported on the Inaugural Meeting of Welland Valley had been held with 20 members, and he expected the new Club to be chartered in this Rotary year. He thanked Andrew Granger and other members of Market Harborough for their work in forming this Club.

DG Chris presented the District Quiz Winners Shield to Rotarian Robert Webb of Kettering Huxloe. He congratulated and thanked Robert Bracegirdle (Loughborough Beacon) and Eddie Pearson (Melton Aurora) for organising such a good event.

C 12/13. 39 Rotary Foundation

Incoming Foundation Chairman Trevor Davies (Brackley) said that in the recommended District Designated Fund SHARE proposal the maximum had been allocated to District Grants to enable Clubs to undertake a wide range of projects. Adoption of the proposal was

proposed by Tony Robbs (Kettering), seconded by Mike Warrington (Stamford) and agreed unanimously.

Chairman John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray) said he was delighted to announce that no cases of wild Polio were shown in the most recent weekly report, and this emphasised the importance of completing the eradication. He drew attention to Polio Crocus Day on 23 February 2013 and the Foundation Lunch on Sunday 24 March 2013 encouraging members and guests to attend. He was pleased to announce that the District had received a certificate from RI for supporting Polio Eradication in 2011/12. DG Chris presented the certificate to IPDG Linda May.

C12/13. 40 Next Meeting

DG Chris confirmed the next meeting would be held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby NN17 2AE on Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 7.30pm

C12/13. 41 Any other business

- a) DS Dick asked Health and Safety Officer John Steedman (Ashby de la Zouch) and Equality, Protection & Diversity Officer David Brown (The Wreake Valley) to identify themselves so that Clubs knew who to contact.
- b) DG Chris drew attention to the Council of Legislation meeting on Tuesday 5 February and the Club Visioning meeting on Wednesday 6 February 2013.
- c) DG Chris said that having accurate membership figures was so important that the AGs would continue to contact Clubs on a monthly basis, in addition to the normal reporting.

C 12/13. 42 Address by RIBI President

RIBI President John Minhinick expressed thanks for the hospitality he had received during his visit to the District. He especially noted the projects with Clubs working with young people and in the community; the publicity obtained in the Rotary feature in the Peterborough Telegraph; and attending the Inaugural Meeting of Welland Valley.

He then gave a wide ranging and informative talk which included covering the Five Year Plan; the new RIBI Board; cost savings being made; and the continued importance of increasing membership. He commended Rotarians to attend the RIBI Conference in Harrogate (12-14 April 2013).

In closing the meeting, DG Chris thanked RIBI President John for his talk and for visiting the District.

Signed:

Date

District Governor