

Minutes of the ComVoc committee held on 8 May 2017

Present: Helen, Margaret, Kate, Richard, Bill, Fiona

Apols: Colin, Adrienne

Requests for funding

HB presented three letters from charities asking for donations.

1. East Goscote Girls football. It was decided we had too many other calls on our limited resources to be able to support them. There is another Rotary Club nearer to their base.
2. PBC – a liver charity. Again a good cause but members felt we couldn't support them.
3. Quetzal – a local charity supporting women suffering trauma following abuse in childhood. Members felt it is a worthy cause but we are unable to support at the present time.

HB to write 'sorry' letters to all three charities.

After the Duck race

General discussion on how it had gone this year. Agreed that the 'family and friends' numbered sheets were a good idea and brought in monies from members who otherwise could not be involved in selling duck numbers. Suggestion that these sheets should be given out earlier to try to catch members before they go on holiday. We could also approach members of the satellite club in future to help at Twin Lakes and with F/F sheets. Also need more posters at TwinLakes (Is there a problem with displaying these?)

HB reported on funds raised – probably raised just about enough for our KidsOut project based on last year's costs but at £1858, a good way down on previous years. This is down to many reasons – people often don't bring cash with them; we had far fewer people on duty – often only one at a time, and many members find it very difficult to sell.

The problem with giving out some of the limited funds to other committees was discussed in detail. It was recognised that being able to share out funds was a good incentive to encouraging members to participate. However, if the Duck Race is now a club-wide project, although administered by ComVoc, and is primarily for KidsOut, then the funds should go primarily to that project. However, because of lack of clear communication about this, it was agreed we should this year, give an ex gratia payment to Youth, based on ticket sales.

Further brief discussion on whether Easter is a good time for the sales and race. It is often very cold and people are not always able to be outside. Is a fortnight too long for the club to sustain volunteers? Would one intensive week at Spring Bank Holiday half term be better? HB to contact Phil for info on proportions of visitors at different times.

Harrington School

Bill presented request from Harrington School (Post-16 at Oakham) for help in interview technique for yr12 students. Presented at club – volunteers noted. BH/HB to proceed.

Meeting closed at 12.40