

Rotary Youth Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2014

Present: John Horn (Chair), Eric Sylt (Sec), Tony Field, Jane Horn, Linda Moore, Brian Sollitt, Geoff Theobald, Sue Herlihy and Dennis Hurst

Apologies: Maggie Saunders, Jenny Foreman, Mic Hirst, Mike Rowe, Heena Dawda, Sheila Aston, Penny Hancox, Kathryn Manderson

Minutes: of the last meeting on 7 October were approved. Any matters arising to be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Matters Arising: David Cowell to be invited to a future meeting with the offer of a 6pm start.

Finance:

- DH reported that book prizes have been purchased.
- 2013/14 grant to Warning Zone does not appear in Lunchtime Club accounts. JH to follow up.

Youth Competitions etc.

Young Musician

Insufficient entries, to date, to justify a local heat. Entry to District Semi Final to be subject to SA's judgement of standard. ES reported that MBS have agreed to provide £150 as subsidy for competitors' entry to competition.

Young Chef

BS reported that:

- The school heats had taken place and had once again been very successful.
- Previous competitors Joe Smith and Luke ? have taken up the opportunity of work experience at Stapleford and Joe is now attending catering college.

The Committee recorded their thanks to JF and BS for the continuing success of this competition. Thanks were also recorded to LM, Jane Abbott, Ros Eggleston and Martin Furlong (Stapleford CHH) for agreeing to act as judges.

Youth Speaks

LM reported that to date there have been four entries, 2 senior teams and 2 intermediate team, all from Catmose College in Oakham. The local competition will take place at QLH on Wednesday 26 November at 7pm.

With reference to the Regional Final 2014, it was noted that the RIBI Mid Term Review had taken place. ES agreed to contact Moira Bartlett to enquire whether the Committee's previously notified concerns had been addressed.

Young Photographer

ES reported that the group had met and agreed that:

- ES would provide competition info to MT.
- KT to investigate possibility of using social media (Twitter/Facebook) to circulate competition information.
- GT to make contact with MV16. ES to provide contact info.

Young Writer

JH reported that:

- He is hopeful that John Ferneley Academy and Long Field will enter though he is unsure about Belvoir High.
- MV16 have been contacted but have not, as yet, responded.
- Entry deadline is 30 March 2015.

Rotary Stars

DH reported that:

- The book prizes have been purchased; no school has backed out.
- Frisby PS has expressed an interest in joining the scheme, if possible.
- It was agreed that Frisby PS join the scheme, if they wish and the number of participating schools can be increased to 10.

Eisteddfod/Birch Wood Exhibition

JH reported that:

- Date for event is 19 December; there will be some recognition for the winners.
- The event at Birch Wood is likely to be an arts week possibly followed by an exhibition.

Recognition of Teaching Staff

The case for recognition was made as follows:

MS noted that the time and effort put into the organisation of Young Musician by SA was recognised by District by the presentation of a bouquet. In her absence she requested that whatever the outcome of the discussion all teaching staff should be treated in the same way.

BS represented the case for similar recognition of teaching staff who committed their time and effort particularly to the success of the Young Chef competition. Further that Belvoir High School had provided gifts for all their competitors. He suggested that for this year, at least, the practice should continue.

The case against “gratuities” was based on the fact that the youth budgets are provided by charity funds and therefore gratuities cannot be regarded as legitimate expenditure.

This fundamental point seemed to be generally accepted. It was pointed out that though it may be possible to obtain approval for gratuities to be paid for from club funds this would require the approval of both club councils.

The general principle was unanimously accepted and forms of recognition were discussed.

Agreement was reached that thank you cards should be sent to all participating schools after each competition. These cards should include the Head teacher.

It was also agreed that it would establish good practice for MS and JH to jointly send a Christmas card to the Quorn Lodge Hotel thanking Harry Mann for the use of facilities by the Youth Committee at no cost.

Finally it was agreed that BS provide a box of chocolates to staff at both schools participating in Young Chef and that this would be funded by members of the Youth Committee personally.

RYLA

It was reported that a possible participant had been identified and is working as a learning support assistant in Leicester. It is unlikely that he will be able to contribute £100; JH agreed to approach the Raynes Trust on his behalf.

Youth Exchange

It was agreed not to sponsor any participants this year.

Interact

JH reported that club currently in an “interim” situation; Diane Osborne still providing support.

AOB

Warning Zone

ES reported that RCMMB have agreed to a donation of £900. No response to request for a specific sum to be put to club councils. To be followed up.

JH to find out position re Aurora.

Next meeting

Tuesday 13 January 2015 at 6pm