

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.15 WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023

Present: Charlie Daniel-Hobbs Ed Holmes* Bill Gidley
Ron Bowater* Roger Shepherd
Brian Davies* Stuart Wineberg* Steve George

Apologies, , Nigel Budd – President* Graham Hollier* Nikki Jones, Tony Trowsdale Bryan Rickett
Clive Collier

*Trustees

President Nigel sent his apologies, SVP Ed Holmes in the chair. Council welcomed Brian back.

Minutes of last meeting

Passed without comment

Secretary

Nothing to add

Trust Fund

As per report.

Club Treasurer

As report

Club Service

Council agreed to the proposal to accept the RBL charge of £100 per meeting and to spread that charge across all full members, this to be added to their meal accounts whether or not they attend the meeting. Ed to put this to a vote at the business meeting

Communications

No report. We still have no volunteers for chair. Committee to be encouraged to send a rep to Council meetings

Membership

As per report. Mentoring discussed agreed to be a requirement for all new members. Membership committee to manage this. Charlie suggested that we need a “how this club works” leaflet to supplement the RGBI package which we assume is issued to all new members

WTTW

As report. We need to replace Specsavers as a sponsor (their contribution has reduced from £1300 to £200). Charlie offered to arrange artwork and design foc and a reduced print cost of £600. Brian and Charlie to discuss further

Relay Marathon

As report. Charlie was optimistic that some of the Relay Marathon sponsors would also sponsor WTWW in 2024

Community

As per report. Council and Trustees agreed to propose the spend of £500 to kids cancer charity.org. Stuart requested more information on how Rotary will be recognised for this contribution (in the interests of PR) and what precautions will be taken to ensure the funds are used as indicated.

Foundation

As report. Please note 13-19 Feb for the Hilliers Polio event. We still have spaces for the Saturday

International

As report

Youth

As per report.

Sports and Social

As per report

President's remarks**AOB**

At the request of Ed, Council noted the extreme efficiency with which the meeting was managed and it closed at 19-12. Council agreed that Ed should do more of this.

Ed Holmes SVP

Stuart Wineberg - Secretary

Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test

1st February 2023

The Senior Vice President welcomed all members to the meeting in the absence of the President.

Secretary

Stuart asked if any members present knew the whereabouts of the collecting tins as Brian needs them for the Polio event at Hilliers. It was suggested that they might be in the container at Broadlands. Steve S-J offered to look for them.

On the same subject Brian asked for aid to fill the last remaining slots on Saturday afternoon.

Club Treasurer - Report attached

There were no questions arising from the accounts and Ron stated he had nothing to add to them at present.

Trust Fund - Report attached

There were no questions arising from these accounts which had been circulated to members before the meeting

Club Service Report and proposal attached.

SVP Ed said that Council had agreed the proposal (attached to these minutes) that the room hire for the meetings at RBL be paid for out of membership fees and that therefore the cost of meals will be reduced to £13.50. He further stated that this decision by Council should be put to the members present. The proposal was agreed by a majority decision with one vote against.

Communications no report

Council asked that one member of the Communications committee attend Council meetings in the absence of a Chairman. The search for a chairman of this committee is ongoing.

Membership

Tony reported by email "Nothing positive to report but hopes persist"

Fund Raising Report of the Relay Marathon committee meeting in January attached.

Charlie reported that all was going according to plan for the Relay Marathon with 47 teams already registered and most of the sponsors on board.

He explained that it was necessary to have a day when the container containing all the accoutrements for the Relay Marathon are sorted out and cleaned. This would be on **Thursday 16th February from 10am – 4pm** with

refreshments provided. He asked if club members could provide help with this even if only for a couple of hours. It is usually a fun day!

Brian reported that plans are progressing on WTTW and at the moment was concentrating on sponsorship for the event

Community Service Reports attached.

Within the report from the Community Service committee Nikki had asked for a sum of £500 from her budget to provide help from a children's cancer charity for a family in Romsey with a child with cancer. This needed a proposal from Council to all members so it was proposed by Ron Bowater and seconded by Stuart Wineberg and passed unanimously.

Bryan Taphouse reported on a matter which had been discussed at the committee meeting but not included in the report that the Club should join with the Abbey in producing another Songs of Praise in July. It would be in the same week as the Mayor's Picnic and it was suggested that Bryan work with Nikki to make an official proposal to Council with all the details so that they could examine this further.

David Sutton reported on a plan to put solar panels on the roof of the Scout Hut in Romsey to help reduce running costs. A grant had been applied for and David asked for signatures to a document to show local support for such a project to aid in securing the grant.

Foundation – report attached.

Bryan reported that there are some slots still needing to be filled on Saturday for the event at Hilliers

International - Report attached.

Bill has sent out to all members two reports about projects in Nepal which we have funded. They make interesting reading but are rather lengthy so instead of attaching them to these minutes if anyone would like further copies of them please apply to the Assistant Secretary Rosemary.

Youth - Report attached.

Steve George further reported that two teams from Youth Speaks will go forward to the next round of the competition and a group of Rotarians would go with them.

With regard to the Young Technician competition, Steve S-J reported that trials for this year's project would take place this week. He also reported that last year there had not been enough glue guns so he had bought 6 more. He requested help on the day with manning the glue gun stations. He would send out an email with further details.

Sports and Social Report attached from Clive regarding future Social Events

Club Almoner

No further reports at present.

AOB

Ringwood Rotary Club are holding their annual Quiz Night on 25th March at the St Leonards and St Ives Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30. Teams of 6 at a cost of £9 per head. Licensed bar and bring your own food. Further details from Rosemary.

President's remarks

The Senior Vice President closed the meeting with the final Rotary toast.

Next meeting Breakfast meeting at YIR Wednesday 8th February at 8am with speakers.

Consolidated Committee Reports

Sent BCC to all active members

My monthly report for the two accounts that I manage is as follows:

Club General Fund

- This month, members paid in a total of **£3976.00** to 'settle' their dinner accounts
- The second half RIBI bill of **£2006.67** was paid.

- As of CoB on 27 Jan, the account balance at the bank stands at **£6424.71**
- Of this, **£1191.00** is the sum of Member's dinner accounts
- There is one RBL meeting still to be invoiced and paid **£528.00**
- Club unrestricted money is therefore **£4705.71**

Walk/RM account

- We am now using what was the dedicated 'Walk Account' for both of the Club's main fundraising events (Walk and Relay Marathon), keeping finances separate within the same account.
- Walk/RM account balance is currently **£19612.76** of which **£3003.20** is 'RM money' received so far from sponsors and team entries. The remainder is Walk 'working capital/float' (**c£7k**) brought forward from last year plus proceeds from 2022 walk (**c£9.6k**)

Regards Ron

RCoRT Trust Fund Financial position as at 27-01-23 for meeting on 01-02-23

Sent BCC to all members of the RCoRT

Attached is the FMR showing the position of the account as at 27-01-23 which is in balance with a bank statement of this date.

You will see that we have £10,846 available in unspent budgets available and £2.133 in uncommitted funds available.

Within committee budget balances of £10,846 there are sums of money included such as Miscellaneous, Contingency etc., with no defined purpose as yet and these are:

Youth	£ 200
Community Service	£4,645
Foundation	£ 410
President award's	£1,000

Rotary Club of Romsey Test Trust Fund - Financial Management Report 2022/23

Financial Year 01/07/22 - 30-06-23

BANK BALANCES	Credit	Debit	Total
Statement 27-01-23	16,878		
Corporate Instant Deposit	4		
Uncleared credits (27-01-23)	0		
Unpresented debits (27-01-23)		-368	
Adjusted Total funds available (A)	16,882	-366	16,516

CURRENT ACTIVITY BY CATEGORY	Credit	Debit	Total	Budget- 2022/23	Budget Variance
Bank Interest	0	0			
Community Service	0	-2,035	-2,035	6,680	4,645
> R.O.R	0	0	0	1,190	1,190
> M.P. (Balance see Restricted Funds outstanding below)	4,204	-2,864	1,340		
Donations/Grants/Transfers	3,161	-5,520	-2,359	0	
Foundation	0	-390	-390	800	410
Foundation District Donation (Return if unspent)	860	0	860		
Foundation members giving	1,563	0	1,563		
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,402	-1,402	0		
International	77	-4,687	-4,610	4,610	-0
Miscellaneous/Sundries	0	-144	-144		
Presidents Giving	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Xmas Events	3,483	-3,506	-23		
Youth	0	-1,899	-1,899	5,500	3,601
Youth-District Levy £3 x 61 per member (Unbudgetted cost)	0	-183	-183	0	0
B/fwd as at 17-06-22 (Inc £4 inst Dep)	16,397	0	16,397		
From WTTW 2022 Rec 01-07-22	8,000		8,000		
Adjusted Total funds available (A)	39,146	-22,630	16,516	19,780	10,846

RESTRICTED FUNDS OUTSTANDING	Credit	Debit	Total	
Funds available in T/F Ac			16,516	
MP Donation to mayor £1kChq 401829 paid		0		
MP Reserves (£1,340 to unrestricted Funds)		0		
Foundation Giving from 01/04/22 to 27/01/23		-2,188		To be paid 31/03/23
Foundation District Giving (Return if unspent)		-860		Laise with S.Mitchell
Youth Ops.(District grant Youth Speaks b/fwd)		-490		Laise with S.George
Budgets unspent		-10,846		
TOTAL OF RESTRICTED FUNDS			-14,384	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	>>>>>>		2,133	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are prepared under the Receipts & Payments system of Accounting as approved by the Charity Commission for charities with a turnover of less than £250k p.a.

Registered Charity 102929525

Rotary Club of Romsey Test – Club Service Report – 1st February 2023

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Royal British Legion.

The staff and Management have been working hard to improve the service of meals at our meetings. Mary the Secretary of RBL has said that if any member has any complaints about the meal they are to bring it to the attention of the staff on the night. This way they can rectify any problems immediately.

The RBL have said they are very eager to retain our business.

Council Meeting 1st February 2023

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This meeting is in the upstairs RBL Committee Room.

Dining - Charging Proposal

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This proposal was sent to all members of the Council and then subsequently to all club members prior to the Council meeting on the 1st Feb.

There have been positive comments and some minor changes of wording to the original proposal.

There is a majority agreement from all Council Members to accept the proposal.

At the Council meeting on the 1st February 2023, Council will have to vote on their recommendation to the club members.

One matter still needs to be resolved. Should the fourth meeting of the month, being a Social Meeting and therefore no Rotary business is discussed or transacted be included in the proposed charging scheme. If the decision is to exclude this meeting from the payment scheme then the meals will £16.50p for that night.

Separate entertainment events will be subject to applicable charges for the event.

Ed Holmes

Club Service

30th January 2023

Rotary Club of Romsey Test - *The Club* – Club Service Committee

13 March 2023

Proposal to Council and *Club* Members regarding Dining and Hall hire Fees.

Following on from the report to the *Club* Council on the 4th January 2023, the following is a summary of the current dining and hall hire arrangements followed by proposed recommendations.

Current Arrangements.

- *The Club* holds three meetings a month at the Royal British Legion Romsey *RBL*.
- The meetings are Primarily for *The Club* business.
- Dinner at the meetings, provided for those who order in advance.
- The charge for the meal is £16.50p of which £3 is allocated for the hire of the hall, upstairs bar with staff, use of the downstairs bar, committee room, table-serving staff and storage room for *The Club's* equipment.
- On average approximately 30 *Club* members, attend each meeting.
- Only the dining members pay the current charge of £3 for the hall hire. The *RBL* invoice *The Club* each month for the meals and hall hire.
- *The Club's* caterer is an *RBL* franchisee.

Observation

It appears to be unbalanced for the dining members only, to absorb the entire hall hire cost.

Hall hire use is primarily for *The Rotary Club of Romsey Test* business and the *Club* would be unable to function without a meeting place. Furthermore it skews the apparent cost of the dinner making the cost appear excessive compared to other dining prices at the *RBL*.

Proposal

1. *The RBL* have offered a room hire charge of £100 per meeting as a separate charge.
2. Every member of *The Club* should share in the cost of the *RBL* hall hire.
3. *The Club* accept the hall hire charge of £100 per meeting, proposed by the *RBL*.
4. Based on an average of 30 members attending each *RBL* meeting, the cost for each member would be circa £1.67 per meeting, slightly adjustable for each meeting, and subject to current membership, totals to cover the fixed hall hire cost.
5. Reduce the meal cost from £16.50 to £13.50p per dining member.
6. There would be no change recommended to alter the current members *Club* monthly standing order.
7. Charge the funding through each members' meal account.

This proposal has no effect on Club membership subscriptions; it is a balanced distribution of the cost of the hall hire to all the members.

During investigation on this subject, Members have advised that the above proposal was in operation prior to the relocation of *The Club* from the Town Hall to the *RBL* so it should be noted that this is actually a return to previously accepted practice for the Club.

Proposed by: Rotarian Edmond Holmes

Seconded by: Rotarian Clive Collier

Membership Report / Feb. 2023

"Nothing positive to report but hopes persist"

Thanks,

Tony

Sent BCC to all members of Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of a Relay Marathon meeting held at Birchlands on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Charlie Daniel-Hobbs, Ron Bowater (via zoom), Rosemary Forward, Melanie Wathen, Ieuan Wathen, Tristan Pattison.

Apologies: Bill Gidley, Charles Forward, Ed Holmes, Steve Simmons-Jacobs.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking those who had braved the elements and welcoming Ron via zoom.

Website and Registration

- The website is working well already 26 teams registered which is ahead of last year
- 20 have paid
- Wix payment is working well. It was noted that Wix has an API to social media
- Some teams are paying by Paypal which is also working well
- Email reminders will be sent out immediately to all those we have an email for
- Facebook should be reactivated and this would then replicate to Twitter and Instagram
- Tristan and leuan would push the event on various media including Linkdin
- Ron mentioned Sean who has access to the RCoRT Facebook

Finance

- There are some issues with Paypal which needs to be validated because of out of date information – this was sorted out during the meeting. It is working well
- The Treasurer reported that the figure in the budget for Facebook for this year is £400
- There is a balance of £2,600 in the RM bank account, this includes £1,500 from the Rotary Club of Romsey.
- Deposits of £199 for the entertainment have already been paid out.
- An invoice has been sent to Parker Bullen for their sponsorship

Sponsors

- Charlie has contacted all previous sponsors
- The following sponsorships have been confirmed
 - (a) Parker Bullen £2,000
 - (b) Paultons £1,000
 - (c) Solent Plastics £ 750
 - (d) Bradbeers £ 500
 - (e) Wathen Marine £1,000
- Charlie has a meeting with Barretts and with Chris of the Hunters and Mortgage Hut for £2,000
- Tristan has some potential sponsors in mind.
- Charlie has flyers promoting the event for Tristan to use and Melanie would like some for the charities.

Site

- Charlie is contacting the site service providers initially and then Bill will take over. Bill needs access to gmail for this.
- A container day is needed to sort out the contents of the container. Charlie suggested February half term – 15th, 16th, 17th February. The Club will be asked for help with this
- 25th January – Charlie is making a presentation to the Club about the Relay Marathon and Charles will be asked to talk about marshals.

Marshalls

There was no report

Entertainment and food – Ieuan and Melanie

- Entertainers booked
- Scouts and Guides are ok for bbq and drinks.
- Other food outlets were discussed – pizzas, doughnuts and proper coffee
- It was suggested that the teams be notified in advance of the range of food available.

Any Other Business

- Tristan said that Andy Jones would be willing to come along and take a video for promotional purposes. He would make a small charge. Would need Broadlands permission?
- Kids Marathon – Tristan reported that Cupernham Infants School and Romsey Abbey Primary school wish to be involved also possibly Halterworth. They would provide some pupils to take part and in return would be offered the last mile at no cost and advertisement on the Marathon website and Facebook.
- These schools have also shown interest in taking part in the main event
- Last year's programmes to be taken to the meeting on 25th January.

Next meeting TBA

Report from Charlie Daniel-Hobbs

Community service report for January

Children's Cancer Charity request

Before Christmas I put forward a request for funding for a local family who have a young child with cancer. They have been in contact with the charity 'Kids Cancer charity.org' They have several holiday homes and organise fully supported breaks for families with children suffering with cancer. Questions were asked about whether the charity had contacted any other organisations and requested funding? I have been in contact with the charity and they explained that they did send a request to 'The other' Romsey Rotary Club' but hadn't had

a reply. So just to confirm we are the only source of funding for this break. The cost is £500. At the community service meeting we voted unanimously to support this request. I would now like to put it to the council again?

Romsey Community Services and Pantry

I had a meeting with Natalie and Helen (adult education lead) They now have funding in place for a range of Adult learning workshops. The workshops will provide a range of skills including cooking, money matters, budgeting and IT. They are cleverly put together so the adults are also learning mathematical skills and the basics of successful and healthy family living. Each workshop can accommodate between 8-30 people and are 2 hours long . The workshops are all organised and planned ready to go!

Rotary can help to make these workshops a success by offering the essential ancillary support that is needed. Many of these projects fall down because of several hurdles. A good affordable and suitable venue. Transport. Child care and sometimes these families need encouragement in the form of some reward for attending! A form of 'Goody bag' will be given at the end of the workshop containing, amongst other things, a voucher for the Pantry. These will need funding

We are hoping to use Embley Park School as a venue and with the offer of help with transport as well this will be a major contribution. When I have more of an idea of cost I would like us to look at providing help with funding someone to help with childcare and providing a meal for the families attending.

This is still very much 'work in progress' but these kinds of projects are essential if we are to 'break the cycle' and educate families and give them the tools and life skills on how to manage and live better.

I have a request from RCS. They have been offered 15 free spaces for teens (11-16 year olds) at the Itchen Valley Outdoor Education centre. This is a 4 hour session. They require someone with a DBS and MIDAS certificate to help so they can get them there and assist for the session??? Does anyone have the relevant certificates and able to help. Half term is 13th-17th February?

Romsey Abbey Primary School

We had a fantastic visit to the school to see what work has been done so far and, more importantly, what's still to be done. Ron came along with several of his colleagues from Men's Shed. The school would like a covered learning area built, complete with seating. I'm happy to report that Men's Shed have agreed to take on the project and Ron has been able to acquire much of the timber needed Free of charge from a local development/ building company.

They also need help with the planting scheme and are looking to get some of these areas sponsored. I'm waiting for a list of the plants from Bean (the designer). I think it would be great for Rotary to sponsor an area within the garden. They have agreed that we could put up a plaque as well as a constant reminder of our support.

I've had a meeting with Louisa Rice from TVBC and will be putting in a request for a Councillor Community Grant for £1000. She's in agreement that this is a fantastic community project with children at the heart of it

benefitting. This should cover the outstanding materials needed to complete the learning shelter and seating around the tree.

Will keep you all informed on progress. We will need help with the planting so if you'd like to get involved please let me know and I'll put you on the list?

Mayors picnic. Sunday 2nd July

Plans are well under way for organising this event. I'd like anyone who would be interested in assisting with the 'set up and on the day duties' to please get on touch. I'd like to get an idea of what kind of team we will have for the event.

During my meeting with Louisa Rice we discussed the possibility of a grant for this event as well. We intend to make more of the 'mayors afternoon tea picnic' and provide a hospitality/ well-being tent for Rotarians helping on the day. This is what the funding will go towards.

I've also had a meeting with Judith (Town Clerk) and Nicqui Chatterley (Mayors PA) invites are being sent out to other local Mayors and there will be some help from the Mayors pot for funding the lunch.

There's lots more work going on within our Community group and I'm excited about all the projects we have going on and others in the pipeline. The more we continue to grow the relationships with local charities and families the more we are able to ensure our funds go to the right areas and make a difference.

By talking and sharing information we can all help each other. Baby Necessities and Romsey Young Carers have both recently benefitted from the 'Councillors Community Grant' and the 'Cost of Living 'Grant scheme.

The next Community Service Committee meeting will be Tuesday 21st February at 6.30pm. Please let me know if you'd like to attend and get involved.

Regards

Nikki Jones

February Foundation report

Many thanks to the many who have already signed up for a 2 hour stint at Hilliers in the week 13th to 18th Feb (two weeks time). Ron has checked that the credit card readers will work at the venue (great work by Ron). I am setting up the display boards and making contact with Clare (the Hilliers manager).

I still have blank slots on the Rota, Friday morning and Saturday afternoon. As this will be our last season to use this manpower intensive method and it has been a very successful fund raiser over the years (with a three times gearing thanks to Bill Gates) please do give your support and send me your details.

Just need a crocus or two to show up!!!!

Bryan

Rotary International report

I recently received completion reports from Madan our contact at Rainbow School Kathmandu Nepal. They cover the projects which we have supported over the last two Rotary years. Provision of the computer equipment was delayed by the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu being slow to hand over funds. Now all resolved and the project completed.

These are quite long reports but if you take the trouble to read them do provide some quite interesting insights into life in Kathmandu.

Bill

(International committee chair)

These reports are available from Assistant Secretary Rosemary forward@btinternet.com

Herewith Youth Report for February 2023,

Youth Speaks - 6 teams attended this event, 3 in each category. Teams from Romsey, Mountbatten and first timers Woodlands school were in attendance. We are grateful to the judges and those attending Rotarians who supported us with questions on the night. Thanks also go to Charles for his organisation of the event, Tony for his stop go traffic lights and Dave for his programme and certificate production . Romsey won both Intermediate and Senior competitions and will progress to the Group 5 round in Andover on February 8th.

Embley Park relationship - Embley School have confirmed they would like to work with Rotary to the mutual benefit of both parties. This may involve providing us with support on community or fund raising projects and allowing access to to some Embley resources such as premises or facilities for meetings or events, transport

etc. Relevant rotarians/committees will be put in touch with Embley personnel as appropriate. We will shortly be testing this with the Marathon relay and community/social events coming up.

Young Photographer - The local competition has now closed (31/12). We received 9 entries. All entries are from Intermediate age children 11-13. A winner, Teddy Lennox-Clearly of Test Valley School for his 'The Skyscraper' and a runner up Xenia Daniel-Collings of Embley School for her 'Eye of Venice'. The winning photograph is now submitted to District.

TT - We are ready for our annual TT event on March 8th at Crosfield hall. 17 teams currently confirmed. We are in communication with Testwood School and John Hanson School to try and reach out to a wider audience.

PeaceJam - The November event was cancelled and organisers have booked March 11th for a Peacejam event at Winchester. Romsey school have indicated interest through Gabrielle Bradbeer and Mountbatten through Megan Roodt but only Romsey have made a commitment to support.

Schools Contact List - Stewart has compiled a comprehensive central record of schools contacts. We propose to share this with Youth and Community committee members who have the most regular contact in that area with all amendments being administered via Stewart centrally.

Youth Opps Committee

SOCIAL EVENTS 2023

Please find below your Social Committees plans thus far for this year.

29 March Partners Evening. The White Horse has provisionally been booked for a 3 course meal followed by a talk from Julian Gee. Julian's wife has been invited to join us.

31 May Partners evening. Possible walking "Treasure Hunt" around Romsey followed by a meal at the Legion maybe with Bingo or something similar TBD.

28 June. Presidents Handover. Agreed a dinner dance. Venue to be decided

30 August Partners Evening. BBQ / Picnic in NO's garden. Catering by Taste (CC) or by company known to NO.

29 November Partners Evening. Carried over to the club Xmas party in Dec. Date to be agreed but prob Wed 13 Dec.

You will note the change to the format for the handover evening. We always used to have a summer dinner dance and given the enthusiasm for dancing to suitable music at the Xmas party we have decided, with the full agreement of Nigel and Ed, to give it a go this year. Handover speeches will be on the following Wednesday's business meeting.

Best wishes

Clive

