

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022

ATTENDEES

Roger Shepherd - President

Nick Bellamy

Nigel Budd

Kerry Daley

Brian Davies

Steve George

Graham Hollier

Ed Holmes

Nikki Jones

Gren Lamb-Hughes

Jon Livingstone - Secretary

Bryan Rickett

Peter Welsh

Apologies: Clive Collier, Stuart Mitchell, Stuart Wineberg

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Roger opened the meeting; minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. **COMMITTEE AND CLUB OFFICER REPORTS**

On an exception basis:

Trust Fund Treasurer

Graham noted minor transposition he had corrected, in his AGM Report; and had received no comments or queries regarding the report.

Club Treasurer/ ROR

Nick explained current bankers for the General Fund account (Nat West) have categorised RCORT as a Trust, which it isn't. This is preventing change of signatories on the account and could lead to the account being closed. Nick has consulted with District and sought Council agreement to transfer the General Account to another bank.

This was agreed and Nick to progress the transfer as soon as possible. N.b. need a process for Members to switch standing orders to the new account. Nick and Ron may need some help with this.

Club Service

Nigel advised he had resolved meeting dates in June and advised David Sutton who will update the Events list. Assembly 8 June; and no meeting 1 June.

Confirmed that Grace is not required for Breakfast Meetings, or for the Social/ Speaker meeting on the fourth Wednesday. Minutes at both these meetings only when there is a Speaker.

Membership

Three new Members seeking to join from Rotary in the Community, under the new process. Great news!

Ed mentioned interest from Andy Meader and his wife, active in business locally. Keith Cameron also mentioned a lady who was interested, at the Business meeting.

Fundraising

As report; discussion how to maximise with NHS; and Romsey Secondary Schools - Steve and Brian will liaise on the latter. Brian has the posters and brochures and focus is to get these out in the locality.

Ideas to pre-sell Duck Race tickets in town and at the Awbridge fate. Please liaise with Vanessa George.

Community Service

Nikki progressing Rotary in the Community, with meeting next Wednesday.

Foundation

Agreed to order two Sum-Up machines (of the £94 charge variety). Nick and Graham liaising.

International

Gren advised agreed funds for project in Nepal may still be with Kathmandu Rotary, not yet with end beneficiary. Gren seeking to resolve.

AOB

Roger raised request for greater clarity in use of 'Apology' and 'Meal Apology' categories. Agreed, no changes to the dropdown menu choices themselves.

Laptop located for use by Ukraine student now in the Romsey area and links built for future expected requests.

Minutes of Business Meeting. Rotary Test. May 4 2022

Nick Bellamy reported that arrangements for ROR on May 14 were well in hand. 90 tickets had been sent out and an audience of about 100 (including invited dignitaries) was expected. The numbers were deliberately less than usual to allow a degree of social distancing.

Steve George announced that the Youth Group Technical Competition would be held on June 28/29.

Steve also strongly recommended the speaker at our meeting in 2 weeks time, Andy Robinson, who has designed and built Major International Airports such as Dubai and Schiphol.

Ian Bullivant announced that there would be a Partners' Evening on Jun 29, with a speaker. "The Decade that Taste Forgot". Also a Play by Alan Ayckbourn

In Jill and Norman Oldmeadow's Garden on Thurs Aug 4th.

Golf and Skittles events are being arranged. Watch this space.

President Roger thanked members who assisted at the recent Relay Marathon.

There were no objections to the decision to delay the Presidential handover until October.

Paul Harris Fellow revised standing orders which Stuart Wineberg had shared with Members before the meeting were overwhelmingly approved with none against.

Two Clubs have been in touch with forthcoming events. Jon has details if interest:

- New Forest Rotary Classic Car Rally 23 June, 50 mile tour of Hampshire countryside and lunch
- Hythe & Waterside dinner 18 May at Beaulieu.

John Gould invited requests for volunteer stewards for The Ukraine Music Recital in the Abbey on 17 May.

John Burgess and Frank Smiley have sadly resigned their membership. Roger has spoken or corresponded with both to express his and the Club's thanks for their long and valued contributions.

Martin Radford and Jon Livingstone