

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022

ATTENDEES

Roger Shepherd - President	Ed Holmes
Nick Bellamy	Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Nigel Budd	Stewart Mitchell
Clive Collier	Bryan Rickett
Kerry Daley	Peter Welsh
Brian Davies	Stuart Wineberg
Graham Hollier	

Apologies: Steve George, Nikki Jones, Gren Lamb Hughes

1. **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Ed and Kerry presented regarding Sponsorship opportunities and building relationships with business sponsors. This could lead to sponsorship of a range of existing RCORT activities , to match the interests and businesses concerned. Council was very supportive and suggested start with existing contacts members already have. Ed and Kerry will develop the proposals further.

2. **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS - REVISED STANDING ORDERS**

Stuart presented his proposals which had been circulated to Council, including points raised by Gren by email in advance of the meeting.

Clive emphasised '*exceptional*' service as rationale for awards. Also PHF to be available for non-Rotarians who would understand and appreciate the award. Stewart M. queried how many awards did the club wish to apply annually? Query regarding the built-up credits. Can they all be used, or whether they need to be awarded in that year?

Stuart requested any further input from Council a week from this meeting (13 April). Stuart will then update the draft PHF Revised Standing Orders and send to existing Paul Harris Fellows for their input. Stuart is not wishing to be part of the proposed PHF Awards team or group.

3. **COMMITTEE AND CLUB OFFICER REPORTS**

On an exception basis:

Club Treasurer/ ROR

Nick projects up to 100 attendees for ROR on 14 May. Nick expressed the need for up to 30 volunteers to help on the day. Covered at the Business Meeting and Nick has sent an email to members subsequently.

Club Service

Nigel advised RBL have a booking clash for 1 June. Nigel will explore swapping this date with YIR breakfast the following week.

Agreed fourth Wednesday to be held in the British Legion as a Social Dinner Meeting with or without a speaker. Nigel raised at the Business Meeting following.

Communications

Peter advised website hosting charge c£96 p.a. Kerry advised this is standard.

Fundraising

As report; Brian covered at the Business Meeting.

Foundation

Stewart has very successfully run Foundation without a Committee for six years and significantly increased activity and raised the profile of Foundation.

Thanks expressed to Stewart and a round of applause.

Stewart is discussing with Nigel how/ who will take over the role next year. N.b. this will also apply to other Committees and Council positions as from 1 July this year.

AOB

Clive proposed a definition of the 'Smart Casual' dress code. The consensus was not to seek to define the term.

Clive also advised that the bar venue did not work for Council Meetings and has raised the need for a quieter area going forward.

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 7.30 WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022

1. WELCOME AND GRACE

Ian Bullivant delivered grace and asked members to reflect on events in Ukraine.

2. CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus as follows:

Secretary

Jon advised we have just over 50% of members at the meeting. Also, that next month's Business Meeting is the AGM looking back over the year to date. June is then the Club Assembly, looking forward to plans for the next Rotary year starting 1 July.

Jon referred to the Rotary Volunteer EXPO 6&7 May in Birmingham. Free and high profile Rotary occasion, EXPO, Foundation, Summit and Awards. Members have had details.

Dave Healy and John Jones had advised of possible difficulties locating the link to make a donation to 'Rotary Charities' in memoriam of Brian Stokes. The link is <https://brianstokes.muchloved.com/> Alternatively, go to 'Cheaters'; website, click on 'Funerals and Donations' instead of searching, click on 'Tribute Garden', and scroll down to find Brian's tribute page.

Club Treasurer and Reminiscences of Romsey

At the end of March the Club's bank account contained **£7,200** of the Clubs funds and **£1,700** of members dinner accounts. The charges for the partner's evening are not included will be shown in the April figures.

Nick gave a positive update of plans for Reminiscences of Romsey taking place on Saturday 14 May. Nick is seeking up to 30 volunteers to help on the day and has since sent a further email to members asking for support. Please contact Nick.

Trust Fund Treasurer

Graham advised he had had no queries following his report. A budget of £19,424 is projected for next year. This will take us back to pre-pandemic levels. Graham suggested next year's Committee Chairs start to give some consideration to budget plans for next year.

Club Service

Nigel advised that fourth Wednesday meetings had been discussed at Council and in future would be social dinner meeting at the British Legion. Nigel also requested people assist the nominee for Room Preparation with clearing away following future meetings.

Communications

As Peter's report: 'During March we had an article published in the District Newsletter about our Purple for Polio event at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. All Rotarians in the District are sent this Newsletter by email, so everybody will have had the opportunity to read it.

Kerry has prepared and published the Spring Edition of the Rotary in Romsey (RIR) Newsletter. If you have not read this, an easy way to do so is via our Club website (<https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.org.uk/blog>).

Two articles have been submitted for the April edition of the District Newsletter. One covers the Civic Reception in honour of Countess Mountbatten which Roger and Jon attended on 17th March, and the other covers the Technology Tournament held on 16th March. An A3 display was prepared for the Civic Reception, a copy of which has been provided to members.

Membership

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

As Brian's report: 'Everything progressing to plan for WTTW. Web page ready to go. Registrations to start May 1, with early bird discount. Thanks to Bill, Dave and Steve for their work.

Art work for posters and leaflets about to be agreed and should be printed later this month for distribution ready for Rotarians to distribute in their allocated areas.

Kerry looking at opening Walk Facebook page, however we are not sure who set up the page, we need password etc. Any ideas as to who opened the page?'

Community

Nikki has advised Roger of current information and plans an update to members, including:

'I've [Nikki] put forward my 'platinum jubilee' ideas to the Mayors Picnic team and they're all keen. I'm putting together some ideas for this and Shaun has said that he'd like to join the MP team and help implement them. I think this is really positive and shows Shaun's commitment to the club - am hoping he will join as a full member next month.

I'm also in contact with the Broadlands Marathon team. We will be having a fitness and well-being marquee again this year and I will be doing the usual warm up!! I have another two of the 'new members' who are going to be getting involved with the Marathon team. Again I feel this is all very positive and will bring us another two new full members.

I've had a lovely thank you from the scouts for their donation. They would like a stall at the Mayor's Picnic so the Cubs can do some fundraising for their trip. Martyn (one of the leaders) is happy to come and do a talk in September / October and give us an update on the camp.'

Foundation

As Stewart's report:

'Foundation giving

£2,973.75 in respect of Members Giving has been sent to Foundation from April '21 to March '22 .

This amount is giving to OUR Rotary charity (Rotary Foundation) and is personal giving not a requirement. Contributions allow us to award Paul Harris fellowships.

Hilliers Purple for Polio

Following a successful event at Hilliers in February 2022 we have sent the sum of £734.64. Following discussions with John Jones we were able to add some gift aid where possible. So this total was higher than that indicated soon after the event. With the Bill Gates Fdn multiplier a total of around £2200 will go to help eradicate Polio. That's 1100 vaccinated children. A good result even with a loss of 2 days collecting. February is not ideal for this type of event to say the least. But when is?

Again well done to all those who helped to set up the event and the teams during the week.

Peace Jam is now to take place in Nov 2022, at Winchester Uni. Schools will be informed.'

International

Gren referred to the support for Ukraine discussion, below.

Youth

As Steve's report:

'Technology Tournament - Last minute covid and sickness cancellations left us with 14 teams rather than the 18 expected but it was great to see the Tech Tournament back again this year. Thank you to Steve Simmons Jacobs for running this so effectively and to the Rotarians who were there on the day to set up, support and clear away post event. A post event review will take place to learn from any issues to aid planning for next year.

June 28th and June 29th - Enterprise Project Support - Romsey School

I [Steve] have heard from Jon Vowles with more detail about re-establishing the Romsey School Enterprise project. It's now been decided to hold a 'The Apprentice' style business task over a two day period. Support is requested from the local business community including Rotary to observe and provide feedback to the teams as they go about their task. More detail will follow but we have been asked if any Rotarians will be available to support on any of these days and over what times, eg early / late am or pm. Jon L and Keith C have previously indicated an interest to help. **I now need to firm up a commitment to support so would appreciate names of any further volunteers.** They have asked if any our group have DBS clearance for Romsey School.'

Contact Steve if you are able to help on either day.

Sports & Social

Roger thanked Clive and Cheryl for the enjoyable partners' event at the British Legion last week.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Covid Restrictions

As Roger's report: 'In view of the reduction in Covid measures and cases, and the introduction of charges for tests it is suggested that:

1. The requirement for tests be abolished from 1 April (as reported to the last meeting).
2. The requirement to be vaccinated to attend a meeting remain in place for the time being.
3. Members be required not to attend a meeting if they feel that they may have a Covid infection.'

This approach was agreed.

Zoom connection to Face-To-Face Meetings

'The trials of the Zoom connection to face-to-face meetings have been terminated due to continuing problems in providing a worthwhile connection. Members using the connection were grateful for the trial but considered it not to be worthwhile to continue. Thanks are given to all those who assisted in the trial.'

Support for the People of Ukraine

Roger has allocated the remainder of Presidential Giving £600 to support for Ukraine. This sum to be donated to the Disaster Response Fund during April.

Roger thanked Kerry for organising the very well supported donations of foodstuffs and other essentials that members have brought to the meeting.

There was strong endorsement for a proposal by John Gould that Rotary supports a concert being given in Romsey Abbey by a Ukrainian musician on 17 May. Support could include Attendance, Publicising, Helping to Plan the Event, Assisting with Funding such as travel costs etc. John Gould is liaising with Romsey Abbey and will update further.

Roger had proposed making a £2,000 donation from uncommitted funds towards the Disaster Relief Fund. Views expressed included that this would be a drop in the ocean; better to wait until local needs are known; including support towards Ukraine families migrating to Romsey. [Community will monitor this.] Desire to see where monies are spent and to know it is making a difference. Contrary view to support now, or half this sum now and reserve half until needs are more fully established.

Roger requested a vote whether to make a donation now, which was declined, before considering an amount.

: For: 10

: Against: a clearly greater number (28 members present).

4. **ALMONER**

Ian informed members that Martin Harman retains a keen interest in progress at Rotary. Martin receives all Rotary emails sent to All Members, in the usual way. Regards and best wishes to Martin reading these minutes!

5. **AOB**

Sponsorship Opportunities

Ed Holmes advised that he and Kerry had presented ideas to Council to increase sponsorship and marketing opportunities and partnerships with businesses. Ed and Kerry will keep us advised.

Dress Code

Clive Collier shared that he had raised with Council whether to expand on and provide a definition of the 'Smart Casual' dress code and that Council had decided not to.

6. **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Wed 13 Apr 22	International	"UK Disaster Relief in the Caribbean"? - Youth in Romsey, Southampton Road, Romsey SO51 8AF
Wed 20 Apr 22	Communications	Spitfire Makers Royal British Legion
Wed 27 Apr 22	Fundraising	The proposed Romsey Fire Brigade Museum

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