

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting 2 August 2023

Present:	Ed Holmes	Nigel Budd	Bill Gidley
	Bryan Rickett	Clive Collier	Charles Daniel-Hobbs
	Steve George	Roger Shepherd	Ron Bowater
	Nikki Jones	Jackie Taphouse	Bryan Taphouse
	Peter Hurst		
Apologies:	Brian Davies		

Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were agreed and signed by President Ed and Secretary Roger. There were no matters arising.

President

As per attached report.

Secretary

There was no correspondence.

As per the attached report.

Roger Shepherd asked all Committee Chairs to advise him of the membership of their committees for this year.

Club Treasurer

As per attached report.

Trust Fund

As per attached report.

Peter Hurst expressed some confusion as to who were Trustees. He will report on this to the next Council Meeting.

Peter Hurst will check to see if any of the items proposed in the report will necessitate a change to Club Standing Orders.

It was agreed that Trust Fund expenditure will not normally be on running costs such as salaries or fuel costs but that there may be special circumstances which would be considered on their merits.

Council discussed the application for a funding contribution towards the provision of solar panels for the Doctor Peter Centre. After considerable discussion a vote was held as to whether Council should recommend making the suggested contribution to Members at the following Business Meeting. Votes were evenly split as to whether such a contribution should be recommended to Members. The President made a casting vote against such a recommendation.

Club Service

Nothing to report.

Communications

Nothing to report.

Fund Raising**WTTW**

As per attached report.

Relay Marathon

Nothing to report.

Carols in the Square

Planning for this event is under way.

Community Service

As per attached report.

Nikki will be pleased to collect any further tools, paint, screws, vouchers etc. for the Minstead Trust.

Membership

No report received.

A CV has been received for Nikki Chatterley and a 7-day letter is to be sent out for her. A CV will be requested from Lauren when she returns from holiday.

Foundation

As per attached report.

International

As per attached report.

Youth

As per attached report.

Sports and Social

Nothing to report.

Club Development

Nothing to report.

AOB

David Sutton wishes to speak to Members about the Paul Harris Award at a future meeting.

Clive Collier reminded Committee Chairs to form their teams.

Ed Holmes – President

Roger Shepherd - Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS RECEIVED

President's Report

Since our last Council Meeting, I have been away on a Rotary Caravan Rally in Norfolk. This is a Fellowship known as ICFR. I met many Rotarians who exchanged ideas and concerns about many issues that affect their clubs. I came away feeling that we as a club have a great team of Professional and dedicated members. Most of the other clubs have numbers ranging from 8 to a maximum of 25.

It is good to see Walk the Test Way is generating good numbers and is exceeding the numbers registering compared with the last two years at this time. Please can we all support Steve in offering our time to Marshalling duties?

My thanks go to Nigel, Clive and Bryan Rickets for chairing the meetings during my absence in July, which consisted of a holiday and several visits to the General Hospital for MRI and Pet Scans in preparation for a short spell of Radio Therapy Treatment during the month of August.

Our secretary has written to the committee chairs asking for a list of members who are part of their respective committees. Community, being our largest committee, needs more members to join in and be part of the Team. We cannot expect Nikki to be the only one running this essential activity.

At our Council meeting on Wednesday, we will be discussing the application from Rotarian David Sutton regarding a £5k donation to the Dr Peter Centre for the installation of Solar Panels. Everyone has been informed of the proposal and now the time has come for Council to make the decision. It is not fair to David and the club members to continue with prolonging this decision.

The outcome will be based on a majority vote and then Council's will recommend their decision to the membership and Trustees.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs and their committees for their efforts in continuing to make this club effective in the community.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence

There has been no correspondence.

Loan of the 'Dunk Tank' to the Fire Brigade

No objections were raised by Council Members to the loan of the 'Dunk Tank' to the Fire Brigade for their open day. Their representative has therefore been requested to contact Martin Radford who stores the equipment, and has knowledge essential to its safe operation and liability issues. Martin was happy to negotiate directly with the Fire Brigade.

Club Treasurers report for July 2023

- Our bank balance currently stands at £5482.68 with outstanding RBL bills of £1158.50, members' dinner accounts a positive £1229.45 meaning that effectively the club has £3094.73 in the bank.
- David Bloomfield kindly inspected and signed off our 2022-23 accounts which showed that club's money decreased by £792.94 over the year following a decline of over £2700 in the two previous years.
- This month I have paid:

1. RIBI half yearly 'dues' of £2297 (£78pa per member)
2. District full year £870 (£15pa per member)
3. Web domain £14.39
4. Gazebo replacement bars £55.15
5. Regalia change £32.10
6. One speaker meal £13.50

· Apart from member subs (£696), club income has been £10 for a shirt sale

· As agreed by members, I have increased monthly subs (what I move from dinner accounts to 'club money' each month) from £10 to £12 which will take into account the increase in RIBI dues and hopefully reverse the trend in club finances.

· Thank you to all who made payments into their dinner accounts. Overall dinner finances are in a healthy state at a positive £1229.45

Ron

Fund Raising report

Brian is on holiday this week so I've offered to send this month's fundraising report which as usual will focus on Walk the Test Way. Time is flying by and we are now exactly 8 weeks away from the Walk on September 24th. Walker registrations are going extremely well and as of today, we have 259 walkers (66 in the last week) which is 97 ahead of last year at the same point and 34 ahead of 2019. Early Bird registration ends tomorrow but, based on previous years, we expect that numbers will continue to rise so we may have in excess of 400 walkers by Sept 24th. If anyone wishes to see my full weekly report, it can be found here on the web ...

https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.uk/walk_reports/WTTW-Report-30-07-2023.pdf Other WTTW planning and organizational activities are in progress, with Steve SJ pulling together the marshal and signage plans. Steve is still waiting to hear back from all the potential marshals on his list so please get in contact with him if you haven't already notified him of your availability.

Ron

Community Service report

As you will have seen from the club emails we made a donation of £100 to the firefighters trust as a thank you for their help at the Mayors Picnic.

I visited The Minstead Trust last Tuesday and dropped off their donations and had a catch up with Lesley and some of the young adults. I took some photos, which I will have for anyone wishing to see on Wednesday. Some of the items I took included the biscuit jointer from John Jones, a drill from Bill Gidley some wood, slate, paint and Screwfix vouchers donated. I am going back over next week with more items that I'm collecting so if anyone has any paint, screws, vouchers, etc. then please bring them along tomorrow evening and I'll take them with me. Thank you

Good progress is being made on the Psalm 23 garden. I attach an update from Ron and again I will have photos available for anyone wanting to see how it's going. I have to say Men's Shed are doing an amazing job and Elliott's were true to their word and delivered all the decking and wood needed for the flooring, free of charge!!

As I said in my last email I will be very busy during August. My aim is to have a meeting in early September with those people interested in joining the community service committee, plus those already contributing.

I will also be forming a separate committee for the Mayors Picnic. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you'd like to be involved with next year's event so we can plan accordingly and be organised well in advance!!

Finally. I took a table and attended the Baby Necessities first summer ball fundraising event at Kimbridge Barn a few weeks ago. I have to congratulate the ladies for putting on a great event and raising £3800! They work extremely hard for the charity and I can see why it's gone from strength to strength over the last few years. I was very proud to represent our Rotary club who were mentioned on the evening as being a great partner and supporter of the charity.

Enjoy the summer!!

Nikki

Foundation Report

In the light of the talk by Nick Vaughan (speaker 19th July) I offer general encouragement, for those who don't, to please consider making donations to the Rotary Foundation (our own charity). Otherwise I have nothing to report.

Bryan

International Report

The International Committee met on 19th July. We will follow the plan presented to Assembly and will therefore be contacting the overseas organisations identified in that plan over the next month or so to establish if any of their current requirements fit our available budget and criteria for support. We will report back as soon as we have news.

We decided that a pro-active disaster relief related donation to Shelterbox of £1000 should be made ASAP. This will be made as soon as the Trust Fund budget has been agreed hopefully at the coming business meeting.

Bill

Youth Report

Mountbatten Mock Interviews - date set for September 19th, later than usual as they expect a better attendance by waiting until the new term. Schools very much appreciate our engagement and we have 2 confirmed volunteers so far, Ieuan W and Steve R. Would be nice to have a couple more.

Mountbatten Request for help - Mountbatten Music academy (whom we have supported before) have contacted us to see if we can help. A centre of excellence for music development at the school, but also in the adult community eg choirs, have a shortage of Brass players coming through across all years and wish to hold a brass 'event' to attract new players. Mountbatten Music Academy are running this with the Royal Marines and the Hampshire Music service. Anticipated total cost of event £2500 and planned for January. Further details to follow but I am looking for an agreement in principal we can spend £250 (min) to £500 (max) to support this as its out of budget. The proposal is supported by Youth Committee.

Young Chef - Mountbatten School have confirmed their interest and have indicated support from another school. We will be contacting schools formally in September.

Romsey School. Enterprise Project. This year we did not support this project due to Rotarians holidays and our previous experience. It appears the project did not have any external support for one reason or another and Romsey School struggled to manage the event. Judith Houghton (governor and trustee) asked me if we could try and help next year and I have obtained some dates from Chris Stephens at Romsey School who responded my end of term update to the school. The dates will be June 25 and 26 2024.

Steve