

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting

held on 2nd January 2019 at 6.30 pm in Romsey Town Hall

Apologies were received from Jon Livingstone, Stuart Mitchell and Keith Cameron. The Minutes of the previous Meetings were approved, and signed by the President.

Secretary

Nothing to report.

Trust Fund Treasurer

Uncommitted funds should be £1,840.68. There was £7,000.00 in the Walk account, which may pass through to the Trust Fund. The Club had spent 30% of the budget. Some money in the Walk account was set aside for the website, but may not be needed. The Trust Fund Treasurer was concerned there was a danger of running into a large surplus, and we had to perhaps think of things on which to spend it. It can be carried over to the next year.

Club Treasurer

£10,500.00 was in the Club account, with a further £5,000.00 held surplus in the Dinner accounts. About £2,200.00 had been returned to Members so far. Peter O'Hara had overpaid by £560.00, and this should be refunded. Steve George agreed to speak to him as Peter had not been along to many meetings recently.

Club Service

Next week was to be a Fellowship night at the Cromwell Arms, but the Senior Vice President would see if the function could be moved to the Phoenix.

Communications

We now had contact with The Romsey Advertiser which felt that we did all Rotary matters. John Gould had to tell them that Carols in the Market Place was the Lunchtime Club's responsibility. The signage for the crocuses had been agreed. There was a plan to illuminate Romsey Abbey with purple light, subject to the Abbey Fabric Committee agreeing. The Rotary Magazine had arrived, but unfortunately it had been water damaged.

Membership

The Club had inducted Jaimie, and appointed David Sutton and Martin Harmon his mentors. The mentors for Nikki (who was to be inducted that evening) would be Tony Trowsdale and Mike Thorne, and for Joe would be Gwen Lamb Hughes and

Sandy Dunn. Shaun O'Brien had been spoken to by Graham about membership, and Nigel Bould would be coming by the Club in a few weeks.

Fund raising

The second batch of cheques were ready to be circulated. The new website for the Walk was being prepared by WIX.

David Healey had recommended WIX, and he would be setting it up for the Club. The contract was being reviewed; two items that had to be considered were the length of the term and any conditions as well as the cost of the system. The Club would sign up for a three year period. The Club Officers could sign the contract. There were no running costs for the new system.

With regard to the crocus planting, Hilliers had been visited and pull up banners would be taken there together with a collection point for the reception desk. The Committee would be looking for crocus pins from other Clubs for resale.

Walk Treasurer

One mistake in his report, it was £5,000.00 not £4,500.00. They were chasing up sponsorship monies, some of the sponsorship could have been paid direct to the Charities themselves. Gift Aid was still to be applied. £1,500.00 had been raised for the Club itself by walkers who were walking for the Club itself – i.e. the whole of the monies they raised were for the Club. Just under £83,000.00 had been raised by Walkers, together with £6,500.00 registration fees, and £6,000.00 sponsorship. Probably the net amount raised way £94,000.00.

Community Service

Community service would hold a meeting next week, and it will endeavour to spend. The first preliminary Park Run would take place next Saturday at Mountbatten School.

Foundation

Nothing to report.

International

Nothing to report.

Youth Committee

It was reported that a lot of problems for communications with Mountbatten School, had occurred but eventually the School had two teams coming to Youth Speaks. The President would hand out certificates to all people participating.

The Organ Scholar at Romsey Abbey - We are sponsoring Henry Roberts (Mike Perfect's grandson) and a cheque to be sent to Romsey Abbey for £250.00. This would be a sponsorship for three years. Mike Perfect is a member of the Lunchtime Club.

Sports & Social

Report circulated. The dinner at the Romsey Golf Club went well. At the end of January Andy Ashcroft would be speaking about clothing. There had been discussions as to whether the meeting should be at The Town Hall or at Kimbridge Barns, which appeared to be much more upmarket. The manager there had been catering manager at Ampfield Golf Club. He could waive a room fee of £750.00, and if we were to have a three course evening meal, it would be £30.00 a head. It was decided it was not a special enough event for the Club to go.

President's remarks

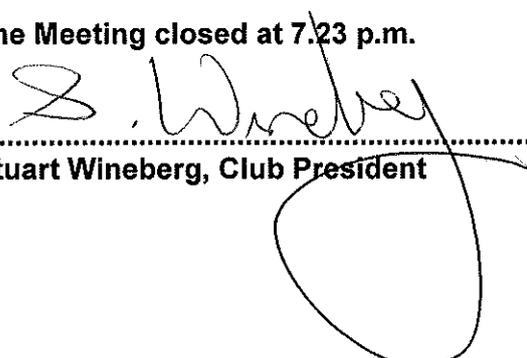
He would make a commitment of £250.00 to Gift of Sight which would come out of uncommitted funds if all grants were forthcoming. He would inform the Club.

Reminiscences of Romsey

This was to be held on 9th March. Invitations would be sent out to the various Homes and individuals who had expressed an interest. Amongst the entertainment would be a DVD from Charles Burnett and a performance by Braishfield Ukulele Band, and a short play script by David Pantling.

The Trustees would meet next Wednesday at 5.30 at Bells Solicitors.

The Meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.


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Stuart Wineberg, Club President

Notes of the Business Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Held at the Town Hall On Wednesday 1st May 2019

Presiding: Stuart Wineberg

Apologies: There were 20 apologies.

Port: **Clive Collier** and **Peter Hurst** bought port for Members on the occasion of them both ending their roles as local councillors.

Guests/Visitors: John Dunbar

Induction of a New Member:

Steve George introduced **Shaun O'Brien** and gave some background information on his involvement to date with the Club. He was the first person to respond through Facebook for full Club Membership. He has been involved in various events including Blood Pressure Day which had not deterred him.

Stuart Wineberg formally inducted Shaun into the Rotary Club of Romsey Test.

Shaun thanked the meeting for a good welcome to Membership. Shaun informed those present that he initially studied agriculture at Sparsholt College and then did jobs including Airport Ground Staff before becoming a civilian in the Police force where he undertook a management role. He remarked that he was looking forward to getting involved with more Club activities and meeting more people.

Correspondence: None

Club Treasurer: **Nick Bellamy** reported that at the end of April, we had around £15k in the bank allowing for unpaid bills. In addition the account held a positive balance of £3.9k on member's dinner accounts.

Trust Fund Treasurer: **Graham Hollier** had circulated all Members by email, of details of what funds were still available for charitable spending.

Graham noted that Members had donated over £3k for Foundation. He asked if Members would consider making an annual payment on 1st July rather than monthly payments in order to reduce the complexity of dealing with this.

Club Service: Nothing to report

Communications: **John Gould** reported that Council had approved the purchase for £265 of two Rotary banners for indoor and outdoor events the first of which would be the Mayor's Picnic.

John also reported that Romsey Abbey have introduced a 'Two Stars and a Wish' initiative for people to identify two existing things that they like and one thing that they would desire. This can be completed on-line and John was keen for Members to partake in this initiative.

- Membership:** **Steve George** noted that John Dunbar was attending the meeting as a guest of **Brian Davies**. He is the first guest to attend a Business Meeting. Steve asked for any comments that Members may have.
- Fund Raising:** **Brian Davies** reported that last year's WTTW was just about complete except for payment to an American charity. £20k would be coming to the Club's Trust Fund.
- Brian also reported that some minor modifications had been made to the WTTW web site. There were currently 19 complete registrations for the event with money paid and received. Brian thanked those who had put the new system together.
- Jim Purdie** requested those who distribute WTTW leaflets to collect their leaflets from the table.
- Community Service:** The Chamber Music event which the Club had sponsored had been a success.
- The Nurture Room at Romsey Abbey School has been completed by **Nikki Jones**.
- Peter Hurst** requested Members to reply to the Commitment Sheet he had circulated for the Mayor's Picnic. Even a no would be helpful. He was particularly keen to get helpers for clearing up at the end of the event.
- Peter also requested a Member to act as Environmental Manager for the Mayor's Picnic
- Foundation:** **Stewart Mitchell** thanked Keith Cameron, Sandy Dunn and John Gould for liaising with Hillier's concerning the Purple for Polio planting.
- Stewart also reported that 13 Romsey students had attended PeaceJam and he was hopeful that more would attend next year.
- International:** Nothing to report
- Youth Opportunities:** Nothing to report
- Sports and Social:** Nothing to report
- President:** **Stuart Wineberg** reported that he would be attending an event organised by the Rotary Club of Chandler's Ford the following weekend.
- Almoner:** On the 10th May **Ian Bullivant** is to have 2 valves replaced in his heart. **Graham Lee** will stand in as Almoner.
- Clubs Visited:** Nothing to report
- AOB:** **Jon Livingstone** reminded Members that the Club Assembly will be held on 5th June. Budget proposals for next year should be submitted by 20th May. Reports on proposals for next year should be submitted to him by 27th May.
- Bill Gidley** reported that help is required marshalling the Relay Marathon on 12th May. He will supply details of what time people are required.

Mike Thorne had read the RIBI Member's Newsletter with regard to the Annual Business Meeting and noted that some changes are proposed to RIBI although it was not clear what exactly. **Stuart Wineberg** will investigate.

Next Meeting:

8th May - Breakfast meeting 7.45 for 8am. Motor cars. Members' reminiscences about their early wheels. Cromwell Arms, SO51 8HG

15th May – Job talk by our newest member, Nigel Budd. Romsey Town Hall - Court Room 7.00 for 7.30pm.