

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 7.30 WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022**

**1. WELCOME AND GRACE**

Roger welcomed 35 members to the meeting. Tony Abbott provided Grace.

**2. CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus as follows:

**Secretary**

Jon thanked Stuart Wineberg, Clive Collier, Bill Gidley and Gren Lamb-Hughes all of whom had volunteered to assist with the review of Club Standing Orders. Graham Hollier also offered to assist if this had been required. Thank you all.

Apologies had been received from Nigel Budd, Nikki Jones, Kerry Daley and Bryan Rickett for this meeting.

Jon read parts of two further letters from charities [Gift of Sight and Genetic Alliance] who had received donations from members, in lieu of sending Christmas cards. From the nature of these letters, it is clear this assistance is valued and appreciated.

**Club Treasurer**

At the end of January the Club has a positive balance of **£5,100** on its account and additionally the members dinner accounts have an overall positive balance of **£700**. These combined make a total positive balance of **£5,800** at the bank.

**Trust Fund Treasurer**

Graham advised that £8k will be transferred from the Walk Fund into the Trust Fund this year which will be split between 21/22 and 22/23. With less than six months remaining in the present Rotary year, Graham recommended to Council, which agreed, that £2k is applied to the current year and £6k to 2022/23 which would then give a total budget for next year of £17,080.

This is within the report Graham circulated before the meeting.

**Club Service**

Nothing to report.

**Communications**

Peter invited members wishing to do so to update their photos on the Club website. New photos to be provided to Paul Grainger.

Other items are as in Peter's report, circulated before the meeting.

**Membership**

Nothing to report.

**Fundraising**

Brain Davies asked if any Members had a large cheque for a forthcoming photograph. Brian also advised a further £2,500 is to be paid to charities. This does not change the £8k transfer as above.

## Community

### **North Baddesley Primary School**

The school have begun an ongoing programme to educate their families/ parents and carers. Nikki has proposed £300 to buy the next set of 10 books required, plus help towards the cost of the crèche, stamps and the cost of a blue tooth speaker. This was agreed.

### **Scouts**

Nikki has recommended assistance to enable Romsey Scouts to recommence camping as a group for the first time for nearly three years, which many would otherwise be unable to afford. Whilst supporting in principle, Council has asked for further information regarding how funds will be used and timing.

### **Romsey Abbey Primary School**

Plans are very much underway for this exciting project. I'm [Nikki] due to do another visit next week with Clare and Fran from Hilliers. Once there is a clear and precise plan for the garden, we will have more idea of what help is needed, both financially and physically.

## Foundation

Arrangements for **the Purple for Polio Crocus** collection at the Main Pavilion are being made. Hilliers have said we can have our display during half term. So lots of families around. Half term is February 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

**The collecting period is from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb inclusive.** Please put these dates in your diaries. It will be a similar event to that in Feb 2020 at the main pavilion, but with better weather!! There will be two shifts of 2 hours between 11am and 3pm.

Stewart thanked those who have volunteered for times at Hilliers, promoting Purple for Polio. This has gone well, with most times now complete.

Stewart was pleased to congratulate Colin Powell for being awarded the MBE for '*services to people with polio in the UK and to the criminal justice system*'. Colin has worked for countless years supporting both Rotary's End Polio Now Campaign and also highlighting the needs of Polio Survivors for whom the polio vaccine arrived too late. Colin gave us a very powerful talk about his life with polio last year.

## International

Gren advised that the International budget had been fully deployed.

## Youth

Steve summarised his report in advance of the meeting, including:

Learn to Earn at for all Year 8 pupils at Romsey School has been very worthwhile. Steve explained how pupils were guided to think through career expectations, including potential earnings and their own aspirations. Four Rotary volunteers, Roger Shepherd, Ron Bowater, Steve George and Stuart Wineberg attended. 200 pupils participated in the coaching over two separate sessions. The learning is then followed up by the form teachers and careers lead at the school. We have received a letter of thanks from the respective heads. An excellent platform for Rotary to build its future relationship with the school and money that has been put to good use for these local school children.

Youth Speaks: Steve invited supporters to attend the Salisbury Group 5 event on February 17 at Bishops Wordsworth School, to support teams from Romsey and Mountbatten schools. Tony Abbott and Roger Shepherd have already volunteered. Please take photographs and provide to Steve, ensuring these can be used in publicity.

Plans for the Technology Tournament are progressing well. This event is 16 March.

### **Sports & Social**

The next Partners' evening is 30 March. Clive and the Sports and Social Committee are meeting to discuss plans.

### 3. **ALMONER**

The Almoners support members of the Club. Ian advised nothing to report at present.

### 4. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

#### **Paul Harris Fellow Awards**

Roger advised that John Burgess had retired as Chair of the PHF Group. The guidance notes regarding these awards have not been updated since 2011. Roger has invited Stuart Wineberg to update these. Stuart is an existing Paul Harris Fellow, with experience of the process in his previous Club. This will link with the review of Club Standing Orders, for which Stuart is one of the volunteers. Roger has since written to advise all existing holders of the award.

#### **Rotary District Handover**

This will be held on 24 June, with music and a cold Summer buffet. Please consider the event. Liaise with Roger if you are interested.

### 5. **NEXT MEETING**

9 February: Breakfast at Youth In Romsey - arrive from 7.45 for breakfast at 8.00. Stewart Mitchell is arranging a speaker.

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST** **COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022**

### **ATTENDEES**

Roger Shepherd - President	Ed Holmes
Nick Bellamy	Gren Lamb-Hughes
Clive Collier	Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Brian Davies	Stewart Mitchell
Steve George	Peter Welsh
Graham Hollier	

Apologies: Nigel Budd, Kerry Daley, Nikki Jones, Bryan Rickett

### 1. **CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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#### **Secretary**

Jon will thank volunteers to help with the update of Club Standing Orders at the Business Meeting following.

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This is Option 3 within the report Graham circulated before the meeting.

Council agreed this allocation.

### **Club Service**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications**

As report circulated in advance of the meeting.

### **Membership**

Nothing to report.

### **Fundraising**

Brian advised a further £2,500 is to be paid to charities. This does not change the £8k transfer as above.

### **Community**

#### **Scouts £500 Proposal**

Whilst supported in principle, further information was requested regarding how the donation would be used and timing. Deferred to next month on Nikki's return.

#### **North Baddesley Primary School**

The school have begun an ongoing programme to educate their families/ parents and carers. Nikki proposed £300 to buy the next set of 10 books required, plus help towards the cost of the crèche, stamps and the cost of a blue tooth speaker.

**Agreed.**

### **Foundation**

As report. Stewart thanked those who have volunteered for times at Hilliers, promoting Purple for Polio. This has gone well, with most times now complete.

Stewart requested Council to note the following ring-fencing of matching Club funds, in relation to the District grant. This was confirmed.

*'It was noted that the Peace Jam event at Winchester in March will now be in November of this year subject to COVID, etc. The budgeted Club's funds nor the District grant monies will be spent in the year 2021/2022. Council agreed that that the matching Club funds would be ring-fenced in relation to the Grant for the year 2022-23 in relation to Peace Jam.'*

### **International**

Nothing to report this month.

## **Youth**

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Technology Tournament progressing well, for event 16 March.

## **Sports & Social**

Next Partners' evening is the end of March. Clive confirmed with Council to hold the event at the British Legion.

## **2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

### **Zoom Test**

Roger advised he was conducting a test using Zoom and has invited Kerry to advise how clear is the reception.

### **Paul Harris Fellowships**

Discussion followed Roger's report to Council prior to the meeting.

The consensus was to retain Paul Harris Fellow awards.

Stuart Wineberg has subsequently agreed to update the notes regarding operation of the awards in RCORT.

Stuart is an existing Paul Harris Fellow, with experience of the process in his previous Club.

This will link with the review of Club Standing Orders, for which Stuart is one of the volunteers.

Roger is seeking greater input from across the Club, with the new arrangements.

### **Brian Stokes**

Nick confirmed that Brian is recorded as a meal apology.

## **3. AOB**

Clive asked if the Club would mark the Queen's Jubilee in June?

Roger invited ideas for the next meeting.

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