

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 6.30 pm in Romsey Town Hall

Apologies were received from Graham Hollier, Steve George and Peter Stuckey.

Minutes of Meeting of 4th July These were signed by the President as were the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on the same date.

Secretary's Report The Secretary agreed to be selective as to what material he received from District would be circulated to members.

Nominations for District Officers had been requested by 24th September.

Trust Fund Treasurer There was a discussion as to how much was to be donated to the Mayor following the picnic. The Treasurer would propose £750.00 to the Club at the Business Meeting to follow.

Walk the Test Way A donation of £50.00 had been received. Specsavers have paid for the printing direct - £400.00.

As at 1st August 277 walkers were registered, and £3,369.00 cash received. Andover Riding for the Disabled was the leading Charity, but numbers were down on last year's at the same time. The World Cup and the heatwave may have affected Early Bird entries. There were no outstanding fees. We should try to use the Walk for recruitment of membership, and to think of ways of using the walk to help with recruitment. Perhaps use the database for registered walkers to encourage membership.

The Club Treasurer's Report £9,000.00 held approximately. £3,600.00 to be returned to members.

Mike Hicks was dealing with the accounts. There had been problems with National Westminster Bank regarding the Trust, a complaint had been made, and a hamper sent by the Bank which would go into that evening's raffle.

Club Service

The Senior Vice President has spoken to the caterers with regard to quantity of food which was to be improved. There had been a lot of offers for speakers, and efforts were being made to drop them into the open slots in the calendar. Members are asked to liaise with David Sutton as to the appropriate slots. David's job is clerical and it is not his job to act as speaker's secretary, and speakers should be urged to limit themselves to 20 minutes.

Communications

Report had been circulated, and the communications committee is to work both internally and externally. John Gould is considering doing a more regular bulletin, hopefully monthly.

Tony Trowsdale had proposed that the Club purchase The Rotary Magazine for £30.00 and issue, and then for members to distribute to outlets around the Town, such as Dr's Surgeries and other waiting rooms.

Membership

Report had been circulated and was accepted. Sandy Dunn asked whether we need formal interviews if we were considering accepting an Associate Member. Was two years too long a period for a person to be an Associate, perhaps one year would be sufficient? Associate Members were covered by Rotary insurance.

Communities

Community Service Support submitted and approved. There had been a request from the Town Council for us to fund an upgrade of the Christmas lights. The recommendation of Council to the Club would be not to.

Foundation Polio Day was coming around, and Foundation had discussed a possible event. Stuart would discuss this with fundraising. There was a speaker who was a polio sufferer who might be able to speak to the Club, and there is a film available (see Business Meeting Minutes).

International Report Report circulated and approved.

Youth Committee The cheque for Youth in Romsey of £500.00 had been presented. Youth Speak's competition to be arranged on a Club night with a meal afterwards, both Council Chamber and the downstairs room would be booked.

Sports and Social The Committee would look into a Club trip to the RAODS production of "Party Pieces".

Any other business None.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed **Dated**

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Minutes of the Business Meeting held on

Wednesday 1st August 2018 in Romsey Town

Hall at 8.40 pm

The President purchased port for the Club as he had become a pensioner.

Club Secretary

The Club Secretary. Any nominations for District Officers had to be submitted by 24th September. Were any Members interested?

Club Treasurer

Reported that we held £9,100.00 of which £3,600.00 was due to be refunded to Members. It had been difficult changing the Bank mandate with the Bank. A complaint had been made, and the Club had been given £10.00 for distress and £5.40 for wasting time. The Bank had also sent a hamper which was going in the draw.

Trust Treasurer

£50.00 had been received in the Walk Fund after complaints made regarding the Trust account.

It was proposed by the President and seconded by Frank Smiley that £750.00 be donated to the Mayor from the Mayor's picnic. Tony Trowsdale had been concerned that the money might go into a general pot. Peter Hurst said that when he was Mayor he gave his to his three Charities. Following discussion it was unanimously passed that £750.00 be donated to the Mayor and that he be invited to attend to receive a cheque.

Club Service

The Senior Vice President had spoken to the caterers with regard to portion size. One or two members had complained about some dishes appearing more regularly. Was it possible to have greater variety?

Communications

There were two aspects to communications, one was internal and the other external. Andrew Cowley had taken over running the facebook site, but he needed photographs to post. The Rotary Magazine would be distributed to organisations in the town. Dave Healey had found a way of storing photographs on our website.

Membership

Steve George spoke about Associate Membership. He reported that we had had half a dozen prospective members but nothing came of it. A paper had been presented to Council which Council had now approved. Questions were raised about Associate Members. It was agreed that Associate Membership would take time to get bedded in. It must not be treated as a second class membership, but they would not have a vote at Business Meetings. Proposed by Steven, and seconded by Colin Staples, and was unanimously approved. It was agreed that on facebook there would be a link for enquiries.

Fund raising

The number of walkers to date was 277. Last year there had been 75 more at this stage. There could be a number of reasons for a decline in numbers. There were two big groups last year. A lot more could be done to get more walkers, and it was suggested that after the Walk we could circulate walkers with information about Rotary to encourage them to join, and to also try and get Marshalls to join as Associate Members. There was £12,300.00 in the Walk account after £18,000.00 had been passed to the Club account. Sponsorship so far £1,500.00 had come in. Specsavers had given £1,500.00 and paid for the printing direct.

Peter Hurst suggested that leaflets for the Walk be delivered to every door in the Town.

Community Service

Council had discussed a request for money for Christmas lights, and they were not recommending a donation towards them. Clive Collier spoke for this and said that the Christmas lights were important for the Town. The Council is responsible for putting up the lights, and the cost was £1,600.00 for

improvements. Romsey & District Society had agreed to contribute towards it. It was thought that this would be a very valuable asset, and Clive suggested £500.00 towards the cost. It was considered to be a commercial request not a Charitable concern. It was eventually agreed that as this could be seen as a community matter Community Service could perhaps consider it further and report back.

Foundation

The District Governor has sent a circular with regard to Polio Plus. World Polio Day is in October. There is a film called "Breath" about Polio. The Foundation will see if they can get a copy to show to the Club.

Neil Duncan who reported that the film is about 2 hours long, which he had seen.

International Committee

Christmas is approaching and they would be offering Christmas Puddings again, and running the Shoe Box Appeal. Leaflets for these would be obtainable from Philip Kirkland.

Youth

The shed has been given to Youth in Romsey together with a £500.00 cheque.

Sports & Social

Still looking for Marshalls for Romsey Show, there are not enough at present.

Club Almoner

Nothing to report.

Clubs visited

Stuart Mitchell had visited Poole Park where Poole Bay Rotary Club had run a Bollywood Park event.

President's remarks

None.

Any other business

Jon Livingstone reported that a party from St Edwards School had sailed around the Isle of Wight.

Weekly draw

The hamper had been won by Bill Gidley.

Next week

Social evening at the Cromwell Arms, buffet at 8.00 pm, other members could attend from 8.30. The speaker on 15th August would be the Manager of Waitrose.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Signed **Dated**