

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting

held on 6th February 2019 at 6.30 pm in Romsey Town Hall

Apologies were received from Sandy Dunn, Stuart Mitchell and Philip Kirkland.

Minutes of the Meetings on 2nd January were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report, he said he expected to be absent next month, and Bryan Rickett agreed to take the Minutes, but subsequently the Secretary had to cancel his other arrangements and would be at Council.

Trust Fund Treasurer

Uncommitted funds reached £3,640.00, £2,000.00 refunded from the Walk. The budgets this year are £17,000.00. The Club is 7 months into the year, but mustn't get into a spending frenzy. There is money available outside of committed funds, £5,200.00 not spent. Youth and Community Service are the Committee's who have spent. The President emphasised that we cannot make plans for a three year spend project as we have to wait to see our income each year.. He commented that we don't want to scramble to spend at the end of the financial year. Approval of Trust Fund expenditure has been approved by the Trustees. The Secretary was asked to minute thanks to himself for preparing the Trust Deed. All the money from the Christmas cards had now been distributed.

Club Treasurer

Report circulated. £250.00 towards Christmas lights had been paid. £1,300.00 was still due to be refunded to members. As an organiser of Reminiscences of Romsey, he said that arrangements were going well, so far there are 170 tickets, the hall would probably be full. There are a lot of volunteers coming, and we are using the opportunity to engage with new members.

Club Service

For the social drinks evening The Phoenix would expect numbers by the previous Friday which would be a problem as members wouldn't necessarily know whether they would be available until after the weekend. It was decided to remain at the Cromwell Arms.

their budgets to see what funds would be spare. Clive Collier said that he would want to know what exactly the money was going to be spent on. Neill Beasley thought it would be a good project for donations, and Andrew Crowley commented that Rotary branding could be attached to the Romsey premises.

International Committee

£1,000.00 was donated to Dent Aid, and they were still collecting used spectacles.

Senior Vice President – Club Service

Bill reported that they had looked at The Phoenix as a second venue for social evenings, they could do it, but they would need numbers by the Friday before, so the Cromwell is the best venue. The Tech Tournament would be held on 13th March, and it looks as though there will be 20 teams.

Communications

An article re Polio Plus Campaign in this month's District Magazine. It was described as a Rotary in Romsey event, but District put it down as a Romsey Test event which it was not, this has now been corrected.

Youth Speaks was in the Romsey Advertiser for a couple of weeks. Andrew Crowley was going to New Zealand but Joe would replace him on Facebook, the website is going well.

Foundation

There would be a visit on Friday to Hillier's. Signage was being put up which would explain the crocuses. There would be collection boxes with lots of crocus pins for which a £2.00 donation was sought.

In Romsey flood lights would be on Romsey Abbey – the Bell Tower would be lit up. It was hoped that perhaps Alan Titchmarsh might be available for a photo opportunity. They would be asking Hillier's whether they need volunteers on site.

Membership Committee

Joe and Nikki had been inducted at the beginning of January. Jaime had changed her yoga night to be with us on a more regular basis. Stuart and Bill will have meetings with new members to get feedback on how we can reach a different audience. Nigel Budd is coming along regularly and Shaun O'Brien has been to two meetings. Peter O'Hara is not about much, he is still busy on a Wednesday, but he still wants to be involved.

Sports & Social

There was to be a good speaker next Wednesday, about fair trade cotton.
8th March the Romsey Club quiz, if interested, tables of up to eight.

Peter Hurst reported with regard to the Mayor's Picnic. He was congratulated for helping to resurrect the British Legion Committee. The Mayor's Picnic would be on the 7th July 2019, and he was going to ask the visiting Charities to be more inventive with their stalls as there were far too many raffles and tombola's.

The Club Almoner

Nothing to report.

Visits

Tony Trowsdale had visited Nailsea.

President's remarks

There was District Council on 2nd March at Mountbatten School. David Sutton reported the Club had supported the Minstead Trust, and there was a chance to visit them in April for a talk and a tour of the site.

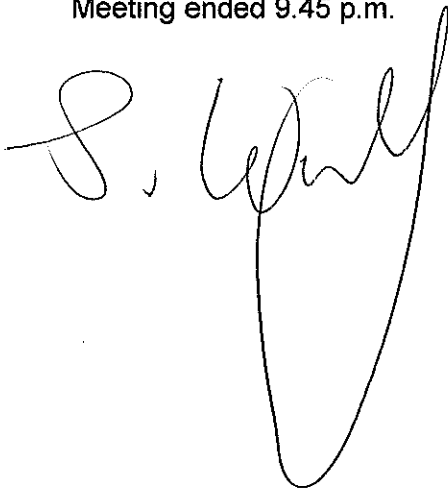
Any other business

John Gould reported that Hythe and Waterside Club were arranging a dinner at Beaulieu, a commitment sheet was to be sent round. Andrew Crowley reported that he was moving to New Zealand. He handed over £400.00 profit he had made on the bottle raffle, Joe will take on Facebook.

A complaint was made about the quantity and quality of the meal last week. The Senior Vice President said that an extra £1.50 was not sufficient to make a large difference, and would require a much bigger contribution, say an extra £5.00. He said that the catering facilities for upstairs were poor, and it might be necessary now to move to more expensive venues for Partner's nights.

Bottle draw – Joe promised not to make such a great profit, and took over the draw.

Meeting ended 9.45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gould'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end.