

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Rotary Club of Romsey Test

5 October 2022

Present:

Nigel Budd (President)*	Stuart Wineberg (Secretary)*
Bill Gidley	Charlie Daniel-Hobbs
Bryan Rickett	Steve George
Graham Hollier*	Roger Shepherd
Kerry Daley	Clive Collier
Ron Bowater*	Nikki Jones
Tony Trowsdale	

+ apologies from Ed Holmes, Brian Davies*

*Trustees

Following a request by Tony T at the main meeting and to help the sanity of the Secretary, Council members are asked to submit their reports to the club not later than the weekend prior to the Business meeting

Minutes of last meeting

Passed without comment

Secretary

Nothing to add

Trust Fund

As per report. Council agreed to progress the opening of a specific Relay Marathon account under the banner of the main Trust Fund in order to simplify accounting.

19 club members have not signed up for gift aid

Club Treasurer

As report. Numbers for SGM in preparation. Treasurer away 1-10 November but will consult on the SGM presentation before he leaves

Club Service

Nothing to report

Communications

As per report.

Membership

Tony T rejigging committee to increase support for membership work. June Sillence to join the club – all present supported this. We have 10 transferring in members all of whom have been spoken to individually, the issue of them not knowing who our members are raised again – badges required. Clear need also for reinstating mentor/buddy system – all agreed. Tony T will raise at business meeting. Kerry has asked Paul G to look into our members pack.

Discussion regarding a membership survey – around whether this is needed and what exactly the questions might be. Tony T to consider reactions to date with the help of Roger S and propose

suitable questions for further consideration. This to be communicated to Council via email rather than waiting to the next Council meeting to prevent undue delay
Tony also has had discussions with Nikki regarding her community “nearly members” and this is progressing

WTTW

As report. 10% more walkers than last year although well below record peak of a few years ago. Significantly more per walker being raised. Typically each walker raises around £100, this is tracking nearer £120. Very approximate projection is £10-11 for the club trust fund

ROR

Small sub committee needed to evaluate this. Nigel to work to instigate this.

Community

Nothing to report

Foundation

As report. Please note 13-19 Feb for the Hilliers Polio event

International

As report

Youth

As per report.

Sports and Social

Clive has sourced a badge supplier and will obtain samples

President's remarks

SVP/JVP and Treasurer needed for next year. Clive C has indicated his willingness to stand as SVP for next year. He noted his personal surprise that this announcement was welcomed by Council (and by the club later at the business meeting)

AOB

Request to move the discussion out of the bar – the upstairs committee room was checked and appears to be adequate for the next meeting

There were no issues requiring Trustee approval

Nigel Budd – Chair

Stuart Wineberg - Secretary

Consolidated reports October 2022

President

Very busy month with the main effort, of course, being the WTTW. Only my third WWWY, and having been previously involved only as a marshaller, I was amazed and impressed by the effort, organisational skills and good humour required and displayed by such a wide range of Rotarians. The whole day seemed to go very smoothly and I received numerous compliments on behalf of the club.

There has been considerable discussion of Tony Trowsdale's Membership suggestions, and will discuss further at Council.

The 'Dinner Club' seems to have withered and I am keen to reinstate. Not sure who organises this.

Need a SVP!

Pleased to see that progress is being made in addressing the issues arising from incorporating our 'new' activities, notably the Relay Marathon

The identification of way ahead for the RoR has been briefly discussed, but seems to have stalled. I will ask for a small committee to be formed to examine this and report.

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Stuart, by request of Sue Bakewell, formerly of the Rotary Club of Romsey, informed all members of the death of Ernest Brent a long standing member of the Rotary Club of Romsey at the age of 94 after a long illness. Condolences were expressed to his widow Jean.

The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

Secretary

SW handed round a card of thanks, together with some pictures, from the Romsey Scouts for our donation to their Summer Camp. The camp was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

District require a Rotarian to lead the Young Musician of the Year competition and the Secretary asked that if anyone was interested in putting their name forward to contact him.

SW reminded members that the Business Meeting next month would include the SGM to vote for the President, Senior Vice, Junior Vice and Trust Fund Treasurer for next year.

Club Treasurer

Report attached

Ron reported that there is a wide discrepancy in the members dinner accounts but he would be sending out individual member accounts in due course so that members were aware of their individual liability or credit.

Trust Fund

Report attached

Graham reminded members that the Club is registered for Gift Aid. Many members were already signed up for this and if they wanted more information to contact Graham.

Ron reported that Council had agreed that a separate account would be set up for the Relay Marathon under the umbrella of the Trust Fund alongside WTTW account.

Club Service

No report.

Communications

Report attached

Membership

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Council discussed setting up a Buddy or Mentor scheme to help integrate new members to the Club. Tony would ask for volunteers for this.

A question was asked about people at the Mayor's Picnic who had expressed an interest in Rotary – had this been followed up and also members of the Community Group who re not Rotarians. Nikki is arranging a Community Service evening on 19th October and questions could be asked then.

WTTW

Ron reported on a very successful WTTW. The day was fine and apart from a small incident which was dealt with effectively, the day went very well. He expressed thanks to Steve SJ who had taken over at short notice to help Graham – the Club gave a round of applause.

There had been 10% more walkers than in the previous year but not as many as 2019. However it appeared that more money would be raised per walker and the Club charities would benefit. Final results will be known by December.

Community Service

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Bill commented further on his visit with Keith to Dentaaid – a charity we have supported for many years. Dentaaid not only supplies dental equipment overseas but now has 6 vans which take dental care into the surrounding community in the UK to the homeless and areas of deprivation such is the lack of enough dental care here.

Youth

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Further to the report Steve stated that we had successfully recouped some of the money to be spent next year on dictionaries via a grant from District.

The Young Photographer competition would be advertised via social media rather than through the schools although schools would be kept informed.

Sports and Social

Clive reported there would be a Christmas Dinner at the White Horse on 14th December for members and partners.

He had also been tasked with finding a supplier of name badges so that all members would have them.

President's remarks

There is a vacancy for Junior Vice President and Clive Collier had indicated his willingness to stand. The Secretary explained that this and other positions would be voted on at the SGM in November if any other nominations came forward.

There is also a vacancy for Trust Fund Treasurer.

The President announced that David Sillence has put forward his wife for membership of the Club. David gave short speech outlining his reasons for nominating her and citing her close involvement and help over the many years he had been a Rotarian. June was welcomed into Club membership by all members present.

The President said he was looking forward to Carols in the Market Place under the guidance of Bryan and also to the Relay Marathon next year.

The President reminded all members that these events together with WTTW would need a great number of marshals and asked members to continue to ask for help from family and friends.

AOB

Bryan reminded members that the Polio event will be held at Hilliers from 13th to 19th February 2023 and members support is needed. Every £1 raised is augmented by £2 by the Bill Gates Foundation

Next meeting - Breakfast at Youth in Romsey - 7.45 for 8am.

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