

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

7 AUGUST 2019

Attendees

Bill Gidley – Chair	Nick Bellamy
Keith Cameron	Clive Collier
Sandy Dunn	Steve George
Graham Hollier	Gren Lamb-Hughes
Jon Livingstone – Secretary	Stewart Mitchell
Bryan Rickett	Roger Shepherd
Iain Small	Peter Stuckey
Stuart Wineberg	

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Signed by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Bill shared the sad news regarding Tony Forward. Celebration of life planned for 20 September, with further information to follow.

Bill has investigated the CIO approach. Following liaison with RIBI, not sufficient merit to progress. Priority for Club Events remains:

- Effective planning and
- Comprehensive Risk Assessments.

Details of the Compliance workshop Bill attended - and planning checklist have been circulated to Council members and other relevant officers.

Recent visit to Winchester Rotary by five members was an effective exchange.

3. CLUB TREASURER

Balances £10,400, as in the report.

4. TRUST FUND TREASURER

Uncommitted funds £3,387 as report.

Agreed 50% of Mayor’s Picnic profit to be donated to the Mayor’s charity. At the Business Meeting following Graham advised this was £825. Rationale for this approach to be communicated when the donation is made.

Discussion around branding for Mayor’s Picnic. Agreed Rotary branding should be increased.

5. CLUB SERVICE

Bryan advised greater notice for caterers will help when meeting dates change.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Supporting all other Committee activities.

7. MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Iain shared potential Attributes for new members. To be considered further by M&R Committee. Appropriate the agreed Attributes are recorded, with further discussion at Council and with Members.

Iain and M&R Committee also considering Associate Membership. How the 12 month's review will be applied? And how many Associate Members for the Club to have at any one time?

8. FUNDRAISING

As the report.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE

As the report.

10. FOUNDATION

23 October meeting to be End Polio Now event will be at Hilliers; with RIBI End Polio Ambassador; in place of present Cromwell Arms Fellowship date.

Sandy requested Sports & Social assist with organising this event and hosting the speaker. Sandy and Stewart will liaise further with Clive.

11. INTERNATIONAL

Cameroons proposal in Appendix approved; including committing existing Dentaid budget for £750.

Also, as report.

12. YOUTH

Steve advised September 11th will be breakfast meeting at YIR premises, as a thank-you and to report back on the holiday RCORT supported. Steve reported Kids Out caps were received - along with a profit of £30!

Young Writers; Steve has made initial enquiries/ met with Salisbury Club, at this stage.

13. SPORTS & SOCIAL

Bill thanked Clive and the Committee for the excellent event and Mottisfont/ National Trust speaker.

Clive invited suggestions for venue for 30 October 'Piper' event.

10 January will be 'Christmas Crackers' David Pantling organising at Braishfield Village Hall.

Burns night planned for 29 January.

TRUSTEES EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

No additional items of expenditure were submitted for approval by the Trust Fund Trustees this month.

Signed as a True Record

Name Bill Gidley
President

Date

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- BUSINESS MEETING

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WELCOME AND GRACE

Bill welcomed members and provided grace.

TOASTS

Stuart delivered the Loyal Toast, following which:

Martin Harman invited members to toast 'Sarah and Martin' in celebration of their recent marriage.

Gren and Ruth Lamb-Hughes are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Gren invited members to celebrate this very significant anniversary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stewart Wineberg invited members to consider taking part in the Bandey Hefler exchange; with hosting in periods of four days between 19 September and 1 October. Stewart is taking part and highly recommends. Ask Stewart if interested.

CLUB TREASURER

Nick advised healthy finances, presently stand at £10,400 credit.

TRUST FUND TREASURER (+ MAYOR'S PICNIC)

Graham advised uncommitted funds are £3,387, available from now for justifiable proposals.

Peter Hurst recommended the donation to Mayor's charities be half of the profit on the Mayor's Picnic event and that this rationale be communicated when the donation is made. Carried unanimously. Graham Hollier advised this would be a donation of £825.

Graham advised only five of 38 members making voluntary contributions to Foundation have switched from a monthly to annual contribution; and please switch if you can.

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Iain advised shortly holding the first Committee meeting of the new Rotary year and will keep the Club advised.

FUNDRAISING

Sandy advised WTTW registrations on track with last year - c.300 at the moment, plus 40 corporate Pfizer expected soon.

FOUNDATION

Stewart advised 23 October meeting to be End Polio Now event. This will be at Hilliers; with RIBI End Polio Ambassador; in place of the present Cromwell Arms Fellowship evening currently for this date.

PeaceJam is scheduled for 14 March next year. Stewart hoping one or two new members are able to experience and participate.

INTERNATIONAL

Gren shared the approach aiming for continuity this year 2019/ 2020.

Criteria for projects to be considered for next year will include: Value/ Making a Difference / Establishing a Relationship. Gren and the Committee will keep the Club advised.

Sandy shared information concerning a Dentaaid project in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Hastings 'Bright Smile Cameroon'. To benefit 8,500 young children who currently have no access to dental treatment.

This was supported and utilises the existing £750 Dentaaid budget previously approved at the Club Assembly.

Martin Radford took an encouraging show of hands for members who will participate in the Shoe Boxes initiative this year. Martin will provide leaflets.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Steve advised Dictionaries For Life being progressed by Tony Trowsdale and Tony will be in touch with dates for distribution in September.

September 11 will be breakfast meeting at YIR premises, as a thank-you and to report back on the holiday RCORT supported.

Steve reported Kids Out caps were received following discussion at the previous business meeting. Steve also received a cheque from Kids Out for £30! Steve received congratulations from Bill on this excellent achievement.

Young Writers; Steve has made initial enquiries/ met with Salisbury Club regarding this new proposed Schools competition. John Gould enquired if Young Photographers might be open to wider access. Steve and the Committee will be guided by the schools to advise.

SPORTS & SOCIAL

David Pantling invited people to join him visiting Honeypot House the morning of 10 October, following the Honeypot speaker earlier this year. This was highly praised as being very worthwhile by several members. Please email David if you wish to take part.

At this stage no funding has been provided to Honeypot recently. David and the Committee will consider this following the visit.

David then provided advance information about 'Christmas Crackers' scheduled for 10 January at Braishfield Village Hall. Members recalled fondly previous pantos. David assured the meeting this is not a 'pantomime', though may be in the same spirit.

: David recommended all to Book Diaries Now.

: Please promote to those you know

: Any players wishing to perform contact David to offer their services.

David was requested to send an email with further information, possibly via Mike Thorne.

Tony Abbott advised the bar profit at the Mayor's Picnic was a very creditable £1,132.

Bill thanked and congratulated Sports and Social Committee for the recent excellent event with speaker Dr. Louise Govier.

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- Comprehensive Risk Assessments.

Bill and four other members made a recent visit to Winchester Rotary. This was an effective exchange.

AOB

Steve George advised a victory against Southampton Rotary in pétanque. The next round against Southampton Magna Club is August 19 at the Royal Oak, Fritham.

John Burgess recently met with Richard Jordan-Baker.

Neill Beasley advised he was now Commodore of the Solent Rotary Fleet and recounted how he had observed Stuart Wineberg achieving second place in a sailing race when first place had looked to be a certainty, by crossing the finish line on the wrong side of the final marker buoy.

After some pressing on the matter Neill admitted his own boat had in fact come in third, behind Stuart, although giving him a good view of the proceedings unfolding ahead.

WEEKLY DRAW

Shaun conducted the draw and being away the next dinner meeting invited Nigel to resume the draw on this occasion.

NEXT MEETING AND FINAL TOAST

Breakfast meeting, Cromwell Arms.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley
President

Date