

## Minutes of Executive Committee Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm

Apologies

Rtn Andrew Fairbairn

### 1 Communication from Ron Barnett re Foundation Committee

Executive reconsidered the issue of further payments to International Foundation and concluded that due to prevailing uncertainties no further donations would be made at this time. This decision can be reviewed in the future when the extent of the damage to local and international communities becomes clearer.

### 2 Committee Structure

Due to the difficult circumstances caused by the Pandemic it was decided that in general the committee memberships would be maintained as last year allowing for changes in Chairs. Members would be surveyed to ensure this proposal was acceptable and any requested changes would be implemented. Foundation to be strengthened to discuss with Rtn Ron Barnett

### 3 Directory

It was decided to produce the Directory in on-line formula and to be available on our website only at present. (Hard copy to be posted to non email members)

### 4 Chairs reports

Both C&V and YS have discussed the reduction in District Levy by £7.50 per member (to be ratified) and conclude that as our Subscriptions have been set by AGM this amount should be transferred to our Trust Account

International- Lend with Care not giving loans at present due to Covid19. The Committee have donated £300 from our Lend With Care account to 'Small business Solidarity Fund' to support current struggling projects (this leaves £1.95 in our account)

5 AOB

a) Proposal to trial full Council Meeting by Zoom on 24<sup>th</sup> June

Accepted

b) Rtn Tevor Iles has been asked to present Tribute to David Hitchcox on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Accepted

c) Executive discussed the resignation from the Club by Rtn Andrew Fairbairn. It was agreed he has made a huge contribution to our Club and will be sorely missed. Several senior members have discussed this matter with him and reported his decision is final.

Meeting Closed at 8:10 pm

Peter Wilkins Hon Sec

## MinutesFromExecutiveCouncilMeetingbyZoom19<sup>th</sup>Mayat7:30

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1 Discussion of Paper presented by Rtn David Richardson

see Appendix A

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Clarification had been sought on whether any payments to End Polio Now would count towards our Target for Rotary International Foundation. This is not the case and the target is an aim not mandatory.

2. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Lunchtime Meeting

all arrangements in place

3. Quiz & other Fundraising

Nigel Yeadon to arrange quiz for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May lunchtime

Pilates with Rtn Sakine Faulkner was well supported with 5 participants. To be readvertised.

4. Further Speakers Rtn Malcolm Douglas to progress

5. C&V nil

6 Youth Services nil

7. Treasurer nil

## 8. Sad Loss of Rtn Tony Brace

1 min silence and tribute by Rtn Maurice Humphris agreed

## 9. Bigwood trophy

Held by Rtn Malcolm Nutt. Should be insured

## 10. AOB

Rtn Andrew Fairbairn to liaise with Rtn Fred Riches to produce flyer to encourage Club members to donate to charity Circulated

Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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## Appendix A

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This is a world disaster. It will have long term effects. It will seriously affect the local economy and our own lifestyles for ever and for many dramatically perhaps for up to five years. There will be ever present demands for help locally for years and there will be demands from the charities we already support world wide. The strategy we adopt must look at the overall immediate and long term picture and approach and allow for the complete change of response and new answers needed. The end polio campaign cannot continue as it was. Some of those involved have already taken this on board and are helping with the fight to deal with Covid 19 thus the existing plans and strategy are already changed.

We cannot throw all the money we have into the disaster fund without planning for the future nor should we try and impose existing strategies when they have already changed. We need a new fund raising approach both short and long term and we need considered allowance for contingency events that will be bound to occur and in that approach we need to allow for changes to all our procedures for the activities we are involved with.

In 2004 some £352 million was donated to relieve the Indonesian tsunami the relevant population. It had to be used in the first 18

months. That was extended to three years. It still exists! and is involved with reconstruction work but that application has been controversial because that use was ultra vires as only some 42% was used for the initial relief. We will also continually have to review what we are doing and how and never rely verbatim on guidance written years ago when circumstances were entirely different.

David Richardson

## Minutes From Executive Council Meeting by Zoom 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30

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