

For 30th, 16th and 2nd June

Minutes of Executive 30th June 7:30 pm by Zoom

Apologies None

Minutes of last meeting approved by email

Matters Arising none

1.Hon Membership Rtn Stan Crump

Agreed. Hon Sec to inform said member

2. Friday Handover Meeting

Transfer of jewels etc arranged. Guests accepted invites to Zoom are Town Mayor, John Colegrave June Ronson from Tangent, Carole Adkins from Inner Wheel, Tim Boddington from Probus Tony Carney of Cherwell Club, and Frank Quinn our DG

3. Resignation of Rtn Malcolm. Nutt

Executive thanked Malcolm for his major contribution to our Club over the years and wish him well in his new position as Captain of Tadmarton Club .Hon Sec to request information of history of Bigwood Cup.

4. Virgin Account

Hon Treasurer requested closing this account and transferring balance to Leeds Building Society to avoid additional travel to nearest Virgin branch (Oxford or Coventry. Agreed

5. Officer roles in Future (Rtn David Richardson)

Discussion on reducing workload for Hon Treasurer looking at on line banking, event accounting etc Working group of Rtns Owen Kyffin, Jonathan Meredith, David Richardson, Bernard Goodchild, David Sullivan, Peter Wilkins, Malcolm Dibb and Nigel Randall

6. Report from Executive Members

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Debate on when Face to face meeting will be permitted; many members may wish to continue shielding and therefore not attend. To research minimum numbers of meals that Pink Peppercorns would supply for a lunch.

AOB.

A) Rtn David Richardson to investigate schemes which donate a small percentages on purchases for which the Club could register.

B) Rtn Malcolm Douglas outlined Speakers for Lunch meetings

Nigel Yeadon 10th July Waterloo

Allan Wolstencroft Allan's Africa 17th July

Quiz 24th July

Assembly 31st July

Nigel Deakin and Stephen Groves dates TBA

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Peter Wilkins Hon Sec

Minutes of Executive 16th June 7:30 pm by Zoom

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Matters Arising

Our Organ is stored by Rtn John Webb

1. Committee membership Draft Proposal attached.

This was discussed and with minor changes is to be submitted to Executive by email for approval, so can be announced by Assembly Meeting 19th June.

2. Biella Loan (Malcolm Dibb)

Hon Treasurer has sought advice from Rtns David Sullivan (Forensic Accountant) & Nigel Yeadon (lawyer)

David stated that the loan does not comply with our Charity laws. He also reminded us that the Trust Fund was originally created to facilitate compliance with Charity legislation and we needed to separate the use of members' money from money used for charitable purposes, so putting the funds through our club account isn't viable either. Nigel agreed so loan declined.

Hon Treasurer to write to Rtn Phil Cavill to explain decision.

3 Equalising payments from recent Concerts

The actual amounts would be £331.85 to each of the Brodey Trust and Polio Plus with the remaining £73.75 to unrestricted funds. However we would propose rounding the distributions to £350 each with a slightly reduced balance to unrestricted funds. Agreed

4 Speaker Friday 29th June John Bennett topic "Surprise"

AOB

a) Letter received from Humphris undertaker re donations in memory of Rtn David Hitchcox recently deceased, some corrections required to cheques to payee. Further donations will be received when Memorial Service is arranged. Charity to benefit is "Dogs For Good"

b) Request from Rtn Fred Riches for Additional expenditure.

In view of the present financial situation Executive restated there is no change on our decision on previous requests. Declined

c) Alan's Africa

Rtn Allan has raised some £17,000 so far this year for his Charity. Executive recorded their Congratulations on the splendid feat. He has offered to give an update on his projects to Club Zooms Meetings

d) Unrestricted Funds stand at £3841.19 and Covid account is £1433

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm Pete Wilkins Hon Sec

Minutes of Executive Committee 2nd June 7:30pm by Zoom

Apologies none

Rtn Nigel Yeadon attended

Minutes of last Meeting 26th May. Approved

1) Resignation of Rtn Andrew Fairbairn.

Executive expressed sadness at the resignation of this outstanding Rotarian. Rtn Nigel Yeadon is to discuss this matter with Andrew acting on behalf of the Executive.

2) Use of emails for Club Matters

Hon Sec to circulate members reminding all of the Guidelines issued by RIBI

3) Rtn David Richardson report on District Zoom.etc

Written report submitted (see below)

4) Request from Andrew Fairbairn to borrow Shelterbox from Club for his presentations, any funds will be given to Club to forward to the Organisation

Approved. Rtn John Webb to update components as needed. Several Members have offered to help at any presentations

5) Daubenhorn Challenge, £111.88 for Katharine House Hospice. Rtn Malcolm Dibb

Agreed balance can be paid to Katherine House

6) AOB

a) Executive is in receipt of Letter from Rtn Fred Ritches reducing his workload for Club by withdrawing from PR role and his role in End Polio Now. Accepted and recognition expressed for his major contribution in these areas.

b) Committee structures 20/21 Members to be surveyed as to their preferences. The default position is that generally the Committees memberships remain as at present unless members request a change which wherever possible this will be implemented.

c) Chair of C&V .Rtn Charles Hughes to be approached to accept this position until end 20/21 Rotary Year. Agreed

d) Speaker this week Lunch Meeting is Malcolm Willats of Farthinghoe Fine Wines

e) Letter received from Mr. Chuumbe Douglas in Zambia requesting to become a Rotary Scholar Passed to Karen Everleigh at District

f) Letter received from Michele Ferrerati-Ferrarone re application for global grant for Biella forwarded to Contact Committee

g) Club Draw to be held by Zoom at Lunch meeting if possible

h) Hon Treasurer position Rtn Malcolm Dibb prepared to extend his term by 3months(subject to Club approval) in view of resignation of Rtn Andrew Fairbairn.

i) Hon Treasurer submitted accounts to date and reported that sponsorship from Barclays Bank of £1,000 has not been paid yet which may necessitate balancing payments to recipients Katherine House & End Polio Now. Hon Treasurer seeking guidance as to whether the proceeds can be distributed now or does the organising committee want to wait and see if the planned second concert can take place and then distribute final net takings.

g) Rtn Malcolm Douglas as Speaker organiser to be asked to join Executive

Meeting Ended 8:25pm Peter Wilkins Hon Sec

Report on District Assembly

Held on ZOOM. 173 attended.

1. Presentation from DG Frank Quinn then incoming DG Marius Hopley included:
 1. If you are not enjoying Rotary you are doing it wrong.
 2. Rotary Membership organisation not a hierarchical pyramid. A Career Rotarian is an oxymoron.
 3. Information should be on cascade basis. This is two way and information upwards is vital.
 4. District organisation is designed to help Clubs not manage them.
 5. Remember that unless Rotary adapts we will become irrelevant (first said by Paul Harris).

2. Messages relayed from incoming RI President – Holgar Knaack (seen in Portsmouth 2019 Conference) include:

1. Theme: **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

2. A request that we should aim to: increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement and increase our ability to adapt. He needs our full support so that every district is actively at work creating new innovative club models and asks clubs to hold at least one strategic meeting every year; to select new members carefully – i.e suitability for the future.

3. Continue to support Polio eradication.

3.Foundation: Karen Everleigh who is current chair of the District Foundation team reminded us that there are still some 200 cases of polio existing in Afghanistan / Pakistan. No vaccinations can be organised whilst Covid 19 is alive and active End Polio infrastructure continues to monitor record, advise and support communities and is being utilised in that way to help with Covid 19. There are many communities who have no public health system and this overlap and support is vital as indeed it was with Ebola. Reminder added to make use of grant system. 1090 have taken on 25 scholars in 2020/1.

4. Other points noted:

District Secretary needs volunteer to help him

White area has new AG - John Dunsterville

District Council on 4th June will consider budget for District – including reduction equal to conference loading.

Kate Weavers is new chair of membership.

No youth exchanges for 2021 but preparation has started for 2021/22.

Note that Rotaract is now a Rotary partner. A Rotaract club can itself seek charter as a Rotary Club. Might be District Quiz on Zoom.

Marius favours the use monthly surgeries for both district teams and and for clubs.

Effects of Loneliness, Zoom meetings, working from home that has become the norm with Covid 19 may cause huge problems in the community.

Marius also wants to be invited to each Club even if it is a Zoom meeting. He is also thinking of planning a Garden party for the district early in 2021.

Reminders generally about Clubs signing and returning the compliance documents before the new Rotary year starts.

David Richardson