

**Minutes of Joint Parcels and Executive, followed by Executive Meeting - 13**  
**October 2020 6.30 pm by Zoom**

Present: Rtns Richardson; Randall, Dibb, Bedding, Gardiner, Wolstencroft, Halfpenny, Douglas, Recchia

Apologies None

**Joint Meeting**

This had been called to so that a speedy decision could be taken about the 2020 Xmas Parcels appeal. The matter had been discussed initially at Club Council, where Rtn Recchia had been asked to make contact with the nominating agencies to ascertain whether they were still able to participate this year. This had been done and a positive response had been received, especially from the Voluntary Sector Partners.

Following on from this it had become clear that the Covid situation was continuing to worsen. A number of the Parcels WG members had health concerns and with the Club average age standing at 73 the task of risk assessing the venture was becoming increasingly problematic. Rtn Wolstencroft also reported that venues were proving unwilling to allow their spaces to be used by external agencies so finding a suitable assembly base would not be easy.

Given the above, other options for adapting the appeal were discussed. These centred around using a similar Supermarket Voucher system that was already used for Polly Preedy. It was felt that in some cases the nominating agencies might find this actually more flexible, as it had been fed back in previous years that some clients lacked access to cooking facilities. It was though recognized that with less fundraising opportunities, an inability to make use of "in kind" support and a potential unwillingness from some funding bodies (BTC and Banbury Charities) to make a grant to another body to give out in this format, the value of Vouchers might have to be less than the usual face value of the Parcels.

Following a lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that:

1. The Parcels Appeal 2020 be changed to a Voucher format;
2. That Rtn Recchia contact the nominating agencies and explain this, asking for indications of a continued willingness to participate;
3. That Rtn Recchia explain to the agencies that they would need to work within the allocation numbers from last year as a maximum and that Vouchers may have to be of a lesser value than the Parcels;
4. That Rtn Recchia also sound out both BTC and Banbury Charities to see if they will still support the scheme in this revised format.

At the conclusion of the Joint Meeting Rtn' s Gardiner, Halfpenny and Wolstencroft departed.

**Exec Meeting**

1. Minutes of last meeting approved by email

Matters Arising – John Smith had indicated his subs refund could be donated to KHH.

## 2. Arrangements for Membership/PR

If any new member applications were received Rtn Humphris and selected chosen volunteers would meet with them. There would not be any meetings of Membership Cttee as such. Council would deal with any related matters.

## 3. Disclaimers on emails

Rtn Yeadon had been asked to devise some wording and had done so. However, some members felt more guidance was needed from District as to how/ when it should be used.

**AGREED** that Hon Sec speak to District Secretary to see what their practice was.

## 4. Young Photographer

Rtn Bedding attended for this item. He outlined the project and updated on discussions with Rtn Cairns and Latimer from District. Rtn Bryce would be a project lead, and contact was to be made with Rosy Burke as a judge. It was hoped now to get a letter out to schools before half term.

**AGREED** that the project be supported and Rtn Bedding be asked to progress with it.

## 5. Dragon Boats

An email had been received offering this as a fundraising project opportunity. Exec members had past experience of this and did not feel it was worth pursuing.

## 6 . Synchronisation of contacts

Rtn Riches had initially raised this. Whilst there was merit in it there were GDPR concerns to overcome. There was also no offer of help to achieve it.

### **NOTED**

## 7.Social Media

Rtn Groves had provided an excellent tutorial to those members interested in developing a social media presence.

### **NOTED**

## 8. Bulletin

Jeremy Wilton had now completed his last edition of our Bulletin. As no successor found All copy to be sent to Rtn John Groves in final format and he would put it onto Club Website.

## 9 . Report from Executive Members

The President advised that the Carol Concert would not go ahead this year. Also mentioned a survey underway about District Conference.

AOB.

- i) President mentioned that District Council was meeting on the same night as Club Council in November.

**AGREED** that Club Council be moved to Thursday 26 November. Rtn Recchia to amend diary and Hon Sec to advise Club.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm