

Minutes of Executive – 10 February 2021 7.30 pm by Zoom

Present: Rtns Wilkins, Richardson; Randall, Recchia, Douglas

Apologies – Rtn Dibb

1. Minutes of last meeting approved by email.

Matters Arising – none.

2. Bulletin

President reported that there was a need to ensure Andrew Fairbairn got copy. Committee and Working Group Chairmen needed to be reminded to send him a note of what projects they are working on, or send him their minutes as an aide memoir. Speaker hosts also needed to be reminded to send him a short piece about presentations.

AGREED that Hon Sec would contact Committee Chairmen and ask that they include Andrew in their minute circulations.

3. Arrangements for Membership/PR

1st Vice President gave an update on progress with the small working group set up to look at this issue. Rtn Hughes had formed a small group that was meeting and discussing options. Ron Barnett and John Groves were working on the Website. The need to appeal to and attract younger members was re-iterated. Satellite clubs in the Banbury village hinterland was a possibility.

Rtn Riches had also made some suggestions for Council to consider. He had highlighted good relationships with local schools and also good partnerships with our local town and district councils – especially through projects such as Christmas Parcels and Crocus Planting, and supportive partnerships with local businesses through advertising in our event programmes. In addition we have invited community groups and faith communities to join together with us on local and international issues. He felt these were important links in the search for new members and asked would it be possible to invite these various establishments and groups to become supporters or to send nominated delegates as some form of Rotary members?

4. Contact with Irish Clubs

President reported concerns within RGB&I that Ireland was becoming isolated. But felt that Club would be best to wait upon any approach from an Irish Club.

5. Voting Delegate for ABM by 1st March

AGREED President would fulfill this role.

6. Rtn Riches suggestions for Council

In addition to the membership suggestion referenced above, Rtn Riches had put forward the suggestion that we ask Inner Wheel whether the “sensory garden” project might currently being discussed might be enhanced by calling the renewed sensory garden a “Peace Garden”. This idea came up after the celebration of People’s Park Centenary in 2019 – celebrating the peace after the First World War.

7. Appointment of Auditors for Club Account,/Arrangements for Trust Account

This item was prompted by the resignation from Club of Graham Anker, who acted as one of two Club Account Auditors. It was also uncertain as to whether the other Club Auditor, Rtn Pollard, wished to continue in the role. A suggested replacement was Rtn Meredith.

With regard to the Trust Accounts, these were externally audited and did not require an internal scrutineer.

AGREED that the Hon Treas would contact Rtn’s Pollard and Meredith to see if they were happy to discharge the role of Club Account Auditors.

8. Post Covid Planning

President suggested that Exec should give some further thought to this and perhaps start to plan for an eventual return to normality. In the first instance contact should be made with the Chairmen of the House and Sport/Ent Cttees to prime them for a return to face to face activity.

AGREED that Hon Sec would contact the House and Sport/Ent Chairmen.

9. Reports from Executive Members

Hon Treas reported KHH cheque had been passed to Rtn Hughes to forward on.

10. AOB.

None.

11. Next Executive Meeting – **Wednesday** 10 March at 6.30pm

12. Next Council Meeting – Wednesday 24th February 2021 at
6.30pm

Meeting ended at 7.15pm