

Minutes of Executive – 14 April 2021 6.30 pm by Zoom

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

Apologies – None

1. Minutes of last meeting approved by email.

Matters Arising – a discussion was held about charity donations, following recent sizeable donations to the club from current or recent members and also from the Vaccination Centre in gratitude for the club's marshaling help.

AGREED that the President discuss ideas for the use of the funds with Cttee Chairmen.

2. Rotary Business Partners

This was an initiative being suggested by District. It was a degree of affiliation with the aims of Rotary but fell short of Corporate membership, though it could progress to this. It was felt to be worthy of exploration. Ideally a Rotarian with strong business links might be asked to take the idea forward.

AGREED that Club be asked for volunteers to look into this.

3. Pull Up Banners

District would like Club activity pictures to put onto or add to Banners to advertise Rotarians in action.

4. Radio UK Workshops

A service was being offered to members who might need some training on giving radio interviews. A free webinar was being offered. The opportunity would be considered by the outgoing and incoming Presidents.

5. SGM Minutes 26th March

These had been circulated to Club and no comments received.

AGREED to receive the minutes.

6. Arrangements for Membership/PR

1st Vice President gave an update on progress with the small working group set up to look at this issue. A meeting had taken place on 1 April that had discussed all facets of the issue. Discussion points included:

- 1 Culture of Rotary, i.e How our meetings are conducted.
- 2 How we are perceived by the public? Older business men and women? Elitist?
- 3 How to dispel this image and change the way we look to outsiders?
- 4 Advertise in local mags to make people aware of what we are and direct them to our website, very important.
- 5 Do away with interviews and replace with information on Club
- 6 Invite people to become Friends of Rotary
- 7 Satellite clubs in nearby villages

AGREED that the position be noted.

7. Problem with Opera Event

The Club had given in principle support to the concept but some members had strong reservations about the level of risk involved in the project in the current Covid or immediate post Covid environment. It was felt that Rtn Goodchild, who was liaising with the event organizer, be asked to put a firm proposal to Cttee and Council.

AGREED that the Hon Sec contact Rtn Goodchild about this.

8. Organisation of Club Meetings

Various aspects of future club meetings were discussed, against the background of likely limited meeting space at the masonic hall with current and potentially ongoing social distancing requirements. Discussion had also taken place with Rtn Worrall regarding the change of caterer.

7. Post Covid Planning

This was a standing item and had largely been covered in the preceding item. Covid recovery planning needed to encompass venue issues (loss of caterer & indoor spacing problems), meetings making use of less formal gatherings including outside (Cricket Club teas) and continuation of zoom where appropriate and useful. Creating protocol for associated members, friends of Rotary, Rotary volunteers and implementing organised links with relevant businesses and other suitable organisations would also play a part.

8. Reports from Exec Members

Hon Sec – reported that Rtn Rupert Kipping would be leaving the Club in June as he would be leaving the area. A proposal was also being put to club that the current arrangement of cttee places remain unchanged for the coming year. Rtn Bennett had also sent a calculation of the hours spent supporting the vaccination programme to District.

Hon Treas – reported that draft budget for next year had been agreed with the incoming President and was now ready for submission to the AGM. Independent Examiners were to be Rtns pollard and Kyffin. £200 had been raised from the collection for Sanchia.

President – Updated on discussions from District, and the annual Business Meeting for RGB&I, where he would be casting the club's vote.

9. AOB

President referred to a design a Poster Competition.

AGREED that this be referred to Youth Services Cttee.

10. Next Executive Meeting – **Wednesday** 12 May at 6.30pm

11. Next Council Meeting – **Wednesday** 26 May 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 7.30pm