



SERVICE Above Self

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY
Minutes of an Executive meeting held on 22nd June 2021 via Zoom

Table with columns: Council Members 2020-21, Name, Att. Rows include President (DR, David Richardson, P), 1st Vice President (MDs, Malcolm Douglas, P), 2nd Vice President (NY, Nigel Yeadon, P), Hon. Secretary (PW, Peter Wilkins, P), Hon. Treasurer & Chair International & Foundation (NR, Nigel Randall, P), Co-opted Non-Voting Member (MR, Mark Recchia, A), Other Non-Voting Members in Attendance (RW, Roger Worrall, P).

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Table with columns: Action

- 1 Welcome – President
DR – Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2 Apologies Honorary Secretary - Rtn. Peter Wilkins
Apologies received for non-attendance of this meeting as above.
3 Succession -
A Resignation of 2nd Vice President Malcolm Dibb.
NY – Will now move from 2nd Vice President Elect to 1st Vice President on 1st July 2021.
B 2nd Vice President 1st July – We now need to find a member to stand ALL
C DR – Commented that Committee Chairs should always be planning for a successor to take over their role.
4 Changes in Process & Procedures - Survey
A It was agreed that we should await the results of the survey before contemplating any changes such as no longer having grace at the beginning of our meetings.
B MD – Commented that any changes that we do make must not be dramatic or sudden that result in members resigning.
C NR – Commented that he has asked Jonathan Meredith to review the results of the survey he has produced so that it is not just one person’s impression. He has received 36 survey papers, there has been many comments regarding more social events being required.
The survey results will be circulated to all members directly and not to Club Council first, if Jonathan Meredith has completed his review by this coming Friday, NR can present the results after the speaker.
DR – Suggested that a zoom presentation of the survey results could take place on Friday 2nd July with the Presidential handover taking place at the coffee morning on Tuesday 6th July.

5 Objective Themes for Next Year

PW – Commented that we need to await the results of the survey before producing too many plans.

6 Cricket Club Social Event

The date has changed from 18th July to 22nd July, if people that were going to attend on 18th July and have paid and cannot now attend on 22nd July we will refund them. Approximately 50+ tickets sold so far.

RW – Suggested contacting Edd Frost to bring his Ice Cream Van - 01295 810 881

MD

7 Membership Recruitment Advertisement

MD – Commented that the recruitment advert is ready to go, we will wait for the survey results before deciding to go ahead.

8 Council Membership 2021 - 22

Council is currently 6 officers, 4 Ordinary elected members and 1 co-opted member, we can have between 3 and 6 Ordinary elected members.

DR – Commented that Council should not be too big otherwise decision making becomes harder.

RW – Commented that in the past we have tried to get the Chairs of committees to stand as ordinary members of council, this improved communications and ensured that events do not clash.

RW Note: Club By-Laws Club Council in normal circumstances :-

The Immediate IPP cannot be a member. - No member shall be eligible to serve as an ordinary member of the council for more than three consecutive years.

With the present Covid situation we are not presently in normal circumstances.

9 Executive Dissolve

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10 Next Year's Committee Membership

PW – Reported that he had written to all of the members asking if could stay on the same previous committees due to the last year's committee inactivity and to let him know if they wished to change committees, two members have requested to change committees.

NY – Requested at least two members are added to Sports & Entertainment, these should be members that will be active, possibly Phil Cavil & Ian Anthistle.

RW – Requested to be put on the Membership committee.

PW – Commented that our membership details are held securely on the club website in the members section and can be updated easily, a number of members including the President Elect have requested that we produce the membership booklet as well. Estimated cost to produce is approximately £160.00; **NR** - Commented this is within the budget contingency fund.

11 Freemasons Hall

RW – Commented that the hall should be ready for 1st August onwards, a new suspended ceiling, lighting and speakers are being installed.

The negotiations are hoped to be concluded with the potential franchisee Reg Howe early next week. If they are satisfactorily concluded Rotary will be a customer of the franchisee as they were with Sancha Andrews, RW will introduce Reg Howe to Ian Calderbank to liaise with regarding Rotary dining.

12 A Programme of Events

DR – Commented that we cannot firm up the planning of events until we actually come out of lockdown.

NY – Responded that we should now be planning assuming that the Covid restrictions will be lifted sufficiently on 19th July to allow us to operate close to normality.

PW – Commented that we need to take into consideration what members will feel comfortable with coming out of the Covid-19 situation.

DW – Commented that a decision had been made that Contact would not go ahead in Switzerland in 2021 but to resume with Italy in 2023.

MD – Commented that he would like to see at one social event per month.

RW – Commented that the 5th Fridays normally 4 per year could be social events i.e. less formal events, in the past years they have not been very well supported.

B President's Night

MD – Commented that he would like to return to holding a formal Black Tie President's night this year, we can then celebrate his year, SD and DR years, RW & DR offered to assist MD to organise.

RW - Suggested we look at the Heritage Museum at Gaydon where we held the contact meeting, RW's and Ron Barnett's President's nights. MD

C Rotary Day Out

MD – Commented that he want the "Rotary day out" that we used to have some years ago started again, possibly a number of them this year. NY

D Club Assembly

PW – Commented that the Chairs of the various committees will be presenting their various events that they will be organising.

13 Valedictory & Handover Meeting

PW – Proposed that this year we combine the Valedictory and Presidential Handover meetings, this was agreed by the members present. PW

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15 Meeting Closed