



Minutes of Business Meeting

Rotary Club of Exe Valley

Weds 3rd August 2016 Hartnoll Hotel.

22 members Present: Grace L: Charlotte Waelde

- 1) The minutes of the 6th July 2016 approved & signed as accurate.
- 2) Matters arising - discussion about facility for storing a club items (to replace the caravan which is elderly and full) was again postponed pending information whether Halberton's petanque club unit +/- Kingswood childcare porta-cabin are for sale. The offer to site a unit adjacent to the Uffculme show field excludes caravan
- 3) The President
 - a) asked that any reports to subsequent business meetings be emailed **no later than the day before the meeting.**
 - b) Noted several members had again failed to attend without phoning in their apologies. Members are reminded that food orders are placed with the hotel based upon the number of apologies received. **All members should please ensure that they have apologised if not attending and are reminded of the potential for being charged for their meal otherwise..**
- 4) The Treasurer
 - a) Subs –
 - i) 24 out of 40 members have not yet paid, five weeks after the due date!
 - ii) subs due to RIBI and District will be paid later in August.
 - b) Balances
 - i) Club Account - £3,412 - Income from tent hire (Sampford Peverell),
 - ii) Charity Account - £7,699 - (inc t/f £5,571 from Uff Show account)
 - iii) Uffculme Account - £3,000
 - iv) Special Account - £1
 - c) Recent Donations made to Rotaproj £75 (; Tiverton Gateway Club £300; Devon Air Ambulance Trust £100 (R.Vickery Draw). £85 to RIBI for 5,000 crocus corms for the Purple for Polio project (the corms will be delivered to Plymouth in November – KM collaborating for their collection.) £50 for the RIBI website, £500 to Rotary Foundation for polio . As requested, the Treasurer had circulated a spreadsheet showing all the Club's major charitable expenditure over the past year
- 5) The secretary handed out membership information cards to those members present. Members who have yet to receive their card should approach the secretary at another meeting. It had been identified that Richard Taylor was wrongly listed with district as the substitute delegate rate directory. The vice president Les Christiansen offered his name for that purpose.
- 6) Other Committee reports had been pre-circulated and were adopted. – annexed to these minutes. Action points affecting all members::
 - a) **Fun and fellowship numbers to Ray for the Canal trip 10.08.2016**
 - b) **Youth. In addition to the pre-circulated report Charlotte asked if Rotarians knew of any young enthusiastic potential Rotaract leaders that could be approached. Leads and contact to Charlotte**
- 7) Community services. Names were taken for helping at Tiverton Electric Nights on 3rd September. And Heathcote 200.
- 8) Sport. Martin invited all Rotarians wishing to participate to contact him. The first cup game is on 31 October with a home game 16 September against Otter Valley. The president presently holds the cup.
- 9) The draw was held. The £100 charity nomination was won by Mike Viney who nominated the Marie Curie charity. Meeting ended 9 35.

International and Foundation Committee Report

Business Meeting Wed 3rd August 2016

The International and Foundation committee consulted during July, and met formally last Wednesday (July 27th), prior to our meeting. The only matter for consideration was Purple4Polio, an RIBI initiative designed to promote awareness of the near eradication of Polio worldwide, and to raise funds for the RI Polio fund in their final push to complete the job. An explanatory leaflet is attached.

Committee members did express concern as to whether the scheme provided the maximum benefit in terms of fund raising, but accepted that the “outward and visible sign”, together with support for the 100th year of the Rotary Foundation, was good reason for Club support.

As the Crocus Corms had to be ordered by July 31st, approval was sought at last week’s meeting for expenditure of £85.00, this was forthcoming and the corms subsequently ordered

Delivery will be in late August and planting is planned for November

The committee will crystallise plans during the next three months and report back to the club on a continuing basis

Chris Steele

Rotary Club of Exe Valley - Corporate Membership Scheme

02 August 2016

INTRODUCTION

The Rotary Club of Exe Valley currently has 41 members of both sexes on the club roll. The membership Committee has been successful in recent years in maintaining and even slightly increasing the club membership. However we do wish to continue attracting more new, younger and more diverse members. For some time the club has emphasized a far more 'relaxed' approach to attendance to broaden the appeal of membership, particularly to younger members for whom weekly attendance is simply not possible due to family, work and alternative social commitments.

We are now proposing to try and attract membership from local organisations and institutions in the form of a Corporate Membership Scheme. New corporate members will be encouraged to embrace the origins of Rotary as the original networking business organisation and be supportive of the local community thus helping to fulfill their corporate responsibilities to the 'Big Society'.

There is an RIBI Membership Pilot (July 2015) and two other clubs in the district (Newton Abbott and Cober Valley) have already adopted corporate membership schemes. This proposal is based directly on that pilot and those other district club schemes

Following receiving broad support from the club at the business meeting of 06/07/2017 in the instance there has been correspondence with the District Governor and District Membership Chairman to obtain their support and the Membership Chairmen of the two other clubs in this district involved with this scheme to obtain their experience.

AIM

The aim of this proposal is to establish a corporate membership scheme to give an opportunity for a different demographic from within our area to become actively involved with this club and undertake projects and support causes under the auspices of 'Rotary' and the structure of 'traditional' Rotary - but with reduced formality.

It is further hoped that corporate members who became involved with the club would in time, when they had gained experience of this club and Rotary, wish to become full individual members.

SUMMARY

1. Approval

An entity is proposed to club council by a current club member as an entity suitable for Corporate Membership - or an entity approaches the club for corporate membership and a current EVRC Rotarian is tasked to research the background of the entity to ensure it is of good character and known in the local area.

Entity - Companies, institutions, local authorities and schools can all become corporate members through an approval process by EVRC membership Committee and Club Council. They will be referred to as an entity.

2. Designees

Once an entity is approved to become a corporate member it may propose *up to* four employees - 1 member to be the primary corporate member (**PCM**) from a senior

position and **up to** 3 others from other management levels as Designated Corporate Members (**DCM**). The **DCMs** should be persons who have voluntarily entered in to the programme with some degree of interest or benefit from being within Rotary.

3. Changes to DCM

May be made at any time and in any case must be reviewed at the start of each Rotary year (1 July).

4. Induction

The **PCM** will be inducted into the club as a full Rotarian.

The **DCMs** will be inducted into the club as corporate associate members.

Each **DCM** will fill in an application form provided by the club giving the required contact details.

DCM associate members will have no personal membership number, no access to database or websites, no magazines and no RI, District or Club voting rights.

They will be covered by RIBI insurance as a volunteer to the extent of any cover of an active Rotarian.

Attendance

It is expected that **either** the **PCM** **or** one of the **DCMs** will attend a club meeting at least twice per month, preferably more when possible. Attendance by multiple corporate members from the same entity at any meeting is fine.

5. Club Projects

Involvement in all club projects is strongly encouraged, especially with regards to support for the club's fundraising activities.

6. RI Registration

The **PCM** will be registered with RI. The other 3 **DCMs** will be listed in the club's membership listing but not with RI (*unless this changes*)

7. Badges

All Corporate members will be entitled to wear the Rotary Badge.

8. Voting

Only the **PCM** will be able to vote at club meetings.

A **DCM** will be able to be the **PCM** proxy voter.

9. Holding Office

As a full member the **PCM** may hold any club office including President.

DCMs may hold any club office excepting Treasurer or Club President.

10. Financial

The **PCM** is responsible for paying the same full membership fees as an existing member (RIBI and District and Affiliation)

DCMs will pay an enrolment fee of £30.00 each.

e.g. The full cost of a corporate entity with **3 DCMs** will be:-

Membership subscription of £90.00

DCM enrolment fee (3 X £30.00) of £90.00

One off joining fee of £15.00

£195.00 Payable by the entity

Should the **PCM** wish the corporate **DCMs** to have full access to the benefits of an RI membership number (or if they wish this themselves) each corporate associate member wishing that will have to pay RI/RIBI dues (currently £49 per year per member) in addition to their one-off joining fee.

(Fees other than for the PCM may be amended by the club as found necessary from time to time)

11. Membership Conversion

A **PCM** or **DCM** may convert to full Rotary membership at any time. Fees pro-rata to any monies paid. Normal fees would then be due and the vacancy created in the corporate membership may then be filled.

An active Rotarian may not convert to a **PCM** or **DCM**; this scheme is a means of introducing new members to the club.

12. New PCM

Should the PCM move away due to relocation or leaving the entity one of the **DCMs** may be nominated to replace him/her or a replacement sought from the entity – appropriate dues would be requested pro – rata.

13. Communication

All Corporate members will be included in all club communications – generally by email. They will all have access to the website and Rotary databases via the **PCM** login access password.

14. Youth Activities and Vulnerable Persons. The corporate member designees are expected to abide by all restrictions, policies, and procedures with respect to club activities involving youth and vulnerable persons.

15. Duration

Corporate Membership is for the duration of the club, unless terminated by the club due to closure of the entity, non-payment of dues, non-attendance, or failure to meet any other conditions of membership.

16. Termination

Exe Valley Rotary Corporate Membership Programme may be terminated by the Club at any time.

17. Nominated Point of Contact

The Club will nominate a member of the Membership Committee to be the point of contact to oversee the corporate scheme.

PR AND WEBSITE

Induction and the establishment of the Corporate Membership programme will be promoted on the club website and any social media the club may use.

Corporate members will be listed as friends of EVRC on the website.

Each entity will be presented with a certificate of corporate membership which may be displayed in their offices.

ROTARY DISTRICT APPROVAL

The District Governor Stephen Lay spoke in support of the proposal to the club on 29 July 2016.

It is proposed to forward these details to DG and District Membership Chairman as soon as club approval for the scheme is received.

LAUNCH DATE

Proposed to be immediately formal written approval is received from the District Governor.

BRUCE PEARSON
(Membership Chairman)

Rotary Youth Report
3 August 2016.

A meeting of the Youth Committee took place on Wednesday 20 July.

Rotaract

The main topic of conversation was Rotaract and the steps we now need to take. It was agreed that Charlotte would prepare a one page document giving information on Rotaract and the sorts of activities undertaken by clubs. It was noted that this would need to be carefully drafted so as to appeal to a range of interests: fun and fellowship; community service; networking; leadership; international travel.

It was appreciated that a key factor in establishing a successful club was to find a core of enthusiastic people who would drive it forwards. To that end the group started to put a list together of the organisations/individuals within Tiverton and the surrounding area that we might approach to look for possible interest. The target age range is 18 - 30. It was also agreed that we should approach the other two Tiverton clubs to see if they would be interested in joining forces in this initiative to enable us to reach as broad a potential audience as possible.

These include:

Golf, rugby and cricket clubs
Chamber of commerce
Young farmers (noting that the upper age for young farmers is 25 but many go on to be 'advisors' thereafter)
Sea, army and air cadets
Venture scouts
Girl guides
Petroc (Mark Challacombe)
Rob Varley. Head of met office (there may be Met office employees who live in the area)
Young lawyers group
Heathcot

We have a request for members of the club: please think about individuals/organisations who we might approach to find potentially interested individuals and do pass your ideas to me.

Once I have completed the flyer we can start to make contact – and I will ask members of the club who have links with individuals/organisations to make contact.

Rotary Youth Opportunities

THS remains most interested in Rotary Youth opportunities and may try to engage with more in the coming year. The debating club at THS will commence

in Autumn and Mandy Slevin hopes that members of the club may be available to visit from time to time.

We continue to look for other opportunities to reach out to schools to let them know of the youth opportunities available. As a reminder these include young chef; youth speaks; young musician; young photographer; young writer; technology tournament.

Also available is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and Rotary Young Citizen award.

More information can be found here <http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/youth-competitions/>

The competitions are generally for young people between 7 and 17 who belong to some sort of organisation – e.g. school; venture scouts etc. If you know of a school or other organisation that you think might be interested, do let me know.

From time to time there are special prizes for winners. The winners of the 2017 Young Photographer in each age group in the district will be invited to attend a photographic workshop with Ross Hoddinott at and around his studios in Kilkhampston on Wednesday 29th March 2017 from 12:00 noon to dusk. Ross will provide one-to-one tuition to the young photographers, with additional support being provided by Peter and Caroline Bland of Silverlake Photography.

Charlotte Waelde
3 August 2016.