



AGM Minutes the Rotary Club of Exe Valley.

Weds 1st June 2016

Hartnoll Hotel.

There were 22 members present with no guests. Apologies received from Rotarians D Disney B Pearson and M Stevens

Objects of Rotary were read by Rotarian Chris Shears

- 1) The minutes of the 2015 AGM had previously been circulated. Those present voted to take them as read and approved them as correct
- 2) The President said he will present a more detailed report at the handover night but for now expressed his thanks to all who have worked so hard to help make his presidential year a success. His year had been a pleasure given the people in club he had to work with.
- 3) The secretary had apologised. His report was read by the president.
- 4) Membership. A report from the membership committee was read. Member numbers are healthy at 41 with 3 new members in the year. It is everyone's responsibility to recruit, bring guests to meetings. Retention of members is helped by an interesting programme for which thanks was given to Rotarian F Reynolds who masterminds the programme but needs ideas and help from all.
- 5) Community and Vocation - Rotarian Vickery reported that club had made life better for a significant number of birds and bats within the hospital gardens, and for the community at large in the varied activities of club throughout the year.
- 6) International - no report was given to the AGM
- 7) Fun and fellowship - Rotarian J Radford reported that a good year had been enjoyed by Rotarians with a wide-ranging and interesting series of events, including a race meeting, car treasure hunt, visit to the Met office, barbecue, visit to lifeboat station, a walk, a visit to cricket, partners' night at an Indian restaurant and others. He thanked members of the subcommittee for their support.
- 8) Youth. Rotarian Charlotte Waelde reported the subcommittee had agreed to push for the formation of the new Rotaract club next year and lots of work is envisaged in that respect. Club's support for the Youthspeak competition fostered the start of a new debating club in the local school with enthusiasm for continued participation. The youth leadership award sponsorship is in hand with plans to seek nominations for next year's participation, (a project that could well feed into a new Rotaract club). The Templeton Trail was a success enjoyed by runners and organisers alike and it is planned to repeat next year. A members walk and picnic at the same venue is planned for 13 July, with new food bar and music planned open to Rotarians partners guests and friends. Thanks were expressed to members of the committee and to Rotarian Pearson for his help and facilities at Templeton. The committee arranged holidays for the children's trust with four schools benefiting from grants to which Club and Trust contributed equally. Help has been sought for car park marshalling at the Two Rivers Festival on 11 July. Help has also been arranged to bring equipment from school to the mid Devon show 23rd July with marshalling of the car park as well. Finally the tag rugby competition might now happen after all bracket 28th of June).

- 9) The President thanked to all chairman of all subcommittees, and their members for the hard work undertaken.
- 10) Sports. In the absence of Rotarian Freeman, the president reported amongst much applause that Exe Valley Rotary club won the skittles cup and commented that John was very highly regarded within district the work he undertakes in organising the event.
- 11) "Exepress" - Rotarian Viney reported that he was now in his sixth year editing the newsletter with issue 43 on the presses. It is a bimonthly publication started when club was celebrating its 30th year. He thanked all for their contributions for the archive material provided. He finds it difficult to assess its success but circulation now extends far beyond club members themselves and all feedback seems very supportive. He has agreed to remain as editor for another year but calls upon all committee chairman to contribute something after each meeting.
- 12) Website / IT - no report. The President thanked those involved in the website for club the Uffculme show and the Templeton Trail
- 13) Treasurer -
- a) Rotarian Mills confirmed the accounts had been approved by the auditor. A budget is in the course of preparation.
 - b) He had circulated members with an overview of expenditure from the club's account, explaining the difference between that and the charity and special accounts. Club funds are our own money funded by subscriptions minus districts and RBI payments. Profit from weekly draws bolsters the income plus some profits from other non-charitable activities. He explained a club account's trading deficit is forecast unless subscriptions were increased now, setting out the detail to support :
 - c) **Proposed that subscriptions increase from £80 to £90 forthwith. Seconded by Rotarian Butler. carried unanimously.**
 - d) **The presidents expenses were proposed at £600 per annum with the term "expenses" used instead of "honorarium" from now on. carried unanimously**
 - e) Treasurer then drew members attention to the now normal annual **£500 donation to Foundation**. Some clubs pay nil and some considerably more. Foundation's recommendation is £1200. He proposed £500 be agreed from the Club account for this year with a specific election that it be dedicated to the "abolish polio" movement. Rotarian Withers suggested that it be that **the topic be adjourned for consideration to the international committee and brought back to a business meeting when a decision can also be taken whether payment be from club account or charity account**. Treasurer confirmed that payment from the charity account will be permissible. Amendment was **carried**.
The process deferred to the next business meeting.

14) The President then moved to the elections for the 2016 2017 officers. The following were sole nominees and **election confirmed** en bloc unanimously - proposed Rotarian Vickery seconded Rotarian Davies.

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| • President. | John Freeman |
| • Senior Vice president. | Les Christiansen |
| • Jr VP. | No nomination |
| • Sec. | Andy Harris |
| • Assistant secretary. | David Disney |
| • Treasurer | Kevin Mills. |

Council members - the above plus the chair of each different committee. *

- District council delegates – President, Secretary. Reserve Bob Rice.
- Auditor William Withers

- Honorary membership of Jeff Percy was confirmed for another year

* (There were no proposals for council membership from the floor. All Rotarians are welcome to attend as observers and participate in Council.)

15) A proposal received from Rotarian Vickery seconded Rotarian Disney that **Club purchase a shipping container** which Rotarian J Radford offered to site for by Uffculme show site. New storage facilities were needed for the caravan anyway, and it is no longer fit for purpose. Prices had been secured. Questions were raised about the cost of insurance, whether the proposed unit had access suitable for loading and unloading staging (presently undertaken by machine rather than manually), and whether the unit was sufficiently ventilated to prevent condensation damage to the club's tents and gazebos. A Portakabin might provide better insulation though less security - one was presently for sale locally. Rotarian Taylor will He would secure details for the next business meeting. Some members who presently looked after stock were not present. Proposed Rotarian Mills seconded Rotarian King that the proposal be **adjourned to a business meeting in order that insurance quotes alternative ideas and information about condensation could be available before a vote was taken then. Carried.**

16) Meeting closed.