

Exe Valley Rotary Club – Minutes of Business Meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018 – Hartnoll Hotel Bolham

Grace by Bob Fuller. Objects of Rotary: Bob Rice. Meal Steward: Stuart Chester.

- 1) The minutes of the business meeting of 8th August 2018 had been pre-circulated and were largely agreed, although Ken Mills pointed out that there were two subscriptions outstanding and not one.
- 2) The President stated that there will be a Council meeting on 03/10/18 and that Assistant District Governor Anthony Aggett will attend the business meeting that follows.
- 3) The President stated that he will be abroad for the next two weeks, IPP Christiansen will take the Chair, if required, on 19/09/18.
- 4) The President stated that the first meeting for Uffculme Show 2019 will be on 10/10/18 at 6.30pm.
- 5) The President stated that The Club had received a cheque for £300 from The Mid Devon Show for our efforts in assisting with car parking duties. This money is for our charity account.
- 6) SVP Tony thanked those that had volunteered for stewarding duties at Killerton on this Sunday for the Otter Valley Cycle event. The duties will entail handing out bananas and water.
- 7) The Treasurer's report had been pre-circulated, reading:
Club Account: £3653 (£4023 last month)
Allocated Funds: £1461 circa RIBI second tranche.
Income – Draw, surplus from BBQ
Expenditure – President's honorarium. Wines for draw.

Charity Account - £11061 (£11,261 last month)

Allocated Funds: £1,100 monthly draws: £1,600 (?) for RHFCT.

Rock #2 Recovery (Royal Marines) – Bruce Pearson draw

Farms for City Children – Ray Radford draw (acknowledged)

Acknowledgement was also received from Headway, Somerset (David Disney draw).

The Treasurer would like to know the current status of the RHFCT and the schools we support and whether we have any idea as to how much we may receive from the Trust.

Uffculme Account - £3000 (as last month)

Special Account - \$1 (as last month)

Regarding the question of RHFCT, the Club were made aware that there was a meeting of the Youth Committee on 17/09/18 where the matter will be addressed.

- 8) The President asked the Club, if they would consider donating to Rock #2 Recovery (Royal Marines) and The Injured Jockeys Fund, following recent talks from Charlie Hobson and Debbie Attrill respectively. F. Reynolds proposed £250 to each charity. This was seconded by R. Taylor and agreed. A covering letter will be sent to the Injured Jockeys Fund explaining how inspirational Debbie's talk was.

9) Committee Reports:

Membership: The President read an email from C. Gregson stating that a meeting with a prospective new member had been postponed as she wasn't well. This meeting is to be rearranged.

Community Service: Chris King thanked those that assisted Electric Nights on 01/09/18. The next event will be 01/12/18 which will entail the switching on of the Christmas lights. EVRC have been invited to hold our usual Gluwein stall. It was agreed that we should do so.

International and Foundation: Tony Steiner stated that he would circulate the 24/10/18 End Polio Day on the Club's Facebook site. With regards to the floods in Kerala, it was proposed by Ken Mills and seconded by Stuart Chester that £250 be donated. This was agreed. Regarding the Indonesian Earthquake appeal, there is to be an Uffculme Green Day on 22/09/18 at Magelake Hall. It is proposed that the Club has a Shelterbox stall there. Ken Mills is happy to man the stall from 1000 until 1300 but someone else will be required from 1300-1600. Ken will send out an email. Any donations received on the day, together with the £30 received for the hire of the Club tent will be sent to the Appeal.

Publicity: David Disney apologised for the lack of the Exepress. He had been assured that it would be out in draft format at least by last Sunday, however due to Patch's heavy work commitments this had not materialised. David stated that the Website and other matters needed updating but again had not been completed. The President understood that Patch's workload was easing and so matters should now progress. The President used to update the website and could do so again, if it would help Patch, but not before mid October

Youth: The President read an email from Anthony stating that there is a committee meeting on 17/09/18. The Youth Photography competition should go ahead at Tiverton High School subject to final approval. The President passed details of a new District sponsored Youth Speaks competition to the Youth Committee for consideration.

Fun and Fellowship: Ray Radford stated that the next event was a visit to Sheppey's Cider on 19/09/18. However as only eight were going, the Club decided to postpone the visit and meet at the Hartnoll instead. If possible Ray will try and arrange a speaker. More details will follow regarding the afternoon trip to Wimbleball on the afternoon of 26/09/18, followed by a Fellowship evening at the Hartnoll. The next partners evening is scheduled for 31/10/18.

F. Reynolds stated that only four persons had booked tickets for next week's TAOS evening. The tickets will be left on the door. After a short discussion it was decided not to hold an alternative meal at the Hartnoll as this precedent would detract from any future organised outside visit. Members could always visit another club that week if they wished to as opposed to an official "Scatter".

AOB: David Jenner appraised members of invitations he had regarding the opening of The Anton Chekhov Garden in Cullompton on 15/09/18 between 1000 and 1600.

In the absence of a Master at Arms, The President gave an amusing account of how he had researched the speaker Debbie Attrill incorrectly, resulting in various questions relating to someone else entirely! He then “fined” F. Reynolds for the lack of a proper briefing.

The draw for wines were won by R. Radford and S. Chester and the £100 charity donation was won by A. Butler who nominated Action on Hearing Loss.

The meeting concluded at 10pm – the next one is scheduled for 03/10/18.