



Minutes of the Exe Valley Rotary club  
business meeting at Hartnoll Hotel  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

- 1) Objects of Rotary read by Bruce Pearson
- 2) Minutes of the last business meeting were approved and signed
- 3) President
  - a) In light of the numbers attending, the President suggested that if membership present at a business meeting exceeded 30 in number, the wine draw should increase with immediate effect from 2 to 3 prizes (of a bottle of wine). Carried
  - b) The President expressed his thanks to a number of members who had really "gone the extra mile" to help and support him recently.
  - c) Club learned that its representatives had attended the funeral of Jim Mullen at Ottery St Mary and the president gave an account for those who knew him but could not attend
- 1) The Treasurer reported:
  - a) the following balances:
    - Club Account – £ 3,635 (£3,440 last month)
    - Income from subscriptions and draws.
    - Charity Account – £5,654 (£5,764 last month)
    - Unallocated funds £3,254 (£800 for Rotary Holidays for Children Trust 2016 and maximum £1,600 for 2017)
  - b) Donations made to:
    - Topic of Cancer – sponsored stamp on the Tiverton TC Dartmoor Letterbox Trail (£10, as last year) – acknowledged.
    - Headway Devon (£100 David Disney daw) - acknowledged
    - Uffculme Account – £3,279 (£2,629 last month)
    - Stalls income in and £25 out for Rotary District 1175 Caravan
    - Special Account - £1 (as last month)
  - c) The application with HMRC to register the Club for Gift Aid had now been filed. No response was expected for 6 weeks.
  - d) The agenda of the next national meeting suggests subscriptions will rise to £62 next year and is £65 in the following year.
  - e) District's draft budget forecasts a loss this year and sets a breakeven budget for next year. Clubs are invited to report whether in favour or not. KM summarised its contents and his views on it. Proposed KM 2<sup>nd</sup> AH and carried the secretary should notify district secretary EVRC approves the adoption of the proposed budget . Carried
- 4) Secretary explained a proposal from Council endorsing a request from the Uffculme Show committee to purchase a shipping container for siting at the Uffculme show field subject to the landowner's permission to site it free of charge. The field is owned by Rotarian John Radford who was present and who then signified his consent. John declined the offer to reduce that agreement to a written licence . The proposal would see purchase price (£650) funded from the show account but that delivery and siting costs be funded from the club account. A counter proposal was made by William Withers, seconded by Ken Courage, approving the purchase but with the entire costs funded from the Uffculme Show account. The amendment was voted on and carried. The original proposal was therefore defeated. Thanks were recorded to David Disney and John Radford for their efforts here.
- 5) Mid Devon Rotaract. - Les Christiansen and Charles Denman met Caitlin Davies who is keen to help instigate the new Rotaract as an E-club, so that it may expand outside Tiverton's immediate area. A flyer has now been prepared and is available on the club Facebook group. Members are encouraged to share and like it. Other Rotary clubs in district and the Exeter University are all being asked to promote

- 6) Pre-circulated reports by individual committees had been read by members attending. No matters were raised save:-
- a) Youth
    - i) Charles Denman, temporary chair of the Youth committee drew to the attention of members that committee needs a new chairman from the end of June (Rotarian Charlotte Waelde planning to moving away from Devon after a job change). Charles Denman agreed to act as temporary chair only to the end of June (with Lez Christiansen assisting). President asked that members of the current youth committee address this amongst themselves first.
    - ii) The Rotary youth project has not yet reimbursed club the agreed contributions for last year's project. The Treasury is actively chasing payment.
  - b) Community
    - i) Tony Steiner reminded club of MDDC's Pannier Market's offer to allow additional marketing opportunities to EVRC in return for helping at its 2017 series of Electric street food nights. It is an opportunity he suggested be pursued.
    - ii) Club was unanimously in favour. It should afford more access to the public than we have enjoyed there before.
  - c) Fun & Fellowship - Rotarian Ray Radford acknowledged that the president's night details had yet to be finalised but hoped to circulate them very soon
- 7) Bruce Pearson confirmed that the Templeton trail all is now booked with all landowners' consent verbally secured. A working party will be needed on the Friday. All Rotarians are asked to keep themselves free to assist on the morning of the run as bodies will be needed. The President offered to organise the volunteers' rota.
- 8) AOB
- a) Details were circulated of the forthcoming district Rotary quiz night and mid Devon show quiz nights as well as a quiz night in aid of the Jockey fund.
- 9) The draw was held. In addition to the wine draw the right to nominate a charity to receive a Gift from EVRC of £100 was won by Arthur Haywood who proposed the injured jockeys fund.

Meeting ended 9:30 PM