



Exe Valley Rotary Club
Minutes of Business Meeting
5th October 2016
at Hartnoll Hotel, Bolham,

Grace: Rtn Richard Pugsley
Meal Steward: Rtn Mike Viney
Object of Rotary: Rtn Bruce West

Apologies received from Rtn Ray Radford.
(Rtns Bob Rice and Martin Stevens on leave of absence)

- 1) The secretary apologised to Club for having been unable to circulate the minutes of the previous meeting in time. Their approval was adjourned to the next business meeting.
- 2) President John:
 - a) Read out a letter from Mid Devon show committee thanking EVR for its support and providing a £250 donation.
 - b) Remarked yet again on the difference between the number of meals booked and those eating. Meal bookings are based upon the number of apologies received and any shortfall causes Club (and the President personally) considerable embarrassment. This has become an unacceptably common trend and risks prejudicing our standing with the hotel management. Therefore:-

Members are notified that (unless on leave of absence) any member who has failed to provide their apologies in the normal way (to John before noon on the day of a meeting) will be expected to pay for their meal whether they attend or not.

The President intends this will be enforced from and including second of November.

- 3) Committee reports having been pre-circulated the following arose:-
 - a) The Treasurer indicated draft accounts have been sent to the auditor for approval prior to the EGM in November
 - b) Community Service – Rtn Tony Steiner thanked members for their response regarding the proposed Gluvein stall. A request for help marshalling the Tiverton Triathlon on 14-05-17 has been received via the Tiverton club. The President pointed out that those involved in the Uffculme show may think that another event so soon afterwards was too much for them but members present were keen to assist and a rota will be circulated later. Please put the date in your diaries.
 - c) International and foundation. The 5000 crocus corms have been collected and a planting schedule will be reported to the next meeting.
 - d) Rtn Richard Taylor remarked that £350,000 had been raised in 10 years by Elgin Rotary from the sale of “Fellowship” branded malt whiskey at £29 per bottle. From each bottle sold, money is donated to the End Polio project and then doubled up by the Bill Gates foundation. Orders to Richard Taylor please as he is keen to make up a full case in order to have free postage.

- e) Fun & Fellowship - Christmas dinner (with partners) now booked at the Hartnoll hotel 14th December 2016 of the discounted price of £27 per head. Invitation list will be circulated later
 - f) Youth - Rtn Charlotte Waelde set all Rotarians the challenge to each identify three people within the 18 to 30 age group who would be willing to engage in discussions regarding founder membership of the envisaged new Rotaract club. Tiverton club is also on board with the project.
 - g) Membership - Rtn Bruce Pearson reported that Ashfords (solicitors) are joining the corporate membership scheme with Chris Gregson and Darren Blackburn nominated - first attendance planned for the 9th November. The President was invited to consider a (corporate) induction ceremony on that night
- 4) Uffculme show - The first formal meeting of the 2017 show will take place at 6:30pm at the Hartnoll hotel, on 26th October 2016. All members are invited to attend that open meeting. One notable vacancy already identified will be the coordinator of the classic car display as Rtn Steele will not be available on the day (though is content to assist in the planning). Please mark your diaries now
 - 5) Rtn Ken Courage addressed members following the sad demise and recent funeral of founder EVR member Colin Greensmith who had passed away 18.09.16 at the age of 89. His funeral service on 03.10.16 was very well attended. Our thoughts are with Elaine and their family.
 - 6) The vice president reminded members that nominations are required for officers in "his" year 2017 will be voted upon at EGM on 02.11.2016. Anyone interested in a post, particularly as President-elect, is invited to contact Les for a chat beforehand.
 - 7) This draw - wine won by Charles Denman and Chris Steele. The right to nominate a £100 donation to a charity of choice was won by Rotarian Bruce Pearson.
 - 8) Next meeting 02.11.2016 (Council EGM and business). All members are asked to make an effort to attend.