



## Exe Valley Rotary Club

### Minutes of Business Meeting

07<sup>th</sup> September 2016

at Hartnoll Hotel, Bolham,

Grace by Rtn Les Christiansen. Objects by Rtn Richard Taylor

- 1) The President
  - a) Congratulated Rtn Mrs Nic Scrase on the occasion of her recent marriage.
  - b) Explained the captain of skittles had sought extended leave of absence volunteers for that role were requested.
  - c) Remarked on the increasing trend for members to forget to apologise but then not attend. Members were reminded that apologies are required if they cannot attend (unless a leave of absence has been granted). Members may otherwise be charged for the missed meal.
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
  - a) Matters arising - It was reported that the Portocabins which had been a potential source of storage had now been sold.
  - b) Council have accepted Rtn Heywood's kind offer of storage facilities for EVR's caravan & contents at his farm.
- 3) The Secretary reported
  - a) Council had recommended a donation of £150 for the upkeep of Tiverton hospitals fish tank this year. Proposed Rtn Mills seconded Rtn Taylor & carried unanimously.
  - b) A request been received for sponsorship of another Rotary club in part in a participating in the Dartmoor challenge. Council recommended that if approved this be made from club account rather than charity account. £25 proposed Rtn Mills seconded Rtn Christiansen. Carried.
- 4) Treasurer's report had been pre-circulated and was adopted. There were members who have not yet paid their subscriptions. The secretary outlined the process set out in the Constitution and indicated that Council had required him to dispatch ten-day letters at the end of this week.
- 5) Sub committee reports had been pre-circulated to the membership and were adopted. it was noted that
  - a) Community - Club helped at the Heathcote 200 Festival and those involved enjoyed the experience. £5000 raised for charity. Participation in Tiverton Electric was also enjoyable event and felt worthwhile. Discussions have been held in Council to clarify insurance for Rotarians participating in events Rotary has not organised and does not therefore insure.
  - b) International. - Members were told the arrangements made for the collection of the crocus corms sanctioned at the previous meeting.
  - c) Fun & Fellowship -
    - i) There are three possible dates where tickets may be available free concert by Jethro at £21 each. Agreed to circulate members with an invitation of 19 October.
    - ii) Rtn Reynolds reported that 25 tickets had been purchased for the local performance of "Blitz".
    - iii) Members asked the committee to explore the cost of a Christmas meal at the Hartnoll hotel.

- iv) Driving event - only 19 replies were received & the rest of the membership had not bothered to answer. Of those responding just 4 expressed interest. That poor response combined with guidance that Rotary insurance would not provide cover for the event led to the committee deciding to abandon the event this year. Thanks were expressed to Rtn Arthur Heywood for the offer and hard work in putting together plans for the event.
- 6) Rtn Mills echoed the President's view that the lamentable response from Rotarians to the above invitation all members called for all members to be reminded and urged to respond to every circulated request - whether to say "yes" or "no" – since "no response at all" hinders the work of sub groups and is basically discourteous to their fellow Rotarians.
- 7) AOB - Secretary asked whether members wished to have documents on our website available to download, such as the current Programme, meal steward's form, Object of Rotary etc. Members thought that a good idea. Webmaster to organise.
- 8) The draw took place and Richard Vickery won the right to nominate a charity to receive a £100 donation.
- 9) The next business meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2060