



Present: Wm Withers (President), Richard Watson (President Elect), Bob Rice (Treasurer), Andy Harris, (secretary), Tim Barton, Charles Denman, David Disney, Robert Fuller, Wendy Mills, Bruce Pearson, Martin Peat, Richard Taylor.

#### Treasurer

- Bob Rice had circulated club accounts for review. £1660.06 in hand. Using the cash basis favoured by the club we saw a deficit of £1,017.36 in the year to date but if adjusted to include current year subscriptions paid early, and thus included in the last accounts, a £348 surplus would result.
- The charity accounts are not quite ready as Bob is still accumulating information held by the bank and our late treasurer.
- Transfer of the Lloyds bank a/c from Ken Mills to Bob Rice has been almost completed. However the HSBC bureaucracy continues to complicate the transfer of that account, and his efforts continue.
- Signatories – proposed Wm Withers, seconded Bob Rice and carried unanimously that the bank signatories for club and charity accounts should be President William Withers, Treasurer Bob Rice, Secretary Andrew Harris (the aforementioned all currently being trustees) together with Martin Peat and Richard Watson.
- It was further agreed that upon Richard Watson assuming his role as President in July 2025, Martin Peat will cease being a signatory.
- Bob Rice proposed that the account currently named “The Uffculme Show account” be retained but renamed the club’s “Project” account. Seconded Andy Harris. Carried Unanimously. (See also below under “Uffculme Show”)

#### Club Bye-laws – Friends of Exe Valley Rotary

- Club having approved the idea of creating the position “Friend of Exe Valley Rotary”, several discussions having already been held, the final draft had been circulated some time ago, and copies were provided by the secretary for those present today.
- Proposed Bruce Pearson and seconded Martin Peat that the draft before Council today be approved and brought into the club’s constitution. Carried unanimously
- The secretary will place a copy in the Members’ Resources section of the club’s website. (post meeting note – done – ARH)
- It having previously been indicated by Club that they would wish former members Tony Steiner and Garry Berry to become Friends of EVR, with the President’s consent the secretary was authorised to write to both welcoming them as “Friends”. (post meeting note – done – ARH)

- It was agreed that Friends and Honorary members should be included in any emailed invitations to events planned by the club, including the forthcoming Christmas dinner. DD and CD noted.

#### Uffculme Show

- Martin Peat reported. A proposal from the last business meeting that EVR no longer run the Uffculme show was on Martin's request (by way of counterproposal), postponed to this meeting. Martin now reported that an Uffculme based committee had since been formed with a view to taking the show forward and had seemingly secured a community grant for initial seed money. With this in mind, and given the factors previously discussed, Martin now proposed that EVR does not take any responsibility for promoting the 2025 Uffculme Show, though with the provision that EVR does offer guidance and the benefit of our experience in support of the new committee if asked. Club will also offer to run our catering stall (at a cost). In the light of this proposal Andy Harris withdrew his earlier proposal and Martin's proposal was carried unanimously.
- It was agreed to defer any public statement until the new committee were ready to launch the 25 show, so as not to diminish any goodwill the show may currently have amongst public, traders and entertainers.
- The Uffculme show website domain name reserved by club has never been used, (club's own website was used instead) and is up for renewal. It will now be allowed to lapse.
- The MDDC licence has already expired and will therefore not now be renewed by EVR

#### Grants

- Richard Taylor proposed a £200 grant be made to the Ethiopia charity represented by our recent speaker (23-10-24) Piers Langdon. President commented that such requests should perhaps better come through the appropriate committee. The proposal was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Barton and then carried unanimously. Treasurer will need details of the payee from Tim please.
- Wendy Mills
  - has been visiting local foodbanks. All three local Rotary clubs support CHAT. She reported the excellent work by the Cullompton Foodbank who she felt was deserving of help too.
  - Strongly felt that Rotary's "Service before Self" ethos meant that if club has reduced financial resources then physical assistance should not be overlooked as a means of service.
  - Martin will carry the above observations to his committee.
- David Disney noted that Tiverton Rotary had kindly laid a Remembrance day wreath on behalf of both clubs. It transpired EVR had not been asked to contribute to the cost. He proposed that EVR offer to pay half. Carried unanimously – treasurer to deal.

Next Council meeting date – 1830hrs ahead of the January 2025 Business meeting.