



Minutes of the Club Assembly at 7.30pm, June 15th 2020, held via Zoom

Present: David Newton, John Barnes, Dick Brimacombe, Chris Starnes, David Evans, Paul Olver, Peter Scott, Jacqui Skone ADG

Apologies: Ernie Danby, Geoff Perry, Jackie Perkins, Dick Makin, Geoff Linton

News of Members: Geoff Linton has had a scan which has found a brain tumour. It is not yet known if it requires treatment and a further scan is scheduled.

Geoff Perry is well and his son who lives with him is taking care of him.

Ernie is well and back on the golf course but had a brief visit to A&E at the weekend to have the end of his hearing aid removed from his ear.

President

President David welcomed our Assistant District Governor Jacqui Skone to the meeting.

We are looking forward to when changes to the lockdown restrictions allow us to meet in person although this isn't likely to be soon. Hopefully we can meet outside for a barbecue when social distancing is below 2m and the summer weather is still with us.

In view of our diminishing membership it is hoped that the satellite club can join us for a meeting with a meal and we can attract a good speaker.

We are in need of a Senior Vice President for 2020/21.

Club Council

Membership Officer

As Alan is leaving us at the end of the Rotary year to join his local club in Shropshire, we currently have no Membership Officer appointed.

Foundation Officer

There will no Country Fair this year which is where we usually raise money for Rotary Foundation, although it was planned to skip the event this year after a poor return last year. We will look at having a stall at the fair in 2021.

A request for a donation to Foundation is normally sent out at the beginning of the Rotary year with the letter from the Treasurer. This will be sent out by email this year suggesting a minimum donation of £20.

Community and Vocation Officer

No activities currently planned other than the annual Tesco “tin collection” which is booked. We are not sure yet if the coronavirus restrictions will permit this to take place as it usually does.

It had been hoped to hold an event with Hobson’s Choice sea shanty group early next year. Unfortunately, it is likely the group will not continue as membership has fallen too far.

If anyone has an idea for a fund-raising event (which doesn’t cost too much to put on) please let Chris know.

Youth Officer

Not present. Possibly will hold a barbecue when restrictions permit to raise funds for the Festive Farm visit.

We will make a donation of £250 to the Mock Trials but we will not be putting a candidate forward for RYLA.

International Officer

John is standing in for Geoff Linton and is in regular contact with Ulrich Mai. The Dillenburg Club have now managed to hold a socially-distanced face to face meeting at the Schloss Hotel with some members joining via Zoom (which isn’t very satisfactory).

John will contact the Bell Inn when they reopen to see what they can do for us with regard to an outside meeting.

It is hoped that we can have our regular film night to raise funds for the next visit by the Dillenburg Club members although this is likely to be some time off as our planned visit in September has now been postponed, hopefully to take place next year.

Sports Officer

We have only three boules players so it would not be possible to enter a team next year. It may be worth asking if any member of the satellite club wishes to play. President David suggested we may be able to co-opt a member from the

City club who can commit to playing for us on a regular basis and not play for the City club at all.

We will enter the District Quiz competition as we can usually find enough members willing to play.

Assistant District Governor

Jacqui congratulated the club on managing to keep in touch by using Zoom meetings. The priority is the safety of members so face to face meetings are likely to be some way off so it is important to keep up the online meetings, especially as there may be another peak in infections.

Jacqui made a few suggestions for future online meetings to which we could invite guests. A couple of ideas were for a pet show with £5 per entry or an online quiz.

Many major club events have been cancelled such as the Wye Valley Walk and firework shows. These were excellent fund raisers for Rotary bringing in many thousands of pounds.

Jacqui wished us well as a club but health of members must be a priority. We should plan for the future when possible. There are Area and District meetings online which we can join, the relevant Secretary can provide details. Jacqui will send out an invitation when they are on.

A.O.B.

The next formal meeting is the Club Handover scheduled for 29th June. This will also be via Zoom. As the President and Club Officers are to remain in post this will be a formality.