

WYE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB. BUSINESS MINUTES

BURGHILL VALLEY GOLF CLUB . 30 JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: CLUB MEMBERS

APOLOGIES: NONE RECEIVED.

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

President Peter reported that he had spoken to those whom had not yet paid their 2016 subscriptions.

Roy J due to illness has been unable to attend but is keen to return when he is fit to do so. Ossie has been away but also returning imminently.

New members: Paul Olver, a previous member of the Club, wanted to rejoin. Due to eye problems he would need assistance in attending until the problems were sorted out. President Peter was keen to see Paul return to the Club.

DE: paperwork to be sent. Process to be followed as if a new member to the Club. See RIBI Flowchart.

Secretary report.

Business cards were distributed to all members present to use in attracting new partners or members into the Club. They carry the website and Rotary logo. Latest Rotary Magazine was circulated to members.

A letter from the Mock Trial organisers was discussed. The Club agreed to restart the sponsorship of this event through the Youth Committee.

Dick Brimacombe had spotted that the cheque sent in year 2014-2015 had not been encased when sent to the previous organisers. An increased amount of £150 was to be sent and the annual sponsorship would resume.

It was hoped that Club members would again be invited to attend the Mock Trials as observers in the future.

DE; To send letter and cheque to Mrs Leigh Brazewell JP. asap.

Treasurers Report.

Dick Brimacombe presented the latest figures for the finances of the Club.

Club Account: as per Council minutes.

Business Acct: as per Council minutes.

District subs were due to be paid. DB was pleased that missing subs would be forthcoming soon as the first half year had been paid for the 2 outstanding members district subs from Club funds so far.

Officers.

SVP Jackie Perkins spoke about a cash collection as a donation from the Whitland Choir that had come to light. This was for £160 which was earmarked by the Club for the Woman Refuge

JP: to action donation to the appropriate refuge in Hereford.

International.

Geoff Linton spoke about the current level of funding available for the twinning visit in Spring (May of 2018.) As of today £1526 was ring fenced for this but about £2000 was thought to be required for suitable hospitality to be shown to the incoming Rotarians from Dillenburg. A further event was planned although the exact nature of this was still undecided at the moment. Possibly a Film Night in May would be suitable.

GL; To keep the Club informed of balances and planned visit/ timings.

Community Vocation:

Chris Starnes reported that the FOAG project had been chosen to proceed with rather than the micro-finance as presented to the Club It was agreed that about £500 would be needed to donate to FOAG for them to manage the money in projects already started with the existing FOAG structure and organisation.

An event to raise the finances was required. A possible auction in Wellington Village Hall would be suitable to raise funds for this charity.

CS to decide and report back about plans for this event.

Stewart Gilbert reported on the TipTree initiative where the company would donate 40,000 jars of Greengage and Plum jams to the Rotary for distribution to Clubs and members. These would be sold at a modest price and then filled with loose change and returned by the Club members to be donated to PolioPlus . Timings still uncertain.

Sports:

Chris Starnes updated the Club on:

Petanque; No info on draw yet. Start due in April 2017. 4 member per team are required. Becoming more popular across the Districts

Skittles: 2 matches. One this week, and again in 2 wks against the City Club. Agreement was had for a reduced number of ends and fewer team members to shorten the evenings. 7 ends rather than 8 agreed in most but not all matches played.

Golf: Ernie Danby had few details as Brian Read was usually i/c arrangements for the District competitions and BR was not at the meeting

Members:

Ernie D had 15 persons attending the outside visit to Jackie Perkins farm next Monday evening. It was hoped that Chris Furber might be able to attend this event.

DGE Alan Hudson gave a short report on his recent visit to the Rotary training in San Diego.

He had found it very interesting and met many new Rotarians. He had spent a week prior to the training in Florida where he had visited and been the guest of 5 different Clubs. He presented their banners to the Club to keep.

See Website photographs.

The Rotary catch phrase for the next RY will be “ **Rotary making a difference** “

The incoming RI governor is an Australian with a typical down to earth attitude and practical manner.

Alan reported that the Polio project would be continuing but rebadged as the Countdown using a 3 year tailing off in worldwide problems to eradicate the disease fully. The need for funding for the vaccinations to continue was as important as ever to finish this off fully.

Alan had been interviewed for the blog and had made the local press. He was impressed by the enthusiasm of his fellow incoming governors but appreciated that the new generation of Rotarians would not want the current configuration of Rotary that exists. A new shape to Rotary would be required if the organisation were to attract the new Club members.
See Mitti Chang aged 26 and a veteran of 12 years of Rotary already.

Meeting closed. **DONM** to be circulated on the website.