



Minutes of the Business Meeting at 7.30pm, January 16th 2023, held at Orchard End, Madley

Present: David Newton, John Barnes, Dick Brimacombe, Chris Starnes, Peter Scott, David Evans, Dick Makin, Brian Hardy-Bishop, Ernie Danby

Apologies: Geoff Perry

Update from Ernie on Chris Furber. In December his wife woke up with bleeding from her mouth. After being told by the doctor that she should see a dentist and vice versa he took her to A&E. She is OK now.

Dick Brimacombe visited Geoff Perry on his birthday, 16th December. His is generally well but has problems talking as he can't recall the words.

President

The Rotary District 1100 Gala Dinner Dance is on Saturday 18th March at the Hatherly Manor Hotel, Gloucester. David passed out cards with the details and a booking form.

The satellite club are holding a curry and quiz on Friday 3rd February at Brinsop Court. David and Dick Brimacombe are interested in attending. If you wish to go, please contact David who will co-ordinate our reply.

The City Club have a Race Night on Friday 10th February at 7PM at The Hereford Welsh Club. Tickets £12 including curry & rice.

Secretary

Christmas Greetings were sent to the Dillenburg Club to Rainer Menge who is our contact, Uli Mai who was our previous contact and Thomas Schmehl. Their replies were forwarded to members by email on 23rd December.

The website was updated with some pictures of our Christmas Dinner at Burghill Golf Club.

Treasurer

The audited accounts for 2021/22 were presented to the club for approval.

The income for the club administrative account was £2375.33 and expenditure was £1423.82. However, this includes subscriptions of £688 paid in advance by the Satellite Club, without which the net balance would have been £263.51.

The club charity account showed income of £2259 and expenditure of £2194.70 giving a balance of £64.30.

The audited accounts were approved by those present.

As of 16 January 2023, the Club account £3885.62 including and uncashed cheque to RHH for £172.00 and about £2100 earmarked for Dillenburg visitors.

Charity account £1992.73 with £230 to go to Foundation.

Foundation

Peter had no update for Foundation as we have no activities planned. He reported that his neighbour Charles to whom we made a donation towards pickup trucks and generators for Ukraine has successfully delivered them and safely returned. Peter will invite him to come and talk to us at a future meeting to tell us on his experience.

Comm/Voc

Chris was unsuccessful in arranging our usual tin collection at Tesco due to a lack of a coordinated response. Tesco are now working with the Trussel Trust on food donations so perhaps we need to look at and alternative. The usual places to which we donated food have ceased to operate after covid lockdowns. David Evans reported that he joined the Leominster Club for a “tin shake” at Morrisons which was successful in collecting £680. The club has invested in a contactless pad for donations by card or app which was popular. Leominster does have the advantage of one major supermarket which does mean a greater footfall.

Youth

Dick has booked the Police Choir for next December at Wellington church. The carol concert last year raised £500 of which a donation of £50 was made to the church. The money raised has been donated to Barrs Court and Blackmarston schools. Blackmarston are using the money for a new library.

A bicycle was donated to Dick which was raffled and raised £600 for the school.

International

John will keep contact with Dillenburg. They will be holding their truffle event on 4th February for the first time since 2020.

Website

Christmas dinner pictures have been added. Please use the calendar and Events pages for forthcoming meetings and events.

Sport

No quiz announcement has been received. We do not have enough boules players for the competition. We don't have enough for skittles either as we need a team of seven and the Seven Stars have removed their alley.

We have only one keen golfer in Ernie who hasn't been able to play for a couple of months.

Social

President David hopes to be able to hold a barbecue at his house in the summer. If anyone else has any ideas for a social event please let him know.

AOB

President David suggested making a Community Award to Charles Milne for his trip to Ukraine. He will look into it.

As we now have only eight members plus Margaret Makin as an associate member and two honorary members who attend we do not have enough members to run as a properly functioning Rotary Club. We discussed the options open to us, both to continue within Rotary and as an informal club outside Rotary. The latter would have an effect on the satellite club as it must have a host club to operate. There was also the question of insurance so any event organised under the name of Rotary is automatically covered for members.

It was therefore agreed to continue within Rotary as full members but to look at meeting about once a month with the option of joining other clubs for their meetings on an ad hoc basis. The secretary will look to see what meetings of interest are on at local clubs and publish them on our calendar. The secretary can then contact the clubs about joining them and coordinate our visit.

The next meeting will be on 6th February at the Swan Inn with speaker Charles Milne.