

Minutes of Meeting

Rotary-Congleton Team Huddle 6th February 2023

Apologies: John R, Avril, Rob W, Gill, Tish, Phil

President Kevin chaired the meeting.

The purpose of the evening was to introduce new members to the teams within the club and to invite them to choose and participate in a team(s) that interest them.

Eric outlined the Youth Programme and the programme of competitions run in schools throughout the year.

Brian outlined the need for insurance, compliance, health and safety, risk management and the legal stuff concerning member obligations.

David outlined the emerging role of environmental work and listed some of the support events planned.

Eddie Roberts ran through the community programme – including support for the Town Council's coronation programme (yet to be announced) and the Christmas Lights.

John G outlined the role of advertising and PR and handed round a flyer.

Bob pleaded for support with every aspect of the Treasurer's role. Rod agreed to assist with money at meals when Bob is away.

Stew outlined membership responsibilities including welfare, (with Doug) and inductions, Regalia and clothing (Jo). He also outlined the social programme,

Rod covered the secretarial role – including Appeals and all the formal requirements of handling correspondence.

Ian spoke about the need to increase awareness of Rotary International, Foundation, our 'Lend With Care' programme and liaison with the Golf Club.

A further informal session allowed new members to explore their interests with team leaders.

Guests

Kevin welcomed prospective member, David, introduced by Stew.

Birthdays

13/02 Phil R

Inductions

Kevin inducted Cath Brown and Joan Yassi to Membership and read them their rights.

Visits

Stew reported that 8 members/partners had attended the Biddulph Burns Night

Treasurer

Bob circulated his report to all members prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising. A new Debit Card will be retained by Bob and members can apply to use as needed. Bob reported that he had just received a District Grant of £4,500 to pass on to CAUSN for the next phase of the integration of the Congleton Ukrainian refugees.

Appeals

Rod outlined appeals

1. Trinity Methodist Defibrillator: Now in process. We will be advised when installed
2. Congleton Youth Orchestra had requested £1,000 to sponsor their annual spring concert. This is a long-term recurring appeal – up from £800, last year. Proposed Janet – Seconded Doug (Unanimous)
3. Mossley CofE School requested £500 to manufacture 'No Parking' signs designed by the pupils. Proposed John K – Seconded Eric. (Unanimous)
4. Rod reported an appeal from Astbury St Mary's for £4,000 for computers. After discussion of the relative scale compared with the possible needs of other schools it was agreed to purchase the computers specified to a value of £2,000. Rod is now to seek additional outside sponsorship. Brian proposed – Seconded by John K.

Swimathon

Sandra advised that 55 out of a capacity of 60 lanes had been booked to date. Only less popular time slots remain to be filled. She appealed for Lane Markers. Stew is to email members to seek volunteers

Youth

Eric had completed his round, visiting all the schools within our area. He anticipated further appeals from schools – some of whom were not aware of what we did and how we might be able to help. Some discussion followed on the availability of funds and how we should be applying and/or conserving them. Eric expressed his view that we raise money to do good and no better way than to support our young children.

Diary

- Stew reported on the Valentine's dance at Astbury Village Hall on Feb 11th. Ticket sales now 110. Eddie and Dave have two games organised and there will be a prize for 60's fancy dress.
- Doug advised his events
 - Pig Racing – Feb 25 – tickets all sold. Doug requested help to set up from 2.30pm
- Speakers: **(please note date!) March 27th** Patrick Tyrell will speak about Rotary Foundation (see current Rotary magazine for background)
- Bidduph Charter is on March 20th at Astbury Golf Club. Stew encouraged support. Rod will circulate when menu and prices are available.

Raffle

Won by Sandra

The meeting broke into an informal session for new members to explore their interests with team leaders.

John G
Minutes Secretary
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