

Minutes of Meeting

Congleton Rotary Team Huddle 5th May 2023

Apologies: Stew, Joan, Gill, Janet, Eric

President Kev reported on the District Assembly. Congleton was praised as best-performing club for membership and every activity suggested was in fact being done. Our openness, preparedness to change and listening were key attributes. Brian commented on the traditional nature of District and pointed to the decline in membership with three clubs earmarked for closure, with Congleton performing against the trend.

Thought for the day

Jo had two 'dietary' thoughts for the day

Birthdays

Doug, 02/05, Brian, 03/05 and Stuart 03/05

Visits

Kev reported that, as mentioned, he, Brian and John G attended the District Conference. Kev and John spoke about Congleton's inclusive model and enthusiasm.

Compliance and Safeguarding

Brian had distributed policy documents to all members prior to the meeting. He stressed the responsibilities of membership and recommended that copies be retained for reference.

Welfare

Doug said that both Maggi and Lorraine were poorly. Rachel gave the latest update. Lorraine is in hospital and Maggi back in Sandbach. Rod had sent a short video of the Picnic in the Park. Kev had sent presents to both.

Treasurer

Rob circulated his report to all members prior to the meeting. Around £5K was distributed in April and the present Charity balance available is approx £40K. Money raised from club raffles is to be used to offset subs next year.

Appeals

Rod reported that 2 guides were raising support for a mission to Holland. Kev agreed to take 2 x £100 from his president's budget to support them. Rod noted that along with other local trusts, few appeals had been received for money.

Foundation/Polio

Ian said that it was time to decide on our contribution. A donation of £100 per member was recommended by RBI, split 70 to Foundation, 30 to End Polio. Ian proposed £3,000 and Brian seconded. Kev reminded that end Polio was our number 1 priority and our initiative was now being matched 2:1 by Bill Gates. Carried unanimously

AGM

Brian said that he would be absent from the AGM, but made a presentation of his plans for next year. Copies had previously been circulated to members. He said that new members are our lifeblood. His plans were a natural follow-on from Kev's good work.

Project Leaders' Reports

David reported on the environmental team's success. The walks had been well received. The bird-box construction had gone well, thanks to Eddie Rush. The Pledge is now running and 300 names had been recorded. Signatures can be collected on-line now. Two cherry trees have been planted in the park for the King and Woodcocks Well school had received lavender bushes and planting materials.

Swimathon

Sandra said that most money had now been received. About £7,200 through Just Giving and £4K in cash. Gift Aid made a total of over £12,000

Young Artist

Rod anticipated 750 – 1,000 entries! He took names to help collect entries from schools from 19th June with judging on 23rd June. Venue to be confirmed. Entrants will all receive certificates and winners a prize. Rod asked for help preparing certificates. David asked if winners could be displayed. Prize distribution will be in-schools from July 3rd. Assistance required at all stages.

Young Chef

Two CHS pupils are in the finals! June 28th in Newton le Willows. Rod will attend and asked for support.

Classic Car Show

July 23rd. Rod appealed for help and a full turn-out. More tombola prizes are needed. Cath is responsible for collecting.

Smallwood Village Fair

Rod asked for volunteers to support a 'cluster' activity by assisting from 1pm to 6pm on 28th May.

Biddulph Barbecue May 22

John K asked for confirmation of numbers. £10 to be paid directly at Glebe Farm on the night

'Astonbury'

Ian informed that the two day event – Beer festival and barbecue on 8th/9th July. Cost is £15 on the day. Club agreed to sponsor the beer for £200 in exchange for a number of tickets – to be used to defray the cost of the food.

Astbury 'May Day' event

Ian requested assistance with car parking at the Egerton Arms from 11 until 2pm.

Next Huddle

Kev said that the next meeting – the AGM/Club Assembly is on June 5th

Raffle

Drawn by..... Jo (and won by.....Jo!).

John G

Minutes Secretary

15th May 2023