

Congleton Rotary Business Meeting – March 4th 2024

Minutes of Meeting

Apologies for absence:

Stuart H, Jo, Avril & Rob, Joan, Janet S.

Thought for the day:

Eddie Rush

Welfare

Doug mentioned hospital visits once a month for an hour on Sunday morning.
Volunteers needed – to Doug

Birthdays:

Bob (70) on March 3rd.

Visits

Members

Brian, Ian, Eric and Cath attended the District heat of the Youth Speaks.
The team from CHS received time penalties and will not go forward. Eric hoped for more support from the 2 senior schools next year.
Stew attended an Astonbury marketing meeting with Biddulph.

Treasurer's report

Bob confirmed the balances as per his report. Moneys had been sent to CYO and CAUSN leaving approx £40,000 available for distribution.

New member forum - Project Team Re-structure - Foundation

Brian made a presentation of Club Structure and member Involvement seeking to emphasise the role of being a Rotarian and involve all members supporting the team leaders.
He particularly asked for support for John G (PR and marketing) and Bob (treasurer), Jo (ToL) the David Worth Trophy and War Memorial Centenary projects.
He went on to talk about Foundation and its work with Disaster Response, Polio and its Endowment Fund which invests receipts, using the interest to run Foundation; how it distributes funding through the Annual Grant, Global Grant, Finances (subs)

Funding Requests: Rod had circulated 4 requests.

- 1/. **Marlfields** requested assistance to purchase cameras to teach photography. John G had investigated and produced a report, circulated to members totalling approx £1,530. Proposed by Doug, agreed unanimously.
- 2/. **New Life Church** request for support to fill a gap for fuelling the minibus used by the community. Agreed to support with £250 with the proviso that they manage hirers' refuelling the minibus each time it is returned. Proposed Rachel seconded by Sandra – Carried.
- 3/. **Heliosa Care Home** asked for £50 for Easter Eggs (as last year). Agreed to provide the eggs. Proposed Stew, seconded John G. Majority in favour.
- 4/. **Clayton Manor** asked for help providing canal trips for residents. After discussion agreed not to support a profitable commercial operation. Proposed Eddie Roberts, Seconded Eddie Rush. Kev and Denis abstained.

Project Leaders member questions:

Swimathon,

Sandra reported 69 out of 78 available lanes booked. Team walkthrough on Friday at 10am for those involved.

Stew said that shoe covers would be provided as no outdoor shoes are allowed poolside. Just giving receipts are £3,600 so far. He distributed lane-marking sheets to those involved. He thanked

Timothy Brown and Hollins and Hollinshead who had provided sponsorship

Environment,

Simon reported on the misfortunes associated with squirrels attempting entry to the bird boxes and remedial action with high-security metal entrances.

He had a letter of endorsement from Sir David Attenborough

A Remembrance Tree – a Maple – had been ordered for Bradwell Court Nursing Home.

Youth Services,

Eric had not been notified of a date for the District Round of Young Chef – to be held at CHS. Rod is chasing.

Cath reported on an opportunity for the Young Photography winner to take part in a photoshoot with a professional journalist.

Rod had received acceptances for the Young Artist from 14 schools so far.

Bonfire, Community.

Eddie Roberts is attending planning for the Party in the Park. Rod and Brian will take this on.

Eddie is having difficulty with the fairground people for the bonfire. Brian said this is normal! He is tweaking the catering layout.

Volunteers are being sought to assist by him and John K.

Eddie is liaising with the Town Hall regarding the Christmas Lights switch-on.

Classic Car Show

Rod has cancelled the event, due to want of someone to take on organising the event.

District Conference

Tickets were handed out to those attending. Stew is organising a separate dinner on the Friday evening. Names to Stew.

Brian invited attendees for a drink in his room.

Meetings:

Ian advised the necessity to book, choose and cancel meals as a courtesy to the chef and avoid charging for non-attendance.

Diary of Events:

Biddulph Charter Night March 18th. Ian asked for any further names at the meeting.

Stew handed round copies of a full diary for the year.

Astonbury: Stew advised a change of format. A gazebo will be provided. Bring own food or purchase at the event. Help needed to support Biddulph on the gate/ serving drinks.

President's Barbecue: Ian is intending a barbecue and a hog roast on July 6th. All members, friends and guests are welcome. All Profits to Foundation.

Sandbach Charter: Ian and Heather attending. Anyone else - names to Ian.

Next meeting

March 25th. Speaker night (Bob on Fraud) & DG's visit.

Raffle

The Raffle was won by John R

Closing toasts

The meeting closed at 9pm

John Gauld: Minutes Secretary: 5/03/2024