

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING  
HELD AT  
WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB  
ON  
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

Present: President Richard plus 15 members: Nigel Cheetham, Trevor Handcock, Andrew Wainwright, David Smith, David Birkett, Dick Parsley, Brian Evans, Duncan Forbes, Tony Frankland, Nigel Grimmit, Paul James, Bill Layram, Bob Parfitt. Ken Harrington, Barry Rogers.

**Introduction.** Richard welcomed members to the meeting.

**Secretary:** Richard reminded members that George had resigned from the post of Club Secretary. Following an initially unsuccessful call for member to replace him, Dick Parsley had offered to fill the vacancy until the end of the Rotary year. There were no objections to this arrangement.

**Rust Bucket Challenge.** Tony briefly outlined the arrangements made so far and the plans for a team of 5 to take part in the Rust Bucket Challenge in June. Preparations were in hand to purchase the vehicle and to arrange sponsorship, Assurances were given on the following area of potential impact on the club:

- The team would be self-sufficient financially and there would be no cost exposure to the club.
- The team would arrange all insurance cover – vehicle, personal and public liability – and would not rely on the umbrella Rotary club cover.
- The team would have created a special web page and social media account with a donation facility built in.
- There would be some fund-raising events – for example a quiz and a music evening.

The only request was that the income raised from sponsorship, donations and events should be passed through the club accounts with the excess funds being donated to the Isebrook Hospital. The treasurer was working with the team on this aspect of the project.

**Friends of Hatton Rotary.** Tony agreed to pass the names and a preferred method of contact to both president and secretary.

**Health Check and Member Satisfaction Survey.** President Richard and Incoming President Nigel had reviewed the outcomes of both the Member Satisfaction Survey and the Club Health Check complete before Christmas and Nigel had prepared a summary report. He spoke to the findings which identified both strength area and areas where actions might be considered. He conclusions indicated 5 areas for further discussion which were:

1. Review the frequency, rules and content and conduct of meetings
2. Is there any scope for changes to the contributions to Foundation?

3. Do we want to pursue new or renew international Rotary connections?
4. Prepare a customized brochure for Wellingborough Hatton Rotary
5. Should we sponsor a Rotaract /Interact, Rotakids club, youth exchange or RYLA participant?

Items 2 to 5 were each discussed briefly with the following conclusions:

- There was scope to extend the reach of Rotary further into the community and Richard and Tony would progress this. (Item 5)
- A printed brochure was costly and dated and the better option was to continue to promote the club via the website and social media (Item 4)
- There was scope to review both our International links and our Foundation giving as the year progressed but not as a priority action. (Items 2 and 3)

The remaining time was spent on Item 1, with specific discussion of the frequency of meetings. Views were argued about reducing the number of meetings to a larger or lesser extent in order to seek to make the club more attractive to younger, working, potential members. Nigel Cheetham concluded his report by making the proposal “that commencing with the start of the normal Rotary year meetings be reduced as follows:

July 2019 No change in July. Continue with weekly meetings

August 2019 No meetings in August. Time for holidays with children and grandchildren

September 2019 No meeting during the week of the District Conference

October 2019 No change in October (building up for a busy period)

November 2019 No change in November (Poppy collection and Santa Sleigh preparation)

December 2019 No meeting during Christmas Day week (Busy before Christmas with Santa Sleigh)

January 2020 No meeting during the New Year week

February 2020 No change in February.

March 2020 No change in March. Time for project preparation

April 2020 No meeting Good Friday week and Easter Monday week. (Time for spring breaks)

May 2020 No meeting May day week and Spring Bank Holiday week. May need to be reviewed if new projects come on board.

June 2020 No change during June (Busy time with Fun Day and Kids Out)”

The proposal would reduce the number of formal meetings by 11 in 2019/2020, principally by not holding meetings in the weeks containing a public holiday and not meeting at all in August. The proposal was seconded by Bill Layram.

An amendment was then proposed by Nigel Grimmitt that the reduction in meetings should be to one meeting fortnightly, also to start at the beginning of the next Rotary year. The amendment was seconded by Tony Frankland.

There being an amendment this was voted on first with the following result:

**Votes for: 6    Votes against: 9    Abstentions: 1**

**The amendment was defeated.**

There then followed a vote on the original proposition as follows:

**Votes for: 12    Votes against: 4    Abstentions: Nil**

**The proposition was carried.**

There being no further business, President Richard closed the meeting.

Signed: .....

(President)

Date: .....