

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGBOROUGH HATTON  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT  
WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB  
ON  
TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

The Club Council met prior to the start of the AGM. Those present were:  
President Richard Brooks, David Birkett, Nigel Cheetham, Paul James, David Smith and Dick Parsley.

The Council reviewed those areas of the AGM agenda where recommendations were required to be made for club agreement.

### **AGM Reports**

There was only one reports where a specific recommendation was to be made, namely the proposal by Foundation to award 2 Paul Harris Fellowships. The Council backed this proposal.

### **Club Membership**

The nominal member count currently stood at 28 (Andrew Wainwright having resigned). However, there were other adjustments to the numbers that needed to be considered.

Firstly, the regular absence of both Rob Hart and Phil Rose-Neil. The council decided that both should be terminated as members at the end of June before further costs were incurred unless there was firm evidence of change. The basis of the decision was that termination for personal/health or business reasons was preferable to termination for non-payment of dues thus giving the option of a return to membership at a point in the future.

Secondly, the transfer of members to honorary status. The council agreed to support a proposal for both John Rowlatt and Alan Warwick to be crated honorary members of the club in recognition of their long service.

### **Club Council Composition for 2019-20**

Incoming President Nigel outlined his appointments for the coming year and, a far as the office holders had agreed, outlined a list of nominations to form the new council.

### **Finance**

Council reviewed and agreed the projected budget for 2019-20 as circulated by Treasurer David. The proposed subscription of £125 was supported.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Those attending the council meeting were joined by a further 15 members for the AGM; namely: Peter Bramley, John Collins, David Cernik, Brian Evans, Tony Frankland, Nigel Grimmitt, Trevor Handcock, Ken Harrington, George Hodgson, Bill Layram, Bob Parfitt, Dennis Randall, John Rogers, Dick Voller, and Derek Wingrave.

President Richard opened the meeting by asking for a period of silence to remember Past President Trevor Hill.

The record of the meeting from 21<sup>st</sup> May was reviewed and agreed unanimously having been proposed by Nigel Grimmitt and seconded by Nigel Cheetham.

### Item 1 - Reports

Those leading areas of club activity spoke to their previously submitted reports:

- **Community.** Bob reported a successful programme with Kids Out yet to be completed.
- **International/Fun Day.** David asked for increased activity in collecting the penny pots for donating to a water-based charity. A complete Shelter Box had been donated for disaster relief. Arrangements for the Fun Day were in hand with some 40+ stalls booked, but with fewer for charities than previously.
- **Membership.** Tony reported on the 10 projects which, largely in tandem with Duncan's PR team, had raised the profile of the club in the community. No membership leads had come to full fruition from this activity, but the 4 new 'Friends of Rotary' were contributing to project activity.
- **Communications/PR.** President Richard spoke to Duncan's report and members acknowledged the unstinting work that Duncan and his specialist helpers had put into both media-based and physical designs in support of club activity.
- **Youth.** Paul reported some difficulty in communicating with Wrenn School but stressed that the intention was to remove the sleigh from Bob's warehouse so that further work could be done. He also commented on the miscommunication that resulted in the club candidate going to Leicester for the Young Chef final only to find that it had been cancelled. Members tasked Acting Secretary Dick to investigate further with the District Youth team and to report back to the club.
- **Foundation.** Dick reported on a successful year for Bonus Ball and the ongoing hydrotherapy programme being run for polio survivors. His proposal to award Paul Harris Fellowships to Mike Jackson of the BPF and to Kirsten Good from Physiofunction was seconded by Derek Wingrave and agreed unanimously.
- **Club Service.** Ken reminded members that anybody was welcome to organise evening events or visits provided the date was coordinated with him first.
- **President's Summary.** Richard reported a mixed year for him with highs and some tests but generally he had enjoyed the positives. He thanked all members for their contribution to the club's programme of activity.

### **Item 2 – Proposed Budget and Subscription**

Treasurer David outlined the reasoning behind his projected budget for 2019-20 and he then proposed an unchanged subscription rate on £125 for the coming year. The proposal was seconded by Trevor Handcock and agreed unanimously. The secretary was tasked to write to all members individually to pass on this information and to seek any changes in membership status so that the end of June membership figures could be assessed accurately.

### **Item 3 – Nomination of Club Council Members for 2019-20**

In addition to the officers of the club – president, immediate past president, president elect, treasurer and secretary, Incoming President Nigel proposed the following to be elected as council members: Ken Harrington, Dick Parsley, Brian Evans and David Smith with those representing PR and Membership yet to be confirmed. The proposal was seconded by Bill Layram and agreed unanimously.

### **Item 4 – Voting Delegates to District Council and RIBI Business Meeting.**

In keeping with the usual practice of the club the president and secretary would be the nominated voting delegates with Bob Parfitt and Dick Parsley acting as reserves.

### **Item 5 – Accounts Examiner for 2019-20.**

The current examiner, David Cernik, was nominated by Incoming President Nigel and had agreed to continue in the post. The proposal was seconded by David Birkett and agreed unanimously.

### **Item 6 – Election of Honorary Members.**

Members had previously recognised the passing of the only remaining honorary member Trevor Hill. The Club Council proposed 2 new nominations – John Rowlatt and Alan Warwick – both of whom could no longer attend club events and activities. The proposal was seconded by Ken Harrington and carried unanimously.

### **Item 7 – Appointments for 2019-20.**

Incoming President Nigel explained briefly that he intended to arrange the club into project leaders and supporting groups rather than functional committees to reflect current practise. He would expand more on this at the coming club assembly.

### **Item 8 – Revision of Decision to Cancel All Meeting in August**

Derek Wingrave spoke to his proposal that the club should revise the previous decision to cancel all meeting in August. The proposal was seconded by Ken Harrington. Derek stated that over the previous 6 years low attendance had not been a problem in August and that he felt that a break some 4 weeks between meetings was too long and that the club would lose impetus. Incoming President Nigel spoke against the proposal saying that other clubs did this without detriment and that he was against revisiting a previous decision before it had been tried. Derek confirmed that his proposal sought to reinstate 3 meeting in August acknowledging that the one following the bank holiday would not be held. There were no other comments made and a vote was taken: 11 for, 7 against with 2 abstentions. The proposal was carried.

There being no other business except to award a bonus ball win to George Hodgson and for SAA Brian to make up for the shortfall in club income by fining everybody, President Richard closed the meeting.

Signed: .....  
President

Date: .....