

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGBOROUGH HATTON
CLUB ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB
ON
25TH JULY 2019

MINUTES

President Richard opened the meeting by welcoming Steve Howe in his role of Assistant Governor the other 14 members present. He went on to record a farewell to Peter Bramley, who was attending his last meeting before transferring his membership to the Rotary Club of Hinckley Ambion. He thanked Peter for his contribution to the club over the years of his membership. Peter responded in kind by saying that his move was for domestic reasons and that he would seek to visit club events wherever possible.

Richard also reported that he had delivered letters from the club to Alan Warwick and John Rowlatt offering both honorary membership to the club. Both had accepted with expressions of gratitude.

Richard asked Nigel Cheetham to briefly report on the successful completion of the Euro-Banger Challenge. Nigel stated they had eventually returned to Wellingborough after a long and tiring final journey in England. The car and the drivers had all done extremely well and he applauded their effort. The final fund-raising total was not yet known but would be reported in due course.

The Club Assembly

In opening this section of the meeting Nigel expressed his gratitude to Dick Voller in the way that he had represented Nigel's feelings of uncertainty to the members at the club meeting on 4th June and for the resulting vote of confidence that followed.

Nigel then outlined his vision for the coming year in that he wanted to increase the vibrancy of the club and to make it more forward looking. He emphasised that it cannot remain stuck in the past. He would like to see an increase in friendship and fellowship and as an example more mixing of members in the seating at meetings.

In conclusion he wanted to see a happy, friendly and healthy club that has become larger and stronger

Nigel then moved on to 2 specific area:

- **Membership.** He set a target of 4 new members in the year and hoped that there would be a change in the diversity of the members – by age, gender and ethnicity. He reported that Nigel Grimmitt had agreed to be the Club Membership Officer.
- **PR/IT.** Nigel had been in contact with Duncan who had agreed to support him and to continue as Publicity and IT leader for the club which is a vital role in the Club in this day and age. The intention was to continue with and make greater use of social media but he also needed the full support of the Club in this task.

Foundation. Dick P reported at continuing target of \$100 per member for contribution to the Foundation Annual Programme Fund and encouraged members to make a personal contribution. A contribution would also be made to the polio eradication campaign and the support for the weekly hydrotherapy sessions would continue. Funds would be raised by the bonus ball, trading in books and CDs through Ziffit and from members claiming a rebate on holidays booked through Rivera Travel. The full report is available on the club website.

Club Projects. Nigel then went on to explain that the way he saw the club operating was as a project-based club, with nominated project leaders drawing in a supporting team of members to deliver each project in turn. This would obviate the need for unnecessary reporting at business meetings. The proposed list of projects and the nominated leaders were:

- Programme – Ken Harrington
- Membership – Nigel Grimmitt
- PR/IT – Duncan Forbes
- Health & Safety/Safeguarding – Richard Brooks
- House Keeping (with the Golf Club) – John Collins
- Conference (Southport) – Nigel Cheetham
- Conference (2020) – Paul James
- Polio & Post-Polio (Foundation) – Dick Parsley
- Dementia UK – David Cernik
- Talking Newspaper – Trevor Handcock
- Burdwall Golf Day – Alan Waller
- RBL Poppy Collecting – Bob Parfitt
- Santa Sleigh – tbc
- Wrenn School – Paul James
- Rotary Friendship Waendel Walk – Tony Frankland

- Waendel Walk Participation by walking – Dick Parsley
- Waendel Walk Water Station (Sunday) – Bob Parfitt
- Waendel Walk Liaison – Tony Frankland
- War on Plastic/Litter – Bob Parfitt
- Fun Day – David Smith & Richard Brooks
- Kids Out – Bob Parfitt
- Invest in the Isebrook – Tony Frankland

Nigel also pointed out that all the individual projects listed above were in accordance with the general Rotary areas of Service covering Foundation, International, Community, Vocational and Youth Service themes.

(Other projects could be added to the list during the year in accordance with the Club Constitution)

Club Agreement. Incoming President Nigel then proposed that his Club Assembly proposals for the forthcoming year 2019-2020 be accepted as presented. This was seconded by Derek Wingrave and agreed unanimously

Programme. Ken then briefed the meeting on challenges he had in providing the programme with the uncertainty of numbers and the possibility of cancellation when a speaker had already been invited*. He had investigated alternative venues for possible and occasional use – namely the Castle and the Hind Hotel. He intended adding tester visits to each as part of the programme.

(*Secretary's Note: Members will recall that at the business meeting on 21st May the following was agreed after discussing the changes implemented by the Golf Club management:

“Derek proposed that since there was little choice in the short-term that these terms be accepted into Rotary year 2019-20 whilst being closely monitored by secretary and treasurer. Any ‘penalty’ costs should come from the club general account. An early warning would need be given if the additional costs became too high. Any high spends might result in an increase in subscription for a later year. The proposal was seconded by George Hodgson and voted 12 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.”)

AG Comment's. AG Steve commented that many clubs were now moving away from the former committee structure and commended the club on an ambitious programme of projects. He wished the club well

and looked forward to seeing the progress reported through Rotary Club Central.

The meeting was then handed back to President Richard who thanked all the members for their support during what had at times been a difficult year.

The undercover acting Sergeant-at-Arms (John Rogers) then lightened the mood and the pockets by imposing fines on everybody present.

Signed:
President

Date:

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PROJECTS

Fixed dates:

Project	Month	Leader
Burdwall Gold Day	September	Alan Waller
Conference 2019	September	Nigel Cheetham
Conference 2020	September	Paul James
RBL Poppy Collecting	October/Nov	Bob Parfitt
Wrenn School	November	Paul James
Santa Sleigh	December	To be agreed
Plastic/Litter Pick	Spring	Bob Parfitt
Waendel Walk Liaison	May	Tony Frankland
Fun Day	June	David Smith/Richard
Kids Out	June	Bob Parfitt

Continuous or Floating Dates:

Project	Frequency	Leader
Post-Polio Hydro	Weekly	Dick Parsley
Dementia UK	As required	David Cernik
Talking Newspaper	Monthly	Trevor Handcock
Invest in the Isebrook	As required	Tony Frankland

The service and housekeeping activities -listed as projects continue throughout the whole year.