***THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGBOROUGH HATTON***

***MINUTES OF COUNCIL/BUSINESS MEETING***

***HELD AT***

***WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB***

***ON***

***Tuesday 28th January 2020***

***Council Meeting***

*The Club Council convened at 6.30pm; those present were:**President Nigel Cheetham, Secretary Derek Wingrave, Treasurer David Birkett, Dick Parsley, Richard Brooks, Nigel Grimmitt, Duncan Forbes, Paul James*

 *Apologies Ken Harrington, Dave Smith.*

***President***

*President Nigel welcomed those attending this first Council meeting of 2020*

*President Nigel opened the meeting with Item 1 on his list* ***Isebrook Donation****.*

*After a general discussion with Council Members all were agreed that we would await for Tony’s report before we make any decisions. Tony would be at the Business meeting later.*

*Item 2 This was to discuss the role of finding speakers & other ideas for our meetings, again a good debate with members putting in their ideas some of which were possible to follow up, President Nigel emphasised that he in his year as President was looking for more informal nights not necessary with speakers.*

*Ideas put forward included another Snooker night in March, a possible away days at The Isham pub The Lilacs, who are in new management & have a good restaurant which we could try out on one Tuesday., A visit to The Carpetbaggers museum in the warmer months. It is up to all members to strive to come up with ideas for our meetings not necessary with speaker’s, we could have general debates & discussions on our projects.*

***Item 3 Disability Games****, Notice from Nigel & Dick P that our friends from BPF are entering a team & as a club we should be supporting them.*

***Item 4 Rotary/Volunteer Expo at NEC 1-3rd May*** *Free entry on all days. Dick & Nigel are attending as voting delegate’s. Anybody wishing to attend contact Dick Parsley.*

*Nigel Grimmitt raised the idea of us Hatton with our mother club looking at an Expo for the Wellingborough area inviting all the volunteer & charities to attend at say The castle. We agreed to investigate the idea once we see how well the National Rotary Expo goes down at the NEC.*

***Secretary***  *The Secretary informed the Council that the minutes for the SGM & last Council & Business meeting on 5th November 2019 would be presented for approval at the Business meeting later.*

***Treasurer:*** *David had circulated the accounts for Nov/Dec 2019*

***Project Leaders: Paul James***

*Paul who was not fully fit attended the Council meeting & reported that the Young Chef Competition final for our District was being held on 8th Feb in Loughborough, Our winner from Wrenn School Verity would be taking part.*

 ***Santa Sleigh:*** *Paul reported that following the final evening of last year’s Santa Sleigh the sleigh had a puncture in one tyre, but with Barry’s help were able to get it back to Paul House in Northampton as there was not a spare wheel. In doing so with little option but to try, the sleigh got damaged & needs some repairs. Between them they have replaced the tyre but we need a spare wheel & tyre for future use to avoid this mishap again. To date they are still trying to find a suitable spare wheel & will also access the damage with hopefully Wrenn carrying out the repairs to the sleigh.*

*Paul confirmed that the District Conference this year is 18-20 Sept at The ICC arena in Newport Wales. Paul is looking with haste at hotel option & will report back soonest to members who wish to attend.*

***Membership. Nigel Grimmitt*** *Nigel still has 3 potential new members & one Andrew Saltwell is keen to join us once he returns from being abroad.*

*Dick P is still following up on Baileys Travel to join us as Corporate member.*

*DAW has contacted Anglia Water for their interest in Corporate membership.*

*This completed the Council Meeting at 7.25p*

***Business Meeting***

*Attending. The 8 members from Council plus John Collins, Barry Rogers, John Rogers, Alan Waller, George Hodgson, Brian Evans, Tony Frankland, Bill Layram & Bob Osbourn*

*Apologies: Dick Voller, Trevor Handcock, Bob Parfitt, Dennis Randall, David Cernik & Michael Jackson.*

***President :*** *President Nigel thanked all the members for attending this Business meeting & welcomed Bob Osbourn one of our Nominees to the meeting.*

***Isebrook Hospital / Euro Rally 19***

*Tony Frankland reported on progress todate with Isebrook’s requirements, & stated that the Rally has raised circa £5600.00*

*Tony explained that the original Wish List from Isebrook had changed as the team at Isebrook were now not keen on our efforts going to support equipment that should be down to the NHS. Speaking to the Lady Director at the hospital she explained that they have other monies received & would now look to create*

*an outside rest area for patients, staff & families. They have already received from Barclay Card financial support towards this project, which would cover the ground work costs. Hatton contribution would go to creating the finished garden area with planting, arbours & pathways etc. Tony has invited Higgins Stonemasons (Nigel Higgins) to design the area & to create the finished article once plans & costs are agreed by all parties. We could be directly involved in some of the planting if so desired. Our funds would go to pay this & any over costs would not be down to Hatton but Higgins would cover. We would be invoiced from Higgins direct. Isebrook would have an opening day for the Garden to which we would all be invited.*

*Several members asked questions from Tony, size of plot, not known at this stage, does Hospital own site, yes plot is within the hospital grounds. What about Whitworth’s £500.00 that was for the Hospital equipment. Tony will discuss with them & if they do not budge then that money will go on equipment which will lower the amount we have for Higgins, Will we get an estimate of costs & see the plans before work starts, Tony to confirm this.*

*President Nigel then asked for the project to be approved by the members*

*Proposed by : Dick Parsley, Seconded by: Derek Wingrave, carried unanimously.*

***Speakers:*** *Nigel reiterated what was reported in the Council meeting stressing again that all members should be trying to help fill our club programme with meaningful ideas.*

*Alan Waller reminded all that in his year as President it was minuted & agreed that all members should organise an event or club night/speaker. Also that we would look to having Social evening events, either at the GC or away every 3 months.*

*Derek will continue to manage the club programme & laisse with Duncan on the Website. Any ideas or speakers please contact Derek direct.*

***Disability Games:*** *Dick reiterated his comments from the Council meeting with Alan & Pat Waller adding to the helpers on the day.*

*With Dick’s other hat on he announced a bonus ball winner First time out to our*

*Corporate Nominee Michael Noble. Also Dick announced that he had received a cheque for £50.00 from one of many musical events our Nigel Grimmitt puts on for our Charities. This for Foundation. Well done Nigel.*

***Rotary /Volunteer Expo:*** *Dick Parsley reiterated his comments from the Council meeting. Derek to enter a sheet in the blue book for members*

***Secretary***

*Club Approval of the minutes from the SGM of the 5th November 2019*

*Proposed by: David Birkett Seconded by: Nigel Grimmitt. Passed Unanimously*

*Club Approval of the Minutes of the Council & Business Meeting of the 5th November2019.*

*Proposed By: David Birkett Seconded By : Nigel Grimmitt, Passed unanimously*

*Secretary Derek was very pleased to announce that following discussions with several club members he was now able to inform the membership as follows:*

***Rotarian John Rogers*** *has agreed to be Junior Vice President for the remainder of Rotary year 2019/20 ( Nigel Cheetham. President) & would progress to be Senior Vice President for Rotary year 2020/21 (President Elect Paul James).*

***Rotarian Brian Evans*** *has agreed to be Junior Vice President for Rotary year 2020/21 (President Elect Paul James)*

*On behalf of all members of Wellingborough Hatton, I thank you both for your support to the club & wish you every success.*

***Treasurer:***

*David Accounts for Nov/Dec 2019, there were no comments or questions.*

*David explained as was agreed the position with regard to meal costs.to date this Rotary year we have had to pay for 14 meals due to our low numbers £209.00 & 17 meals £272.00 for guests. There was some discussion on this with the concensus being that where possible we limit the number of speakers & only pay for1 guest/speaker on any occasion. With regard to the costs overall it was in line with that which was expected & should relax now that we have a lower minimum of 15 & lower cost meals of £11.00.*

*David reported that he had received a cheque via Riviera Travel for £197.60 as a discount agreed from one of our members holiday booked.*

***Almoner:*** *President Nigel & Dick Parsley reported that Trevor & Serena Handcock are recovering slowly from their recent illness & that Serena has had a cataract operation which has gone well. We wish them both good health.*

***Project Updates;***

***Fun Day:*** *on going nothing to report as yet.*

***Waendall Walk****: Tony will be liaising with them for details of this year’s walk.*

***Golf Day:*** *Alan Waller is arranging the next committee meeting for the Golf Day group. Looking for replacement for Andrew Wainwright.*

***HFT Event:*** *Alan will present to the Wellingborough Branch of HFT the cheque for £1100.00 from the last Golf Day at the Hawaii event he is holding this weekend.*

***SAA:*** *Brian was on form & had to fine himself for being late back from the break, but his fellow conspirator Nigel Grimmitt was let off as he had bought Brian a pint at the interval. Bribes do work for some.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*Meeting Closed at 9.15pm.*

*Approved by President: ………………………………………………… Date: ……………………..*