

The Rotary Club of Alresford – Council meeting on zoom at 8pm on Monday 8th August 2022

Minutes

Present: David Marshall (DM), Andrew Castillo (AC), Jonathan Read (JR)

Apology: Jon Pittam (JP)

1. Ken Coburn resignation
Council recorded their thanks to Ken for his excellent service to the club over 27 years and most recently his dedication to the role of treasurer. We wish him well.
2. Acting/Temporary Treasurer post
DM confirmed that he was in discussion with members. A decision by an existing member will take time given holidays and some concerns. It was felt that the role needs to be made simpler as potential applicants were put off by interconnected spreadsheets with complicated formulas that appear hard to understand. Accounts allow several trustees to sign and transfer funds in the meantime. DM has arranged handover of all treasurers files and assets.
Agreed next steps:
 - a. **Follow up with potential candidates (DM).**
 - b. **Advertise in Rotary article (AVV/IVF September-in press) and Facebook. (DM).**
 - c. **Approach experts who might be interested to draw up a new system not requiring advanced spreadsheet expertise. (All)**
3. Confirmation of decisions taken at business meeting held at the Swan on the 25th July.
Council confirmed new proposal made at business meeting as follows. The Club will pay only for a single meal for any potential member invited as a guest to a club meeting. On any subsequent visits the visitor (or member) must pay for their meals.
4. Voluntary donation to Rotary Foundation £70 per member
Council agreed to recommend to all members that they donate £70 to Rotary Foundation, in line with Rotary guideline. This is on a purely voluntary basis. All members were subsequently informed.
5. St Peters Church Ropley funding request
Council confirmed they would fund a fridge freezer (£480).
JR to follow up.
6. Independent assessment of accounts 21/22
Mick Blackwell and Andrew Frearson have been appointed as independent assessors of our charity accounts. Meeting set up for later this week.
7. Steps to bring in new members
Council agreed to act speedily to progress future membership applications and in particular for Peter Kidman, who attends the Business Meeting on August 15th. If after this Business meeting, the proposer (DM) believes Peter is still a suitable candidate (and Peter still wants to join), then DM will ask Council to circulate a note to all members

requesting their support for it. Council hopes all members will welcome Peter and get to know him sufficiently at and after the Business meeting to ensure a good fit.

8. Policy for recognizing service of past Rotarians on their departure from the club.

Council reaffirmed that the club would continue to treat such departures on merit. No gifts would be paid by the club but a suitable leaving drinks would be organized where appropriate. If certain members wanted to fund a gift (whip round) that would be welcomed, but support will be optional.

9. Steve Walkers farewell drinks on August 24th. It will be held at 6pm in the wonderful riverside gardens of Mr Roger Harrison, a prospective members house.

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We hope everyone will support him as a suitable member.

DM to announce time and venue to all members.

10. Marketing in local Media

Council agreed to a monthly agenda point to define what topics will be included and by whom. Members/Event Leaders are encouraged to write a short article for IVF and AVV on all noteworthy events and activities (with photos please). Council will coordinate and James Pinniger collate the various inputs into an article.

For September-in press: Stratton Bates Playground Opening, DM aspirations as new President. Thankyou piece to Ken and Steve for their club service.

For October: Steves Farewell, Alresford show +shoeboxes?

Next Council on September 12th at 8pm.