



DRAET RECORD of Business Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2024 7:30 p.m. at The Bell.

Note: for attachments and reports, see documents circulated ahead of the meeting to all Members.

1. **WELCOME: PRES PETER** welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting.
There were no guests or visitors from other Clubs
2. **Record of 27th February 2024 Business Meeting** (separately circulated)
 - a. Corrections: The record referred to the withdrawal of a request for funding from Action 4 Youth. This should have been reported under Pres Peter's report and not under Community Service report. Change agreed nem con.
 - b. Vote to approve the amended record as true. Proposed by Neil Smith, Seconded by Mike King. In favour 21, Against nil, Abstentions 1.
 - c. Matters arising not covered by the agenda: None.
3. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President**
 - i. President's Night – 18th June 2024, Meal choices and payment requests will be circulated within the next week
 - ii. Pres Peter congratulated Trevor and Steve for organising the excellent Lend a Hand Day and thanked all participants.
 - iii. We are able to appoint up to 7 voting delegates to RGBI Annual Business Meeting to be held by Zoom on 16th May. [Agreed Rtns Charles Chaney and Neil Smith] Others interested were asked to contact Pres. Peter.
 - b. **Secretary – Neil**
 - i. In light of the decision to move the AGM to 25th June, there were nonetheless some items normally handled at the AGM which needed to be agreed by mid-May. E.g. Setting up next year's committees, so they can present plans at the Assembly on 4th June.
 - ii. Expressed the hope for prompt responses to the request coming soon for meal choices for President's Night – and payment
 - c. **Treasurer – Dave**
 - i. Reported that there was nothing new beyond his separately circulated report
 - ii. There were no questions
 - d. **Treasurer-Elect – Bob Carvey**

- i. Bob referred to his report and recommendation to move the Club's banking to Nat West in Aylesbury. After discussion, the proposal was formally proposed by Bob Carvey, second by Peter Stanyer and voted on by show of hands. In favour 21, Against nil, Abstentions 1. *NB All but one of Club Council were present and thus a majority of Club Council supported the proposal.*

e. **President Elect – Mike King**

- i. Reminded members that next year's Officers had already been appointed i.e. President 2025/26: Mike King; President 2026/27: Janette Hannon; Immediate Past President: Peter Stanyer; Treasurer: Bob Carvey; Secretary: Neil Smith. One or more vice-presidents can be elected as Officers but none were.
 - ii. The Council comprises the (above) officers and between 3 and 6 ordinary members. Mike nominated the following, who were approved en bloc by those present.
 - 1. **Jo Gower – Programme** (supported by Chris Brockbank)
 - 2. **Gary Eastman – International & Foundation**
 - 3. **Denise Myers - Community Service** (Supported by Steve Boardman & Pat Curtis)
 - 4. **Martin Paul – Youth**
 - 5. **Janette Hannon – Membership** (Supported by Jenifer Cameron)
 - 6. **Charles Chaney- PR**
 - iii. He also nominated Graham Wylie to be responsible for Events and Charles Gardner to be Compliance Officer. Both were approved en bloc by those present.
 - iv. Mike thanked the large proportion of members which had expressed preferences as to the committees or teams on which they would like to serve. He asked that if others still want to express a preference, to do so, please, by Friday 3rd May. He hopes to finalise committees over the next week or two.
 - v. Mike thanked all those mentioned for agreeing to stand and President Peter congratulated all of them.
 - vi. Mike is working with Bob Carvey, Dave and others mentioned above to develop a budget and proposal for subs.
- f. **Past President** – Denise read out a letter asking for volunteers to visit and inspect local prisons. Neil will follow up and inform all members.

4. **Service Committee reports:**

- a. **Foundation & International Service – Pete Snook** substituting for Gary
 - i. **Pete** explained about Foundation, referred to the vote by Council and proposed **that Club votes that the £795 raised for Foundation so far in 2023/24 be increased by a donation of £1000 to make a total of £1795.00.** This was seconded by Dave Sibthorp. In favour 22, Against nil, Abstentions nil.

- ii. The weekend with **RC Visé** had gone very well. Final invoices are awaited from Clare College
 - iii. **DON** gave an update on the Festival of Voices which will be on 14th December. Gary has selected Penderis Choir.
 - iv. There are no new proposals for donations to present nor new requests under consideration.
- b. **Community Service – Chris Hooper** (Report separately circulated)
 - i. **Chris** explained about the following proposal, referred to the vote by Council and proposed “**that £450.00 be donated to Whitchurch Wildlife Environment Group for them to provide plants and fertiliser for the children to plant a sensory garden at Whitchurch Combined School.** This was seconded by Peter Stanyer. In favour 22, Against nil, Abstentions nil.
 - ii. The Community Service Committee has received a request from 1st Granborough Scouts which it is investigating but there are no new proposals for donations to present now.
- c. **Youth Service – Charles Chaney** (Report separately circulated)
 - i. Charles has heard unofficially that our application for a District grant to provide an interactive white board for Winslow CofE School is likely to be approved in July.
 - ii. Charles has been trying to get clarity from Furzedown Special School as regards a Kids Out outing which we would like to offer them.
 - iii. Plans for Youth Leadership Awards for a younger cohort (16 to 18) are progressing well at District level.
 - iv. Youth Service has no new requests for funding currently to recommend nor in the pipeline.
- d. **Programme – Janette** (See the latest circulated version of the programme.) reported that the programme for the year is now finalised and as distributed.
- e. **Membership – Jo**
 - i. Jo was absent but everyone congratulated her on news of her retirement today
- f. **PR / Media – Charles Chaney** (Report separately circulated)
 - i. Charles has made an inventory of the Club’s promotional equipment and is putting together a proposal and budget for 2024/25. He has identified that District has a good amount of kit available to borrow but it is stored in Stevenage.
- g. **Compliance and Trust Fund – Charles Gardner**
 - i. Charles will be taking over from Penny Davis as Compliance Officer as of 1st July 2024. After 17 years as a Trustee of RCWTF he has decided to resign as of 30th June 2024. Peter on behalf of the Club thanked and congratulated him.
 - ii. Recruitment for new trustees will start imminently.

5. Events Teams reports

- a. **Classic Car event** – Paul Gillett reported that all is going well for this event on Sunday 12th May. Route books will be printed in the next few days. There are 95 cars registered so far. He has enough helpers.

6. AOB

- a. The importance of having fun and good fellowship at our meetings was emphasised, to general applause.
- b. **Date of next Business Meeting:** 4th June 2024 (This will also be the Club Assembly). Date of next Club Meeting: 14th May 7:00 for 7:30 p.m.

2nd May 2024 Neil Smith - Secretary