

# Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield

## Minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting held at the Lion Hotel, Belper, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Present:** 23 Members with President John Horwood in the Chair.

Meeting commenced 8.30pm.

**1. Apologies:**

V Barnes, S Limb, D Pipe, P Taylor,

**2. Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.**

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by David Ashley and seconded by John Scotney, that they be accepted as a true record, and this was agreed unanimously.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Sheilagh Harnan, seconded by David Soul and agreed unanimously that the report be accepted.

**5. Bank Mandate.**

**a. Club Account**

It was resolved that any two from the President, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and Peter James be authorised to sign cheques and such other documents as may be necessary in the operation of the Club's bank accounts. Proposed by John Horwood, seconded by Nick Blurton and accepted unanimously.

**b. Charitable Trust Fund**

It was proposed by David Henson and seconded by John Horwood that any two from John Scotney, David Soul, Peter James, Paul Taylor and David Henson be authorised to sign cheques and such other documents as may be necessary in the operation of the Club's Charitable Trust Fund. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

**c. Club Global Grant Account**

David Henson proposed that the signatories to this account be the same as those for the Club Account. The proposal was seconded by Nick Blurton and was carried unanimously.

**6. Appointment of Honorary Examiners.**

**a. Club Account**

It was proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by Eileen Murphy and carried unanimously, that R Giffin and P Shepherd act as Examiners of the Club Accounts for 2015-2016.

**b. Charitable Trust Fund**

It was proposed by David Henson, seconded by John Horwood and carried unanimously that R Giffin be Examiner of the Charity Account for 2015-2016.

**c. Club Global Grant Account**

It was proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by Eileen Murphy and carried unanimously, that R Giffin and P Shepherd act as Examiners of the Club Global Grant Accounts for 2015-2016.

**7. Election of Honorary Members.**

It was proposed that, Ted Bennett, Michael Morris, and Felix Frixou be elected Honorary Members of the Club for the year 2015-2016. Proposed by Alan Widdowson, seconded Nick Blurton and carried unanimously.

**8. Election of Officers.**

**a. Club Officers**

At a SGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Club had elected Eileen Murphy as President, David Henson as Treasurer and Nick Blurton as Secretary for the year 2015-2016. These appointments had been reported to RI in January 2015. The Club now endorsed Coral Breach as President Elect, and David Pipe as President Nominee.

It was proposed by Eileen Murphy and seconded by Nick Blurton that Graham Wright be appointed as Assistant Treasurer. The proposal was carried unanimously.

It was further proposed by John Horwood and seconded by Hilary Surga that the club should appoint an Assistant Secretary. The proposal was accepted unanimously. Members present were asked by the President if any of them were interested in taking on the role, which the Secretary confirmed would need proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office.

David Ashley said he would be prepared to take on the role once the 2015 District Conference was completed. Eileen Murphy proposed and Sheilagh Harnan seconded the appoint of David Ashley to the position. The proposal was carried by a majority of 21 in favour to 1 against.

**b. Club Council**

Club Council is comprised of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 ordinary members. It was proposed by Eileen Murphy and seconded by David Ashley that each Committee Chair (and there are five) should be a Council member, and that one of the Donations Co-ordinator, and the PR Officer be elected as voting member of Council. By rotation, the other would be a co-opted, non-voting member of Council. In accordance with that, the constitution of Club Council would be as follows:

E Murphy (President)  
J Horwood (Immediate Past President)  
C Breach (President Elect)  
D Henson (Treasurer)  
N Blurton (Secretary)  
D Ashley (Membership Services)  
D Harris (International)  
S Limb (New Generation)

J Frankland (Foundation)  
P Taylor (Donations co-ordinator)  
A Widdowson (Community & Vocational)

J Scotney (PR Officer) will be co-opted as non-voting members.  
The proposition was carried unanimously.

David Ashley asked whether the President Nominee should be a member of Club Council. The Secretary replied that there was a defined constitution for Club Council, but there was nothing to prevent the President Nominee, or any other member, from attending the meetings.

**c. District Council Representatives (2):**

David Ashley proposed and Alan Widdowson seconded that Eileen Murphy and John Scotney will be members of District Council for 2015-16 and that Nick Blurton by the stand-in representative. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**9. Committee Reports**

All Committee reports had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were taken as read.

**a. Membership Services.**

David Ashley advised the meeting that Tom Stone from the Drop Inn had made an application to join the Club.

Proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by David Harris that the report be accepted, and carried unanimously.

**b. Community & Vocational**

The report was proposed by John Norreys, seconded by John Lowe and carried unanimously.

**c. Youth Services**

Proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by David Henson and carried unanimously.

**d. International**

Proposed by Gail Ashley, seconded by John Lowe and carried unanimously.

**e. Foundation**

Proposed by Coral Breach, seconded by John Lowe and carried unanimously.

**f. Public Relations**

Proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by Sheilagh Harnan and carried unanimously.

**10. Treasurer Report & Budget for 2014-15**

**a. Treasurers Report**

The treasurer gave a verbal report to the AGM as part of his presentation on his proposed budget.

**b. Budget for 2015-16**

The proposed budget had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Treasurer reported that he did not see any need to increase the members subscription for 2015/6, and on that basis, the subscription for 2015-2016 would remain £115.

David Ashley pointed out that the RIBI Subscription should in fact refer to RI (Rotary International).

Graham Wright sought clarification of the item relating to Lottery, Bowl, Quiz and other fees. The Treasurer advised that the Bowl referred to was the entry fee for the District 10-pin Bowling competition.

It was proposed by David Henson and seconded by Nick Blurton, the Treasurers proposed budget be accepted, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

**11. Other Business**

**a. Abolition of the Sergeant at Arms**

It was proposed by David Ashley that the position of Sergeant at Arms was something of an anachronism and outdated and should be replaced by a "Happy Box" which would be administered by the Club Host. The proposal was seconded by John Scotney and was carried by a majority vote in favour.

**b. Timing of the AGM**

Alan Widdowson asked why the AGM is held in March, and not closer to the end of the Rotary Year. The Secretary advised that it was a requirement of the constitution that the AGM should take place, if possible, between the 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May, but in any case, before the District Assembly.

**c. Committee Reports**

David Harris stressed the importance of members reading the reports submitted to the AGM, if for no other reason than in recognition of the work that had been put into them.

There being no further business, the AGM closed at 9.12pm.

Note: these Minutes should be read in conjunction with the copies of the various Reports presented to the meeting (filed with the master copy of these minutes).

..... **Date** .....  
John Horwood, President

..... **Date** .....  
Nick Blurton, Hon Secretary