

# Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield

## Minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting held at the Lion Hotel, Belper, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Present:** 19 Members with Immediate Past President John Horwood in the Chair.

Meeting commenced 8.00pm.

**1. Apologies:**

David Collard, James Kerr, Eileen Murphy, John Scotney, Paul Taylor,

**2. Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.**

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by John Horwood and seconded by Peter Shepherd, 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 David Ashley, seconded by Coral Breach and agreed unanimously that the report be accepted.

**5. Bank Mandate.**

**a. Club Account**

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

**b. Charitable Trust Fund**

It was proposed by David Pipe and seconded by Sheilagh Harnan that any two from John Scotney, David Soul, Peter James, Paul Taylor, David Henson and Stuart Limb 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 Harris proposed that the signatories to this account be the same as those for the Club Account. The proposal was seconded by David Ashley and was carried unanimously.

**6. Appointment of Honorary Examiners.**

**a. Club Account**

It was proposed by Gail Ashley, seconded by Hilary Surga and carried unanimously, that R Giffin and P Shepherd act as Examiners of the Club Accounts for 2016-2017.

**b. Charitable Trust Fund**

It was proposed by John Horwood, seconded by Nick Blurton and carried unanimously that R Giffin be Examiner of the Charity Account for 2016-2017.

**c. Club Global Grant Account**

It was proposed by David Ashley, seconded by Coral Breach and carried unanimously, that R Giffin and P Shepherd act as Examiners of the Club Global Grant Accounts for 2016-2017.

**7. Election of Honorary Members.**

Nick Blurton observed that it had been several years since the Club had had any contact with Ted Bennett, and that despite repeated letters to his home, no response had been received.

After some discussion it was proposed that, Michael Morris, Felix Frixou and Vernon Barnes be elected Honorary Members of the Club for the year 2016-2017. Proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded John Horwood and carried unanimously.

**8. Election of Officers.**

**a. Club Officers**

At a SGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Club had elected Coral Breach as President, David Henson as Treasurer and John Horwood as Secretary for the year 2016-2017. These appointments had been reported to RI in January 2016. The Club now endorsed David Pipe as President Elect, and Hilary Surga as President Nominee.

It was proposed by David Henson and seconded by John Horwood that Suart Limb be appointed as Assistant Treasurer. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**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 Coral Breach and seconded by John Norreys that each Committee Chair (and there are five) should be a Council member, and that one of the Donations Co-ordinator, and the Communications 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:

C Breach (President)  
E Murphy (Immediate Past President)  
D Pipe (President Elect)  
D Henson (Treasurer)  
J Horwood (Secretary)  
D Ashley (Membership Services)  
D Harris (International)  
G Ashley (Youth Services)  
J Scotney (PR Officer)  
A Widdowson (Community & Vocational)

H Surga (Donations co-ordinator) will be co-opted as non-voting members. The proposition was carried unanimously.

David Pipe 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**

It was agreed at the Special General Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 that Coral Breach and John Scotney will be our representatives at District Council for 2016-17 and that David Pipe the stand-in representative.

**9. Committee Reports**

All Committee reports, copies of which are attached to these minutes, had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were taken as read.

**a. Community & Vocational**

Alan Widdowson apologised for the late issue of his report and for omitting reference to the very successful Golf Day. Acceptance of the report (and apology) was proposed by John Norreys, seconded by Nick Blurton and carried unanimously.

**b. Youth Services**

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

**c. PR/Communications**

Proposed by Sheilagh Harnan, seconded by Hilary Surga and carried unanimously

**d. Membership Services.**

Proposed by David Pipe, seconded by Peter Shepherd that the report be accepted, and carried unanimously.

**e. International**

David Harris supplemented his written report, adding that the micro-businesses being operated at the Happy Homes Orphanage in Kenya were now owned by the people actually running them and they had been put onto a contract which included an element of profit sharing. The situation with regard to water was being helped by the charity "Aquaclara" who are looking at the installation of water filters, while the problems with the borehole are now being investigated by the local Rotary Club. Drilling a deeper borehole would probably cost around £7000 as against £500 for a filter unit.

In response to a question from Ron Giffin, David Harris explained the other sources of funding that were available to Happy Homes. David said that total funding was around £40-50k per annum which in the UK wasn't a great amount, but which in Kenya would go a long way.

David Ashley proposed that the report be accepted. Peter James seconded the proposal which was then accepted unanimously, with a thank you to David for his ongoing work with Happy Homes.

**f. Foundation**

Proposed by Nick Blurton, seconded by John Lowe 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 2016-17**

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

David Henson reported a small surplus of £100 on the Charter. In addition, an increase in the number of clubs in District 1220 had resulted in a refund of £140 from District. On that basis he proposed that the subscription for 2016-2017 would remain £115. The proposal was seconded by Nick Blurton and carried unanimously.

David went on to say that a sum of £267 had been recovered from the lapsed Rotaract Club account and this had been set aside for use in launching our Satellite Club.

**11. Other Business**

None

There being no further business, the AGM closed at 8.43pm.

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).

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Coral Breach, President

John Horwood, Hon Secretary