

Grace by Rory Davies. Meal steward Arthur Hayward.

The President welcomed guest Trevor Martin

The object of Rotary was read by Rotarian Chris Steele

- 1) After an introduction by proposer John Radford, President Les conducted Garry Berry's induction ceremony and welcomed him formally into EVRC/ RIBI/RI.
- 2) Greetings were brought to club from Otter Valley Rotary and Wiviliscombe Rotary Clubs
- 3) Members were pleased to hear of Richard Taylor's fortuitous escape from harm after his tyre burst on the M5 on the way home from the last meeting.
- 4) The minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2017 were approved and signed. The intended supermarket collection benefiting CHAT has no date fixed, as yet.
- 5) With the approval of Council
 - a) RHCT
 - i) 2017 - Ken Mills proposed and Charles Denman seconded that the 4 schools nominated for awards, and for which matched grant funding applications had been made to RCHT, should be paid £400 each now even though the grant funds (likely to only be £100 each) had yet to arrive. The delay was embarrassing and by drawing a line under 2017 process club could then start the 2018 sequence. Carried
 - ii) 2018 - Council recommended to club that the same 4 schools be nominated for the 2018 RHCT scheme with an award of £200 per school and an application be made seeking matched funding of another £200 each. Proposed CD seconded Bob Fuller. Wm Withers offered an amendment in the same terms but with the proviso that if RCHT matched funding were declined or granted but with a shortfall, then club would make up the difference to £400 per school. 2nd AH. Carried unanimously.
- 6) The treasurer had pre-circulated his report re-balances. No questions arose

Club Account – £3,395 (£3,203 last month)

Income – Draws, fines, new member (Garry Berry) sub.

Expenditure – MDDC £20 annual gambling licence

Charity Account – £3,939 (£4,500 last month)

Allocated funds Rotary Holidays for Children 2017 – four schools @ £300 each = £1,200 (+ expected £100 / school from RHfCT). £500 for Mercy Ships.

Donations made as follows: Honeylands Childrens Charity - £300; School in a Bag - £300; Life Education Wessex - £400 (includes £100 Ray Radford draw); Devon Air Ambulance Trust - £100 (Bob Fuller draw);

Receipts: £300 Mid Devon Show for car parking assistance. £35 has now been raised via Easyfundraising.com – another supporter has joined. I am still investigating why at least one member cannot sign on.

Uffculme Account –£3,700

Special Account - £1

- 7) No reports were received from other committees save as follows.
 - a) Youth - The Templeton trial date has been agreed for 8 April 2017.
 - b) Community - The Gluhwein stall looks like it raised £220 profit. A well-attended and good event enjoyed by those present.
 - c) Foundation - The Christmas Whiskey was he has arrived. Recipients are asked to pay promptly as an individual Rotarian rather than Club paid for it. Thanks were given to Richard Taylor for organising.
 - d) Fun & Fellowship - The Christmas dinner scheduled for 13 December at the Tiverton golf club now has 70 people booked. Table plans have been prepared and entertainment arranged for between courses. £25 a head to be paid on the night or in advance to Ray Radford
 - e) Sports - Club beat Ottery St Mary Rotary at skittles.

- 8) Any other business
 - a) proposed KM seconded F that club make a cash gratuity to the staff of the hospital in at Christmas in the sum of £100 paid from club and not the charity account. Carried
 - b) DD suggested that club members be given the option of agreeing not to send Christmas cards within Rotary but to instead make a voluntary donation to the charity fund. Many present indicated they had they held the same intention

- 9) The winner of the draw to nominate a £100 donation to a charity of their choice was won by William Withers.

- 10) The meeting ended 9:37pm