

**Minutes of the District Council Meeting
held at the Park Hotel, Disson Saturday 11th January 2020.**

1. **District Governor** – Jonathan King welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting and explained the reason for running the meeting on a Saturday – chance to communicate with the committee Chairs.
2. **District Secretary** – Steven Seeger stated that there were 41 clubs attending, which made the meeting quorate.
3. **Acknowledgements, apologies and notice of non-responding clubs**
The DS read out the list of 12 clubs that had sent in their apologies:
Beccles, Cambridge Sawston, Cambridge South, Hadleigh, Haverhill & District, Hunstanton & District, Ipswich East, Lowestoft, Lowestoft East Point, Stowmarket, Stowmarket Gipping Valley & Wisbech.
Fourteen clubs had not responded:
Brandon & District, Chatteris, Downham Market, Ely Hereward, Gorleston-on-Sea, Holt & District, Ipswich, March, North Norfolk, North Walsham, Norwich Marchesi, Soham Staploe, Thetford and Watton & District.
PDG's Apologies: Tom Griffin & Bill Redmayne.
District Officer's Apologies: Anne Guymer.
4. **New Members since March Meeting** – lists of names were shown on the screen
5. **Members passed to Higher Service since the last meeting** – lists of names were shown on the screen
6. **Minutes of the District Council Meeting on 30th October 2019** were received and approved.
7. **Matters arising from those minutes:** There were none.
8. **Report by District Governor** – Jonathan King had nothing to add to his written report. However, he did confirm that with the "*Mailchimp*" method of circulation for the D1080 Bulletin, it is now possible to monitor if members are opening the emails. The DG Continuity programme is working well, and the DG recommends that all District Committees and Clubs should try to replicate this for the future.
9. **Report by District Secretary** – Steve Seeger reported that for the Election for District Governor Nominee for 2020/21 (District Governor 2022/23), no nominations were received by the end of the closing date. However, Ian Elliott, the District Governor Elect for Rotary Year 2020/21 has agreed to stand for a second term. The positions for District Secretary, District Treasurer and Assistant Governors are as his written report.
10. **Report by District Treasurer** – Philip Peters – as per written report. There was a question concerning the RYLA reserve, and it was confirmed that this has been separated from the rest of the accounts for the last 7/8 years – it is accepted as a non-cost event to the district. The District Treasurer proposed the accounts, seconded by the District Secretary and carried unanimously. This year's accounts so far, were presented and there were no questions. It was confirmed that there has been a call for Club Treasurer Training, and this will take place in the afternoon of April 25th following the District Assembly.
The budget for the District Conference 2021 had been circulated. A question concerning the £5 District Levy for the Conference was raised. Rotary International stipulate that we must have a District Conference, and the DG explained that this event is available for all members to attend, so all members must pay the levy to support it. Ian Elliott proposed the budget and it was seconded by Derek Rothwell. It was passed with no votes against and two abstentions.
11. **District Committees:**
Most reports were taken as read.
Com/Voc – Keith Tovey. As per written report

Rotary Foundation – PDG Derek Rothwell. As per written report. Derek confirmed the details for the Grant Management Seminar on Saturday 25th January. There had been 45 registered from 26 clubs. The contributions to both End Polio Now and the Annual Fund are down on this time last year. Due to the drop in contributions our District Grant funds for the coming year are down by 25% - reduced from \$29,000 to \$21,000. This will reduce the amount of funding available to offer the clubs. The DG stated that he had joined the recent EPN Webinar, and a large number of clubs had misunderstood that their contributions must be allocated to one of the three funds, when sending their payments to RFUK.

Peter Tasker of KL Priory promoted their EPN fund raising dinner on 25th February. Cost £32,50/head and £9.50 will go to EPN

International – IPDG Robert Lovick – as per written report. Robert stated that with the District Conference being brought forward, there would soon be a call for entries to the John Grant Trophy.

Leadership and Training – Anne Guymmer. As per written report. Anne was not able to attend; however, Assistant Governor Lindsay Pearson gave an update on the forthcoming President-elect Preparation Sessions. All incoming Presidents and President Elects should attend. There are four venues, on a "first come-first served" at each. Saturday morning 14th March, Norwich. Saturday morning 14th March, Framlingham. Wednesday evening 18th March, Bury St Edmunds. Saturday morning 21st March, Fakenham.

Membership – PDG Ray Burman was not in attendance and there was no written report. The DG informed the meeting that the Cambridge South Satellite Club has closed with the loss of eleven members to the District.

Public Image – Ian Elliott. As per written report. Ian showed a video to promote Volunteer EXPO. It was confirmed that if you unsubscribe from *Mailchimp* that you will not receive any further communications from District. Also, if you forward a *Mailchimp* email to another person and then they hit the unsubscribe link, they will have stopped you from receiving communications. The District Calendar is up and running, and details will be sent out soon. Diane Harbour promoted the District Conference which will be taking place on the weekend of 11th July.

Youth – as per written report. PDG Dorothy Pulsford-Harris was not in attendance. The DG asked the Council to consider starting a Rotaract Club in their area.

12. Any Other Business

There was none. The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Date of the next District Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th March 2020.