

YEOVIL ROUND TABLE

Minutes of a business meeting held on 25 November 2008 at The Manor Hotel

Members In attendance: Steve Newman

Mike King
Mark Porter
Ian Cook
Jon Majeika
Tom Holden
Russell Lee
Dave Studley

1. Grace.

Read by Russell – let us hope that he gets better given time!

2. Aims and objects

Read by Tom – beautiful diction, tone & feeling – a real smart arse in the making & currently the front runner for 2009 Charity Lunch

3. Guests

We were pleased to welcome Shaun Travers who attended the Charity Lunch & was interested to find out more about us

4. Apologies

Apologies received from Paul

No other apologies received/or apologies received too late in the day. Therefore, an extra £5 raffle fines are payable by:

Andy C, Ashley P, Chris, Andy P, Gareth, Rob & Mike Y

5. Matters arising

There were none

6. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Jon & Dave

7. Correspondence

Chris had emailed us all about request received from Transplant UK about a young boy in Yeovil needing to buy wheelchair c£1,000 seeking our views on how much to donate. Suggestion was either £250 or £500 but outcome unknown.

Action Point: Chris to email members asking them to vote on the amount please

8. Inductions

We were delighted to induct Ashley Helyar who was proposed by Jon & seconded by Russell. Welcome Ashley, great to have you on board.

9. Officers' reports

• **Vice Chairman (Mike King)**

Vice thanked Chairman Steve for Charity Lunch & of the 8 he has attended (please note that this was only our 7th!!!) it had been as good as any that had gone before. Here, here.

- **Honorary Secretary (Chris Reeves)**
No report in his absence
- **Honorary Treasurer (Mark Porter)**

Balances

General - £463.92Cr
Charitable - £21455.96Cr – of which £20000 has already been committed

Subs

D Studley £112 & Ash Helyar £64 to be invoiced.
Andy Childs – TBA (Nov – March = £96)

Snowdon Table top

Online donations totalled £4069.15. So far banked £961 & we have £120 payable to SMs.

There still remains some £ to be collected despite previous agreement to have all collected by this business meeting. LTSB can then claim £1k.

Action Point – all O/S monies in for Pound week collection.

Burger Night

A great effort and after costs we should clear over £300.

Unanimously Agreed to pay £50 of profit to Yeovil Town Partnership (last year £75)

Charity Lunch 2008

Early indication if all tickets collected suggests;

£10/Whisky draw profit	1720
Auction (includes £1900 from LTSB)	12000
Ticket – Gross £3900 less cost £1680	<u>2220</u>
Total	<u>15940</u>

We also took £2320 on credit card and this year we asked for Gift aid donations totalling £2130 where purchased in personal name and this will give St Ms an extra £596.40!!

So we should make a total of **£16000** for our charities.

- **Community Service Liaison Officer (Rob Harwood-Smith)**
Burger night on 13 Nov raised £304 net of costs & a good night of witty banter was enjoyed by all. 38 burgers left & safely stored in Mark's freezer for next table event!
Action Point: Chris Reeves to write letter of thanks to Mortimer's for donation of rolls & Banbury's for donation of the onions please.

Chairman Steve suggested that next year we ask Minty to dress up as Father Christmas to pull the crowds in

Next event is an important one - Pound Week on 7th & 9th December where we call door to door collecting provisions for the old & needy of Yeovil. **Action Point:** Ian Cook & Rob Harwood-Smith to co-ordinate & email details asap

- **Membership Officer (Mike Young)**

No report in his absence

Delighted to welcome along Shaun Travers & further interest expressed by following people; Fletcher Easton, David James, Justin Hopkins & Mike Tucker. **Action Point:** Invitation to be extended to a event in early Jan 2009 & consideration to be given to a dedicated membership evening

- **Fundraising (Andy Parker).**

No report in his absence

- **Sports Officer (Gareth Jones)**

No report in his absence

- **Media & PR (Jon Majeika/Russell Lee)**

Thanks expressed to Russell for working so hard to get editor Western Gazette to charity lunch only for him to be called away on family business before lunch served. Jon has submitted copy re charity lunch & await to see what coverage we achieve. Agreed that if disappointing then some of us need to invite out for coffee/pint & understand where we are going wrong!

- **Sales Officer (Tom Holden).**

Nothing to report

- **Speaker and House Entertainments (Ashley Parker).**

Absent and no report.

Action Point: Ashley, we need to crack on with identifying & securing a good quality speaker for Founders Night on 25th Feb please

- **International Officer (Ian Cook).**

Nothing to report

- **Area Representatives (Steve Newman/Andy Parker/Gareth Jones/Chris Reeves)**

Nothing to report & so Steve delivered a terrible joke – about sex as usual!

- **Web Development & Marketing (Mike King and Jon Majeika)**

Pictures from charity lunch have been uploaded & the video is available on the blog.

Jon also reported that he has submitted request for representation on National's website

- **Chairman (Steve Newman).**

Nothing to report

- **The President (Simon Murray)**

No report in his absence.

Suggested that in future this spot also used to impart knowledge of Yeovil Round Table traditions for the benefit of new members

Details of "President's Night" on 24 March 2009 awaited.

Forthcoming Diary Events

24 Jan – Burns Night Supper – safari supper cancelled & instead booked at The Green Room, Yeovil. Mike K to circulate details & confirm numbers

27 Jan – Sports v Another Table. **Action Point:** Gareth please liaise with Ilminster Round Table to organise a challenge for the Yeovil-Ilminster Spout Trophy which traditionally contended on an annual basis (Ian has the trophy)

AOB

Charity Lunch agreed that we would send a “Thank You” certificate to all people/businesses that donated auction lots. **Action Point:** Mike K to create the certificates & Jon has some suitable frames. Please liaise with members for delivery Mark expressed disappointment that despite clear action points having been agreed that some things were not followed through by tablers e.g. Andy P was to read Aims & Objects but had forgotten wording, Mike K who had wording on ‘phone was not prepared to do which left Mark having to pick up the pieces on a day when he already had plenty on his plate

AOB – Jon recommended that we drop this general heading from agenda & instead Hon Secretary email members ahead of each business meeting to ask if they have any business that they want to discuss. Duly adopted. **Action Point:** Chris please note

- **Challenge 2009**
 - Ideas around the table discussed further:
 - Row the channel and cycle to Paris. AP, CR and SN may do as separate event
 - End to End on bikes – rotation non stop
 - Tour de France simulator
 - Inter table challenge of some type
 - Devizes to Westminster by canoe
 - Canons Gym challenge – 10 teams to appeal to local business
 - Marathon visit to all tables in area with mountain top table
 - Bournemouth dash with table or cycle 222 miles and cover the beneficiaries
 - ½ ironman
 - 70 mile raft race, having built raft
 - Agreed that hammer out top three ideas at next Business Meeting on 13 Jan & that we then try to put it to the public vote via press coverage & with voting via our website

10. Sales Raffle (Tom Holden)

- Profit £25.50

11. COM.

Dave passed onto Tom but have no idea why as starting to drop off at this point!

12. Sergeant at Arms (IC)

- £9

13. RTBI

called at 10:20 pm.