

BY GEORGE

ASSEMBLY 2007 EDITION

1.

Mike Jamieson in his closing address flagged up the highs of his year as being the >£8,000 raised and the recruitment of 6 new members all of whom are still with us!

The cancellation of the Perthshire Challenge and the subsequent resignation of Sandy Scrimgeour was definite low for the club and Mike as Sandy had been such a personal support to him and to the whole club over many years.

Rob Burke thanked Mike for his year in office and particularly for strengthening the links between the club and RIBI at both district and national level. The conference attendance was to be encouraged from now on. Never dull the only real doubts about Mike were in his choice of music. Especially the War time Medley to include the dambusters for our German Guests from Aschaffenburg. And I thought it was the Poles who were stirring up the European Union.

In his opening address Rob explained the method of selection of future Presidents would depend on hair quality (baldness or blonde being distinct advantages)

Dark; Blonde; Shiny; Shiny; Blonde; Grey; Shiny; 2009????? and I thought it was done on ability! Mind you I'd rather have hair.

Rob because of work commitments might not be present at all meetings of the club but would be available for council and projects.

He has decided to amalgamate Comm. and Voc. and create a Youth committee which in practice means little difference for the club workings, really name only for committees.

Members were to find speakers for the programme.

Membership committee strengthened to ensure continuance of excellent new member identification started by Graham Fleming last session.

As President he hoped some new projects might be identified for committees as well as continuance of old successes.

He urged members to get involved in new things. Things they might not immediately identify with especially. Rob from personal experience found some of this type the most enjoyable and opened up new areas of interest he would not otherwise have explored. Indeed this was one of Rob's strongest reasons for recommending Rotary to others, the discovery of new roles and development of new interests which the club could make possible.

Rob also asked members to consider inviting guests to meetings without necessarily having to regard them as potential new members. Bring them along to experience the club atmosphere.

Assistant District Governor commended the club on new member recruitment.

He liked to see a strong emphasis on Youth projects and wondered why we hadn't submitted a Presidential Citation.

It was more likely that we would submit a Presidential "certification" I felt but didn't like to say at time!

This club has never been strong in self nomination and recognition of its own efforts and achievements but maybe as Bill said this is something we should address. It might help publicity and recruitment in time.

2.

Comm/Voc (Ian Mutch) Mock Interviews ; Vocational visits 2 initially planned; Xmas parcels per PKAVS; ceilidh;
Carol singing; Young Carers support day; Cath's Kitchen; CHAS fundraiser; Rotary Awareness Prostate Cancer care **BUDGET £2,050**

Youth (Ian Marr) RYLA with selection extended to young carers as well as local schools; Challenge enterprise; Primary schools Quiz; RIBI young chef competition; Work experience placement identification and liason with schools (5 places to be identified this year) **BUDGET £1800**

Young Choreographer dropped as dance no longer on school curriculum and candidates increasingly difficult to find.

International (Jim Moves) Shoeboxes; Plan international; Chernobyl children; Book aid International aiding literacy and learning; Aquabox 30; International evening with a more suitable date identified; Sight savers International; Cancer awareness at Ninewells Clive Bartram's preferred project; Disaster Funding

Identification of a fund raising project. **BUDGET £3,800**

Foundation (Mike Archibald) exactly the same as last year !!! but also to include a fundraising effort for Rotary Foundation.

CLUB SERVICE

Attendance and House (Brian Kitching) Reminder to all that make ups can and should be claimed for all Rotary events that contribute to service projects, committee meetings, or attendance at other clubs. The exceptions being sporting or social events. The weekly attendance sheet has a section for recording make ups.

Programme (George Pollock) the principle of each member identifying a speaker for the next session was agreed. The actual mechanics of how this will work have not been finalised and will be presented at the next business meeting. George Pollock will co-ordinate the programme and communicate with the speakers once identified, to confirm dates and presentational requirement for the talks.

Entertainment and fellowship (Paul Kyle) **Note dates for diaries highlighted in green**

Barbecue Gask Church Hall on 26/08/07

Action Event Bungie jumping in Maureen Youngs shoes??? Sept/ Oct 2007

Ceilidh Dewars on 07/12/07

Theatre/ Show Night Jan /Feb 2008

Hosting evenings Jan – May 2008

Away Day weekend ??

Full Length and Fabulous Summer Fundraising Ball. Murrayshall , FRIDAY 20/06/08

Press Liason (Alexander Stewart) proposed to feature projects in the lead up period as well as recording the actual event. Members also encouraged, where appropriate, to tie in their Rotary Membership with any publicity they may be receiving for other works, with a view to enhancing the profile of the movement.

Sports (Sally McCartney) Gavel list already well populated and first date is <31/08/07; Curling in Rotary District league; Cricket; Golf details to be relayed to membership when available; support for visually impaired bowlers as in previous years.

Membership (Graham Fleming) Target set of 45 -50 over next 3 years as this was felt to be the most comfortable size for the workings of the club. Info meeting **budget of £200** proposed and agreed

Archivist (Ian Agnew) definitely his last year !!!! much collation to be done in near future. Reminder to all to pass on unneeded and/or historical records/photos to Ian for possible archiving and storage.

3.

Treasurer (David Ramsay) proposed, on behalf of council, that any funds in the club account at the year end, which exceed twice the current fixed costs of the club should be disbursed to a nominated charity of the retiring Presidents choosing subject to club approval.

This motion was unanimously agreed after discussion.

It was then further agreed that this year £250 should be donated **to Sight savers International and the Paliative Care Unit at Cornhill House**, immediate Pat president Michaels nominated beneficiaries.

Subscriptions for session 2007-2008

May I remind members that subs become due on 1st July 2007. They remain at £100 with the option to take part in the monthly draw at an extra £20.

The club is required to submit dues to District and RIBI on behalf of all members by the 10th of August at the latest. I would therefore appreciate payment of subscriptions by the end of July at the latest.

The treasurer will be on holiday from 9th July until 24th July and therefore it might be more convenient for members to submit payment by cheque to my home address and I will deal with them immediately on return. Membership cards will be issued as soon as possible thereafter.