

By George

newsletter

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JVP Paul deserves and needs your support

President Neil's Blog!

Fund Raising First for Perth St Johns (with a Bonus for you)

You will have received details of JVP Paul's brave venture to raise funds for Polio Plus by free falling from an aircraft. Paul agreed to donate the sponsorship he gathers to the club's contribution to the world-wide Rotary effort finally to eliminate polio. This is probably the most dramatic fund raiser the club has ever been involved with. Involved we are as Paul's efforts depend for their success on our sponsorship contributions. We don't usually get into sponsorship events in the club but if ever there was a good reason to make an exception this must be it. The target of £25 per member is really very small even in these difficult times. You can of course simply write a cheque for £25 and pass it to Paul who will no doubt be suitably grateful.

But think what you can do if you persuade your friends and colleagues to contribute. And just to encourage you to go out and get lots of money for the Polio Plus campaign I'll give a bottle of whisky to the member who raises the most money over £100. You don't usually get an offer like that from a Yorkshireman so don't miss the chance!

President Neil

P.S. Prospective future Junior Vice Presidents should be assured that it will not be obligatory to jump out of an aircraft during the time in office!

Annual General Meeting

For those of you unable to attend the Club AGM on Wednesday 22nd April the following was approved.

Council:

President: Ian Marr
Senior Vice President: Paul Kyle
Junior Vice President: Heather Stewart
Secretary: David Grant
Treasurer: Rob Burke

Members of Council:

George Beaton, Michael Jamieson
Gail Mackay, Ian Mutch
Maureen Young

Council can co-opt a sixth member of council should they wish to do so.

The annual subscription was approved at £110.00

Rotary Curling - The Final End

The Perthshire Curling League finished with Perth St Johns sharing top spot with Crieff and Perth Rotary Club. The Perth Club however fielded a very strong team in the final game to win the trophy by securing a better shots advantage. Perth St Johns however held second place pushing Crieff into third place. Perth St Johns have had a very good curling season and can be very proud of all the members who played especially those who are new to the sport. Over the course of the season we have won two trophies and came second in another.

Well done to all concerned. **Convenor Stuart Cameron**

Weekly Duty Rota: 01 May to 27 May 2009 - 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host & VOT:</u>
01 May (Evening)	Ian Mutch	TBC	Gail MacKay	Aschaffenberg Visit
06 May	Alison Crook	Brian Kitching	Ian Marr	Alex Hay
13 May	David Cuthbert	Paul Kyle	Sally McCartney	BUSINESS MEETING
20 May	Albert Donaldson	Bert Macdonald	James Moyes	Richard Higgs
27 May	Graham Fleming	John Macintyre	Ian Mutch	TBC

Summary of the Meeting of Council held on 6th April 2009

Minute of the previous meeting:

Approved; subject to correcting the Treasurer's 2009/10 subscription recommendation to £110.

Matters arising:

The Secretary reported he had begun the process of updating the RI database by applying for passwords etc; a fuller report will be made to the next Council meeting.

President's Items :

President Neil applauded JVP Paul's parachute jump fund raising efforts for 'Polio Plus'; he will encourage the Club to fully support and asked VP Ian to arrange to publicise this venture.

Aschaffenburg: an outline programme has been circulated; a party of 15 is expected. The provisional cost estimate (to be met from the hospitality account) is £850

Secretary's items:

Leave of absence approved for Jim Moyes until the end of June. James Urquhart: formal membership email circulated to the Club; there were no objections and Council welcomed him to the Club. The District 1010 Assembly is to be held in Glenrothes on 10 May; returns are required by 30 April – VP Ian is to lead on this.

RIBI vice presidential election papers for 2011/12 received; the Secretary was instructed to lodge our votes for John Minhinick. A paper on the Rotary Foundation – Future vision – was received; to be passed to Michael Archibald for comment but Council was generally supportive.

Treasurer's report :

The balances on the Club accounts are as follows: Charity acc: £12,653.79, Club acc: £2,221.98, Hospitality acc: £2,495.29
Charity account paid: Primary schools quiz final amount £150, Black Watch Heritage appeal £100 and 'Help for Heroes' £100
Club account paid: one-third of Rotary clock improvements £768.58 and the purchase of a laptop and projector £687.98. Five of the Club hosting dinners have been held and paid.

Hospitality account: no payments.

It was agreed to pay £1,500 to each of the nominated charities for the Sportsman's Dinner.

The Project Committee are asked to report at the next meeting on any funding requirements/commitments to be met before the end of the current Rotary year.

Service Projects (Graham Fleming) :

The next project is the visit of the Chernobyl children; Mark Cairns is leading on this.

Graham has made preliminary arrangements for the Young Carers visit to RAF Leuchars in July; some support will be required on the day.

Paul has written to all members of the Club seeking support for his parachute charity jump.

A £250 contribution to the work of the West Mill Street Library for the disabled was recommended; approved by Council.

Graham added his thanks for the support given to the Primary Schools quiz; this had been carried out at a cost of £250 – well under budget, thanks to his team's negotiating efforts. Details of the zone final are awaited.

Club Administration (Ian Marr):

Average attendance after 13 meetings – 69%. 5 members are below 50%; one is now covered by leave of absence.

St Johns came a very good second in the Rotary Curling League; equal in points with the winner – the Perth Club – lost out in shots. A good publicity response to the Primary Schools quiz.

Speakers: the programme is largely filled with only 1 or 2 gaps before the end of the year; working towards 6 May as a cheque presentation day.

The SVPs and JVPs of the 3 Perth Clubs met with PKC to discuss Perth 800. It looks likely that the Clubs will hold a family 'fun' day on the North Inch, possibly to include an early evening ceilidh on a Saturday close to 'John the Baptist day' (24 June).

Membership (Stuart Cameron):

An information meeting was held last month, resulting in an application for membership, with a possible second to follow. Recruitment plans continue.

Ways and Means:

In a short written report Michael Jamieson reported on the unexpected difficulties he encountered in obtaining a sporran; the partners in the firm disagree on its provision. Council approved the purchase of a sporran if necessary.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4 May 2009 at 7.30pm

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO.....

Dr James Keith Urquhart

Proposed classification : Business Rescue Consultancy

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**This weekend we look forward to
welcoming our friends and fellow
Rotarians from Aschaffenburg to Perth.
Everyone have a great weekend.**

Forthcoming Events **For Your Diary:**

01 May

Friday Evening Meeting

01 - 03 May

Aschaffenburg Visit

04 May

Council Meeting

10 May

District Assembly, Glenrothes

13 May

Business Meeting

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