

# **RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on 18 June 2019 at 7.30 pm at St Leonards Hotel

### **1 Purposes & Objects**

These were read by our most recently married member, Peter Lomax.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Derek Matthews, John Quint, Arthur Robins, Derek Scott, Ian Stockdale and Mike Williams.

### **3 Guests**

Richard Carter introduced our two guests, the speaker Kevin Patience and our National President Andrew Mackereth.

### **4 Welcome & Grace**

Andrew Mackereth said grace.

### **5 Speaker**

Kevin Patience gave a long talk with many slides on the subject of aviation around Poole Bay from 1910 to 1976. Kevin had led a very interesting life and gave a most informative talk. The vote of thanks was given by David Okey who congratulated Kevin on a fascinating presentation.

### **6 Raffle**

Council had agreed to Andrew Mackereth's request that a raffle be held for his Presidential charity. Andrew told us this is a joint appeal with Tangent for RNLI, a charity which covers all of the British Isles. The funds are to be used for inshore rescue craft. The target is to raise £50,000 and a good start has been made with £4,000 reached so far. Tickets are £5 each and the draw will take place at the joint Ball on 29 February 2020. Prizes include a holiday for two on the Fred Olson Club cruise in August 2020, a Land Rover mountain bike and a Scottish golf weekend with accommodation.

Gordon announced that those who bought a ticket would get free entry in our own draw for a bottle of Black Stump. This was won by Gerald Carter.

### **7 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

### **8 Matters Arising**

None.

### **9 Correspondence**

We have received a thank you letter from Dorset Children's Foundation who are very appreciative of the donation from Christmas card funds.

## 10 **Chairman's Comments**

Gordon gave a personal welcome to Andrew.

There is now to be a vote for the Area 23 National Councillor as Manny Martins is standing against our own Richard Dyson. Club confirmed that our vote is to go to Richard.

Ian Stockdale and Gordon had taken Jimmy Gordon a bottle of whisky last week for his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jimmy had a book covering the early days of Ringwood & District Round Table in considerable detail and agreed to Gordon scanning it so that we had a permanent record.

Gordon attended a Bournemouth 5 meeting earlier this month. The speaker was from a cookery school in Bournemouth, but gave a talk on climbing Mount Everest to the base camp. Gordon's next visit will be to Wareham. He hopes to reintroduce someone he knew when living at Dolphin Quays who used to be a member, but lost touch.

Lastly Gordon thanked members for wearing lapel badges.

## 11 **National President**

Andrew told us that 41 Club nationally had been doing well over the last few months with new ones being started. He would like every Club to find one new member. Part of our Purposes & Objects is to support Round Table who have 3,400 members nationally. Last year they raised the impressive amount of £5.7m for charity. The age profile is the youngest it has been for some time and numbers are slowly increasing.

Andrew presented Gordon with his presidential banner and badge. Gordon gave him one of our banners in return.

Andrew also presented a badge to David Phelps as the most senior Club member present.

Andrew finished by wishing us a successful year.

## 12 **Vice Chairman**

Richard had nothing to report.

## 13 **Treasurer.**

Andrew told us that the net bank balance is £1,906. 51 subs had been paid and 10 are outstanding.

## 14 **Sports & Social**

Irish Night is on Saturday and arrangements are well in hand. No food will be provided and you will need to bring your own wine glasses.

Peter will email details of the Tennyson Down walk to those who have signed up for it. The ferry will be at 8.45 a.m. and the pub we are visiting for lunch has a beer festival that day.

A tick list will be circulated for impromptu BBQs at the Kennedy's on 14 July and the Kean's on 4 August.

Keith Anderson will put a flyer in the next magazine with details of the Halloween Train Ride. The cost will be approx £50 per couple.

Jeff Wickens is looking for ideas for a float in Ringwood Carnival – something topical, but not Brexit.

15 **Membership & Welfare**

David Hirst had nothing to report.

16 **Editor**

Bob confirmed that there will be a magazine next month and the copy date is 1 July.

17 **Speakers' Secretary**

David Phelps told us that Colin Williams will be the speaker at the August meeting. He will be talking about Williams Shipping and is currently writing a 125 year history of the company.

18 **Meals Secretary**

John Quint was on his way to America and had no report. Gordon apologised for the meal being slightly late this evening.

19 **Press & Publicity**

John Adams has submitted press releases to local papers. He stressed that the names of people in photographs need to be included.

20 **Lay Member/Health & Safety**

Paul told us that he is getting the necessary risk assessments.

21 **Immediate Past Chairman**

The St Malo trip is on Monday. Keith is hoping for good weather otherwise he will be in trouble with Sue.

22 **Ringwood & District Round Table**

David Phelps was disappointed that various promises of help had come to nothing. There is a committee meeting next Wednesday to decide the way ahead. A draft flyer was circulated. During the meeting Andrew Mackereth phoned our National Membership Officer to move things forward.

23 **Website**

Gordon is making progress. He is working on both our own website and our section of the National one. Hopefully he will be in a position to give a full report at the next meeting.

24 **Any Other Business**

Roger Bettle thanked us for our help with Fanfare For Spring. He handed over a cheque in our favour for £750 so that we could present our own cheque to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance in the near future.

Gordon has received an email asking for help on the gates etc at Ellingham Show on 10 August. An email will be circulated so that we can let Dennis Hancock know who can help. It is a two hour stint and you get free entry.

John Morgan informed us that Christchurch 41 Club are holding a Boules Night at the Three Tuns on 2 October. There are four in a team and we normally have two entries. This will also be mentioned in the Ellingham Show email. John also told us that there is a special, high strength Conker gin on sale and £5 of the purchase price goes to RNLI.

25 **Date of Next Council Meeting** - 13 August at John Quint's at 7.30 pm

26 **Date of Next Club Meeting** - 20 August at St Leonards Hotel at 7.30 pm

27 **The Meeting Closed at** 11.04 pm