

**YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION
TWINNED WITH BAD SALZDETFURTH**

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 17th February 2012 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins
Kath Williams
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce
Gill Latham
Rafael Pepiol

Ian Blair
Wully Perks
Gordon Williams
Pam Pearce
Sue Walker

Also present: Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Ruth Boulton, Alan Spiller, Rick Boulton, David Hardill, Lesley Killock.

2. Minutes of the January meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by GW and seconded by RP.

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting

(a) The Annual Dinner had been enjoyable. An amendment to the Constitution had been agreed at the Special Meeting which had taken place before the meal.

4. Treasurer's report: IB distributed a printed copy of his report. The dinner had raised £187.31. A payment of £71.70 had been made for web hosting. £1,800 in deposits had been received for the 2012 visit.

The bank signatories had been updated (RuB, MM, IB and AS) and a deposit account opened, containing £3,500.

The amendment to the Constitution noted previously had been a change to the wording, to permit the Treasurer to perform Internet Banking on the Association's behalf. IB proposed that transactions should be countersigned by another officer. A daily expenditure limit needed to be set annually on the Internet account. It was agreed that the limit should be £500 (proposed by WP and seconded by MP) and that the Chair should have access as well as the Treasurer. IB to speak to RuB on her return.

5. Membership matters, to include Web-site update: The number of visits had increased to 55 in January. A subscription had been renewed successfully using Paypal, although there was a cost to the Association. IB suggested using a QR Droid on publicity, so that Android users would be able to scan straight through to the website. RP proposed an annual review of the website. It was agreed to display the website at the AGM, and then decide at the following Committee meeting whether any changes should be made.

6. Programme of events:

(a) Quiz: MP had obtained quiz questions. There were only 6 teams so far. Raffle prizes would be needed.

(b) Race Night: DH had reported to MM that everything was organised and asked members who wanted to be sponsors to contact him.

(c) Acupuncture evening: talk and demonstration by David Sanders of Bank Chambers Natural Health Clinic, Chipping Sodbury, arranged by KW. The Pop Inn had been booked for 13th April, 7 for 7.30pm, £2.50 per person, including tea/coffee. IB offered to produce poster for this and the Race Night (PP to contact DH for more information about the Race Night).

(d) August Visit to Germany: Twenty-four deposits had been received, five more people had said they were coming. The booking form was available at <http://www.yatetwinning.co.uk/downloads/forms/view-category/> and the balance was payable by mid June. There would be a discussion about the visit at the Twinning meeting with German Councillors on 4th March. WP gave his apologies. Suggestions for trips during the visit were: Luneburg Heath/Belsen, a boat trip, a rail trip, Vogelpark, wine tasting on free day.

(e) Boat Trip – June: WP to find out cost of a trip on the Conway Castle from Upton-upon-Severn.

7. Next Committee meeting: Friday, April 20th at 19:30 in Poole Court. The meeting due to be held on March 16th would not take place.

8. A.O.B.

(a) RP proposed thanks to those who had prepared the Annual Dinner (seconded by SW).

The meeting closed at: 20:38