



LOWESTOFT AND PLAISIR TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019

AT 7.30 PM

BROADLANDS PARK AND MARINA, MARSH ROAD, LOWESTOFT

Present:	Chairman	Dr R Pulham	
	Secretary	Mrs C Durrant	
Mr N Morris	Mrs P Pulham	Mr L Johnson	Mr R Allen
Mrs P Whitlow	Mrs C Hemp	Cllr P Lang	

1. Apologies:

Mrs C Franks

2. Minutes of July Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman, who had chaired the meeting in the Chairman's absence.

3. Matters Arising:

Richard Pulham had enquired of Pascal as to whether there is a charity where donations could be sent in memory of Marie Cadoil but, as he has heard nothing, no donation has yet been made; a thank-you card has been received for the Association's condolences.

Pat Pulham sent an article, reporting on the Plaisir visit, to the Lowestoft Journal's Tom Chapman who has now moved to Dereham; he said he would send the article back to Lowestoft but it appears to have been lost in the process and Pat has re-sent it. Colleen said it should have included a message of thanks to local businesses who donated prizes for the Ceilidh to raise funds for sending My Rock Choir to Plaisir; ACTION: Pat to email Lowestoft Journal to see if this is possible.

Chantal Georges has taken over from Bernadette as President of the Plaisir Twinning.



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4. Treasurer's Report:

Caroline was absent from the meeting but had reported via email:

Account balances:	Current a/c	£649.77
	Savings a/c	£4,894.86
	Petty cash	£35.41

£500 has been received from James Reeder of Suffolk County Council towards twinning gifts.

£36 has been paid for the former BT hall as hire charge for the Craft Fair in November.

£145.60 has been paid for Public Liability Insurance which is now in force.

5. Visit of Plaisirois 2020:

Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro of Suffolk County Council has said that she would be happy to help organise something with Carlton Marshes.

Suggestions for other places to visit were Blickling Hall, Felbrigg Hall, Sutton Hoo and Newmarket Horse Racing Museum.

We are still waiting for confirmation of the visit dates but it should be between 10th and 20th July.

A sub-committee is needed; Richard and Pat Pulham and Neil Morris have, so far, volunteered.

6. Future Programme:

Our next event will be the Quiz on **21st September**. Peter Lang has access to some noticeboards in the town and will display posters for this and future events in Normanston Park and Whitton Green.

A date has not yet been fixed for the Defibrillator Demonstration but we can use a room at Hamilton House; ACTION: Richard Pulham to contact Shona. It was agreed not to make a charge for this but for the Association to make a donation to Roger Hemp towards the cost of equipment.

It was agreed by the Committee to show the film "Coco Before Chanel" at the Film Night.

As mentioned earlier the room hire fee for the Craft Fair has been paid and is booked from 10am until 4.30pm on **Saturday 30th November**. Colleen asked for a raffle prize from each committee member and, possibly, cakes for refreshments; The fair will be open from 11am until 4pm.

The Annual Dinner will be discussed at the next meeting..



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7. Essex and Suffolk Twinning Congress:

Richard Allen and Caroline will attend. Richard said that they would speak about our successes and the strength of our links which, at present, are purely between Lowestoft and Plaisir.

Neil suggested they find out if any associations have contact with groups of younger people and any thoughts about getting groups, or groups of young people, who would benefit from visiting Plaisir.

Peter suggested Waveney Valley Athletics Club who run track and field events and will send details to Richard Pulham. Lee suggested a wider link to include Great Yarmouth and Rambouillet. Pat Whitlow suggested young Rotarians.

On Plaisir's Facebook page were photographs of a number of stalls in the town held by their association; Richard Allen suggested something similar, perhaps at the Sports Centre.

The Committee agreed that it is more important to raise the profile of the association rather than always trying to raise money.

We should make aware that hosting is not an absolute necessity if interested people do not have the space to host.

8. Publicity and Promotion:

Nothing to report.

9. Fund Raising:

Scottish Power may possibly give money at a future date, but for a different cause. Pat Pulham suggested asking a car company for corporate membership (i.e. Renault, Peugeot, Citroën or John Grose), possibly approaching Mitchell's Renault in the first instance.

10. Strengthening Links:

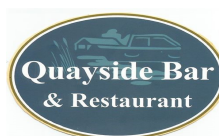
No progress as yet with Lowestoft and Yarmouth Regional Astronomers, except for exchange of books and goodwill.

11. Any Other Business:

Beccles Twinning advertise themselves as “volunteers working on behalf of the Town Council”.

12. Date and Venue of next Meeting:

Tuesday 8th October 2019, 7.30pm – Broadlands Park and Marina.



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