



LOWESTOFT AND PLAISIR TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019

AT 7.30 PM

BROADLANDS PARK AND MARINA, MARSH ROAD, LOWESTOFT

Present:

Chairman	Dr R Pulham		
Secretary	Mrs C Durrant		
Treasurer	Mrs C Franks		
Mr N Morris	Mr R Allen	Mrs P Pulham	Mrs P Whitlow
Mr L Johnson			

1. Apologies:

Cllr P Lang

2. Minutes of April Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

None

4. Treasurer's Report:

Account balances:	Current a/c	£337.37
	Savings a/c	£8,843.61
	Petty cash	£12.96



Balance cheques have been banked and £25 has been refunded from Uplands Community Centre for the Ceilidh.

The payment of £5,000 from Scottish Power is imminent.

Plaisir Visit 2019:

Accommodation has been found for all those travelling. Pat and Richard have attended a meeting with My Rock Choir, some of whom have chosen to stay in hotels; those wishing to stay with hosts have been accommodated.

Richard Allen has kindly offered to translate the itinerary and is, indeed, happy to deal with all translations as required during the visit.

Some members will be invited to a breakfast by the Mayor of Plaisir.

It was agreed by the Committee that hosts and those travelling be given commemorative mugs featuring a picture of the stained glass window at the old Town Hall and the hands of friendship with appropriate wording relating to 40 years of twinning (one per family). A canvas, also featuring the stained glass window, will be given to the French association as a whole.

An invitation has been issued to Lowestoft Town Council to send two representatives with us but, to date, it is unknown who they will be. They are likely to be hosted by Plaisir Councillors.

6. Future Programme:

Our next event is the Boules/Fish & Chips at the Harbour Inn, Southwold on **Sunday 9th June**: ACTION: Cathy to send out letters.

A date has not yet been established with Colleen for the CPR/defibrillator demonstration.

The Return of the Countess of Light (taking French Beer to Beccles) will not now be arriving in Lowestoft as originally planned but details have been distributed regarding its arrival in Beccles.

The Barbecue at Pakefield Church Hall is on **Saturday 20th July** from 5pm until 9pm. The prices of £6 adults, £4 children, £15 family were agreed at April's meeting for advanced bookings but the Committee agreed that anyone paying at the event should be charged at £6 each for everyone. A barbecue needs to be acquired but we will have full use of the hall's kitchen facilities. **We will need to establish who is to cook and who is to prepare salads, kebabs etc.**

Pakefield Church Hall, originally planned for the Quiz on 14th September is not available on that date, so is now planned for **Saturday 21st September**, to include a raffle.

Sparrow's Nest is booked for a Film Night on **Friday 8th November** with a suggested donation of £5 per person.



The proposed Craft Fair for a date in **November** will be decided at a later date.

The suggested date for the Annual Dinner is **Saturday 25th January 2020**. ACTION: Caroline to check availability with The Masonic Lodge.

7. Publicity and Promotion:

No items discussed.

8. Fund Raising:

Pat Pulham enquired of Barclays Bank for help with funding but they will only fund charities.

The donation from Scottish Power is for My Rock Choir but it was agreed that any monies left over from this donation be kept aside and put towards taking people from Sam's Café next time.

James Reeder, Suffolk County Councillor, can donate £500 provided we inform him of 5 things which the money will be spent on; already these include the mugs, the canvas and publicity leaflets.

Richard Pulham has started to fill in the Lottery Form detailing money received and spent, date of draw and list of prizes, which must be submitted within 3 months of the event (namely the Ceilidh) at which the draw was held. The form was passed to Caroline to liaise with Colleen for completion.

9. Strengthening Links:

In April's Minutes mention was made that Bernadette's granddaughter has requested a host in the Lowestoft area for a few weeks in August/September. No offers have, as yet, been made but it is hoped that we can find out more details during the visit.

10. Any Other Business:

Caroline and Neil have agreed to update the Constitution.

We may need Public Liability Insurance. ACTION: Lee to look into and let Caroline know prices.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 11th June 2019, 7.30pm – Broadlands Park and Marina.

(Pre-Visit Meeting Tuesday 21st May, 7.30pm – Broadlands Park and Marina)

