

WINDERMERE - DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th March, 2009 at 8 p.m. at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere

Chairman welcomed members, and a special welcome to Barry Butler (Chamber of Trade) and Bill Smith (Mayor of Windermere Town Council).

Apologies

Roy & Jean Fry, Jennifer & Lloyd Jewell, Helen Jones, Edith Haslam, Bill & Susan Hall, Annette Pearson, Mike Rigg

Minutes of the 5th March 2008 A.G.M.

Had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. These were proposed by Liz Blaney and seconded by Joan Jones, as being a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from these minutes

10 year gift to Diessen ~ plaque to go on tree actually went onto a new bench, photo circulated. Flags in shop windows ~ a friend of Chairman's had made 200 wooden blocks to stand them in.

Chairman's Report

This had been previously been distributed to all members prior to meeting. Chairman apologised for not mentioning the Boat Club which the Chamber of Trade had sponsored, but pointed out it had been mentioned in the October newsletter.

Comments on British Week ~ Ken Jones gave a report on the Lion's visit and rose planting in Schakky Park. Bill Haywood commented on the weather, which could have been better!

Citizen's Medals had been presented to Sheila, Shirley and Eve. Chairman pointed out that they had been accepted on behalf of the Twinning Association, and thanked members for all their help over the past 10 years. Eve commented on her visit to Diessen in January to receive her medal.

Treasurer's Report

Norman gave account of the finances ~ balance of £1,215.63. He thanked people for their donations, Clive Watson for the very generous donation from L.S.T.P., the Lions, and Chamber of Trade, all of which had been very gratefully received. Geoff Robinson had examined the accounts and he had agreed they were in order. A true record of the accounts were accepted, proposed by Juan Taylor, seconded by Brenda Busschau. Chairman expressed thanks to Norman.

Election of Officers

In the absence of a Vice-Chairman, Secretary took the Chair ~

Chairman ~ there were no nominations for Chairman, Sheila Ricketts was prepared to stand again... proposed by Lee Haywood, seconded by Jenny Borer. Sheila was re-elected. Jenny Borer commented on the importance of Sheila staying in the chair in view of the many recent changes in Diessen.

Vice-Chairman ~ Jean Fry had resigned in August 2008 ~ there were no nominations. Lee Haywood proposed Jenny Borer, Brenda Busschau seconded ~ Jenny was elected.

Secretary ~ no nominations, Shirley Taylor was prepared to stand again, proposed by Barbara Yates, seconded by Joan Jones. Chairman thanked Shirley for all her help and continuing support throughout the year, especially to her.

Treasurer ~ no nominations, Norman was willing to stand again, proposed by Martin Orrom, seconded by Bill Haywood. Chairman expressed thanks to Norman for all his hard work this year.

Election of Committee Members

Renewed en bloc ~ Peter Bayliss, Hazel Macfarlene-Wenzel and Liz Blaney volunteered to join the committee. Eve had asked footballers, but no representative at meeting. Chairman thanked all committee members for their loyalty to meetings and all their hard work throughout the year.

Future Events

April 18th ~ Coffee Morning at Ken & Joan's house, 10am – 12 noon ~ a fund raising event.

April 26th – 30th... Carl Orff Volksschule visit to Y.H.A. Ambleside ~ Shirley to welcome them. Meet with Lakes School pupils at Phoenix Centre on Tuesday evening ~ members welcome.

June 13th ~ Garden Party at The Fairfield ~ 2pm.

July ~ The Lakes School will visit Diessen – no dates yet.

Group may come from Diessen to coincide with Grasmere Sports at end of August ~ no dates yet.

September ~ Diessen Lion's visit to coincide with Lion's Charter Anniversary Dinner at The Hydro.

Families with children interested in coming in August, want to rent cottages, Secretary had sent information to Diessen. Hazel offered to help out with children.

Exchange with lady in Munich ~ Rosemary had followed this up but would investigate further.

Slides on Churches and Countryside of Bavaria ~ Martin Orrom suggested this would be a very interesting evening and fund raiser, he would e mail details for Steven Greenwood to Secretary.

B.B.Q. ~ Norman & Jenny offered to hold a barbeque at their house ~ maybe when Diessen come.

Membership

59 paid memberships for the current year (Diessen 150). It was decided to leave membership fees at £7.50p. for the coming year, proposed by Brenda Busschau, seconded Liz Blaney. Chairman stated that anyone wishing to donate more were free to do so. Discussion on corporate memberships ~ Chairman thought schools and footballers may be penalized. Joan Stocker suggested schools could hold fund raising events to help raise money for Twinning, Rosemary pointed out St. Anne's may come into it. Jenny suggested it was discussed at next A.G.M.

Correspondence

Chairman read out an e mail from Bill and Susan Hall (Steamboats), it was suggested we send a letter thanking them and other steamboat owners for British Week ~ Secretary to do this.

Oberammergau 2010 ~ to coincide with British Week, depending on dates, Shirley to co-ordinate.

Suggestion from Diessen to change the dates for British Week to July/August, we were asked for our comments. The general feeling was that it was peak time, cost of travelling would be high and people here would be busy in the school holidays ~ but, it is up to Diessen ~ we will need to know for Oberammergau if it is to coincide, but that could be arranged at another time.

Chairman had sent a letter to Dr Selby and Jermaine Willan concerning Diessen wanting individual and family contacts ~ this is the priority of the new committee in Diessen.

Rosemary Park commented on a project for 6th formers from Diessen, staying 3 weeks at St. Anne's then reporting back afterwards. Rosemary going to St. Anne's next week. German teacher there has a copy of the project in German to look at, possibility to incorporate Dallam School.

A.O.B.

As a Town Council Member, Jenny commented that it was important for all the Council to receive a general invitation to the A.G.M., as Bill Smith (Mayor) was here this evening, maybe he could report back. Secretary informed the meeting that every year a letter goes out to Brian Whittaker (Secretary), asking him to extend the A.G.M. invitation to all members of the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.