

**EUROTARY 87  
OXFORD**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007**

**[1] Welcome**

Delegates were welcomed to the meeting by Ken Elphick, President of the Rotary Club of Haddenham and District.

**Banners and Roll Call**

These were exchanged with attending Clubs:

- Albrighton & District RC, UK
- Bala and Penilyn RC, UK
- Barton-le-Clay RC, UK
- Burntwood RC, UK
- Etwall & Hilton RC, UK
- Ferney-Voltaire RC, France
- Golfe de Fos RC, France
- Gordes RC, France
- Goteberg-Save RC, Sweden
- Haddenham & District RC, UK
- Kolback RC, Sweden
- Korsor Nor RC, Denmark
- Langenhagen-Wedemark RC, Germany
- North Fylde RC, UK
- Stafford Castle RC, UK
- Westerlo RC, Belgium
- Wreake Valley RC, UK
- Zandvoort RC, Netherlands
- Apt-Cavaillon en Lubéron RC, France (guest club)
- Kinshasa-Kingabwa RC, Congo (guest club)

**[2] Apologies**

These were received from the following Clubs:

Skoyen, Norway	Pau Bearn, France
Caterham Harestone, UK	Heathrow Airport, UK
Valkenswaard, Netherlands	Sever do Vouga, Portugal
Whickham Clavering, UK	Southampton Clausentum, UK
Frederikssund Falkenborg, Denmark	

**[3] Minutes of last Meeting**

Item 5 The surprise presentation of an iron mosquito made to RC Golfe de Fos was made by RC of North Fylde and not by RC of Thame Witchert as previously reported.

**[4] Msandaka [ Moshi] School Project**

Rtn Peter Jones produced a full verbal and written report concerning the involvement and the work carried out by RC of Haddenham and District in respect of the project.

The report explained:

[a] RC of Haddenham and District began working with a school for the deaf in 2005 and has built and equipped workshops for carpentry and needlework.

[b] In 2006 work was extended to include a local primary school for very poor local children and water supply, equipment and an adventure playground have been installed. In 2007 kitchen facilities, and the outside areas have been improved.

[c] All work is carried out by Rotarians from Haddenham and District at their own expense. The project attracts matching grant funding.

Rtn Peter Jones also produced a video to supplement his report

Proposal of Eurotary Common Action project to support the cost of building two new accomodation blocks in 2008 at the Msandaka School for the deaf. Costs were estimated at £16000 to £20000 which would be raised by donations by Eurotary clubs and matching grants from Rotary Foundation. Unanimously agreed

From the floor, over £4000 was promised in donations by attending clubs [ A list of contributors will be issued in due course].

#### **[5] Host Club and Venue for 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly [2008]**

RC of Langenhagen-Wedermark which is based north of Hanover presented a very informative and well prepared video showing the surrounding area and City of Hanover together with the facilities offered at the conference hotel [Maritim Airport Hotel]. Unanimously agreed.

#### **[6] Nomination for 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly [2009]**

RC of North Fylde gave an outline of their proposed programme based on Blackpool [Lowood Hotel] together with trips to Lake District, Fylde coast and the Gala dinner. Unanimously agreed.

#### **[7] Rotary Density in Europe**

Rtn Einer Thrap-Olsen explained that there was a large variance in the distribution of Rotary in the various parts of Europe where southern European representation was five times less than in northern Europe. In parts of the south [Spain, Portugal and Italy] response was poor with Rotary being perceived as an “elderly” organization. He strongly felt that the growth of Eurotary could help bridge this gap.

#### **[8] Any other business [previously notified]**

[a] Rtn G Minder presented a paper explaining the need to finance eye surgeries for children in Pakistan working in conjunction with a local Rotary Club and Vision 2020. 10 Euros could support one surgery and he was seeking donations from attending clubs via his own club of Ferney-Voltaire.

[b] RC of Westerlo indicated that they would be willing to host the 2010 Eurotary assembly.

#### **[9] Handover to 2008 Host Club[Langenhagen-Wedemark]**

Rtn Roger Rickard on behalf of the Rotary Club of Haddenham and District formally handed the Eurotary Presidency over to the 2008 Host Club of Langenhagen-Wedemark and this was followed by the presentation of a Ceremonial Baton to their President by Rtn Jack Lazenby who had personally made this especially for this occasion.

The representatives of RC of Langenhagen-Wedemark then presented a fuller report concerning their proposed programme and gala dinner.

### **[10] Presentation and Closing Remarks**

Rtn Roger Rickard then closed the meeting and looked forward to the next Assembly in Langenhagen-Wedemark.

He expressed his personal thanks to his Club for the efforts of all members involved and in particular to his organizing committee of Rtns Keith Smith, Mike Pitcher, Martin Andrew, Peter Clarke and Chris Behan.

The Committee were personally thanked from the floor for producing what was unanimously agreed to be an outstanding weekend.