

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE 20th ANNIVERSARY ASSEMBLY OF EUROTARY 87
HELD AT THE BURN HALL HOTEL, HUBY, YORK ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2011**

1. President Peter Dalton opened the meeting at 10 am with the Roll Call of the 13 Clubs represented. Banners and greetings were exchanged between the Host Club of The Wreake Valley and the following Clubs:

Albrighton & District	Etwall & Hilton	Korsør Nør
Bayreuth Eremitage	Gordes	Langenhagen Wedemark
Burntwood & District	Haddenham & District	North Fylde
e-Club NY 1	Kolbäck	Westerlo

2. Apologies were received from the Algaard, Beachy Head, Golfe de Fos and Goteborg Säve Clubs and from Asta Leklin and Roland Smet.
3. The Minutes of the 19th Assembly held at Westerlo were agreed unanimously.
4. Matters Arising – Eurotary President 2010, Paul van Schoonhoven presented a report on the Westerlo Project to build, equip and provide the infra-structure for a secondary school in Mpeketoni, Kenya. He reported that funds raised totalled €7500 towards the total of €25,000. Parents undertook the building work and the school will open in January 2012 with 4 classrooms, 1 multi-function room, kitchen and an eating area. Paul thanked the participating Clubs for their support.
5. A detailed Report was given by Eurotary President 2011, Peter Dalton on the position relating to the title of Eurotary 87. It was agreed that the spelling of the title would be either EUROTARY 87 or Eurotary 87 and no other form would be used. He concluded by informing the meeting that the matter was in the hands of the Legal Department of Rotary International and, until they had reached a decision, no further action could be taken. On a proposition by Brian Ward [North Fylde], seconded by Paul van Schoonhoven [Westerlo] Peter Dalton was unanimously appointed to continue the negotiations with Rotary International, consulting where appropriate.
6. Proposed amendments to the Eurotary 87 Statutes had previously been circulated to all attending Clubs and Members present. Acceptance was proposed by Ron Buxton [Etwall & Hilton], seconded by Barry Woodward [Albrighton & District] and approved. A copy is circulated with these Minutes and will be published on the Association website.
7. The offer of Etwall & Hilton to host the 21st Assembly in Edinburgh from 21st to 23rd September 2012 was accepted and confirmed.
8. The Rotary Club of Kolbäck was selected to host the 22nd Assembly in 2013.
9. Eurotary Honorary Chairman, Einar Thrap-Olsen informed the meeting that Eurotary 87 was formed to increase international understanding through friendship amongst European Clubs chartered in 1987. It has been a success over 20 years particularly with its Humanitarian Projects. Despite this we have not yet managed to bridge the gap between Latin Europe and Northern/Western Europe. There are 47 Clubs in Latin Europe chartered in 1987 but today there is only one French Club represented – and then by a Swedish member. He said that there appears to be some misunderstanding of our aims and urged the regularly attending Clubs to seek ways of bridging the gap.

10. Brian Ward [North Fylde] asked Clubs to consider, as a means of bridging the gap, the hosting of an Assembly in the Mediterranean area with the involvement of a local Club chartered in 1987. Clubs agreed to give the idea some thought.
11. Eurotary President Peter Dalton, on behalf of The Wreake Valley proposed a Humanitarian Project to alleviate the plight of street children and slum dwellers in Cebu, Philippines working with the support of RC Cebu West and District 3860. He went on to describe the situation of those affected and the action that was needed to help them. The proposed project was supported by the meeting and Peter, on behalf of The Wreake Valley, agreed to liaise with RC Cebu West and post the actual project details on the Eurotary 87 website as soon as possible.

A number of Clubs pledged their immediate financial support for the project with others agreeing to take the detail back to their Boards for consideration.
12. Eurotary 87 President 2011 Peter Dalton handed over the Collar and Mace of Office to Ron Buxton of Etwall & Hilton who assumed office as Eurotary 87 President 2012.
13. Eurotary President 2012 Ron Buxton presented the detail of the programme planned for the 21st Assembly to be held in Edinburgh from 21st to 23rd September 2012 with an estimated cost of £550 per couple. Full details including a video will be posted on the Eurotary website.
14. Eurotary President Ron Buxton thanked Peter for his work as Eurotary President 2011 and for the wonderful weekend that he and his Team and the Wreake Valley Club had staged in York with good food, fun and fellowship in the true spirit of Eurotary 87.
15. Eurotary President Ron Buxton closed the meeting wishing all a safe journey and hope that he would see them all in Edinburgh in 2012.