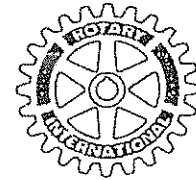


EUROTARY 87

9th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY : 15th – 17th SEPTEMBER 2000
ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT, ENGLAND



MINUTES OF THE 9TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE MOAT HOUSE HOTEL, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE, ENGLAND ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2000.

The Meeting was held under the banner of the Host Club, The Rotary Club of Albrighton & District.

The Meeting was convened at 10.00 hours.

1. **President's Introduction**

The President of the Rotary Club of Albrighton & District, Rotarian Richard Buttress, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and hoping that they had enjoyed themselves so far. He then went on to introduce the Governor of District 1210 England, Rotarian Peter Gay, and invited him to address the Assembly.

2. **Welcome by District Governor 1210, Peter Gay**

The District Governor welcomed everyone to District 1210 and brought the greeting of himself and the District Executive. He congratulated the members of Eurotary 87 for the unique place they had achieved in the Rotary movement. He hoped that the Assembly would prove interesting and worthwhile, and he congratulated Albrighton for the arrangements they had made in the hosting of the event. He hoped the Assembly would note the current Rotary theme of "Create awareness, Take action".

3. **Presentation of Banners**

The various clubs assembled brought greetings to the host club and made various banner and other presentations. The President of Albrighton & District thanked the various clubs and presented them with an Albrighton banner, requesting them to take the club's greetings back to their own clubs.

The President then handed control of the meeting to the Chairman of the organising committee, Rotarian Barry Woodward.

4. **Minutes of the 8th Assembly**

The minutes of the 8th Assembly, having been circulated, were accepted by the members.

5. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Eligibility of Clubs**

The meeting had been circulated with two lists of clubs; firstly, those who are currently contacted by Eurotary 87 and the second list containing the names of clubs who, according to the research carried out by the Chairman of the organising committee, had also been chartered in 1987.

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The meeting discussed if the intention was for Eurotary 87 to be an assembly of clubs who received their Charters in the calendar year of 1987, or the Rotary year, which included 1987 (that is 1986/1987 or 1987/1988).

Various members of the assembly spoke on the matter and it was agreed that membership of Eurotary 87 was available to any club that was chartered in the calendar year 1987. This would mean that both lists of clubs produced for the Assembly would be eligible for membership. The combined list of clubs is appended.

7. Common Actions

- (i) Karachi Street Schools (update)
- (ii) Rotary Centres for International Studies

The Assembly was appraised of the current position with regard to the Karachi Street Schools project and how successful the appeal had been.

Rotary Centres for International Studies. The positioning paper on this matter was with the papers for the Assembly. Various members of the Assembly spoke on how Eurotary 87 could assist in the project. It was agreed that Rotarian Barry Woodward should investigate the matter further and report to the next Assembly meeting.

8. Proposed Changes to Statutes

There had been no proposal to change the Statutes.

9. Venue and Date of Eurotary 2001

Unfortunately the representatives from the Rotary Club of Avignon Fontaine-de-Vaucluse had departed prior to the meeting, however, they had left an invitation to the Assembly to meet in September 2001 in Avignon, together with an outline proposal.

The Assembly was pleased to accept the invitation to meet in Avignon, and late September 2001 was suggested as the appropriate time.

The proposal suggested changes to the format in the way the Assembly operates, with each club being asked for an annual contribution, and in the setting up of a Bureau with elected members to control the monies raised.

Various members spoke on the proposal which had been put to the Assembly, and the idea of a compulsory annual fee was not well received. Members were concerned that the section concerning the Bureau could be difficult to operate and become very bureaucratic.

After a very lengthy discussion the meeting felt that much more information was required before a decision could be taken. Rotarian Barry Woodward was asked to contact Avignon Club and thank them for their offer of hospitality in 2001 and to request them to provide all member clubs with a detailed proposal which could be discussed by the member clubs prior to the 2001 meeting.

It did seem that the proposal, if approved, may require modification of the Statutes and attention was drawn to the requirements that any proposal to change Statutes requires not less than two calendar months notice of the proposal to be sent to all clubs.

10. Venue Eurotary 2002

Discussion took place on a location for the 2002 meeting. Two clubs stated that they would discuss the possibility of hosting the 2002 meeting, and they would let the Assembly know as soon as possible.

11. **Any Other Business**

The meeting was shown photographs of the ambulance which was operating in India as a result of Eurotary 87.

Rotarian Peter Leigh made a personal statement regarding the position of clubs in Northern Cyprus and invited members to discuss the matter with him outside the meeting.

Albrighton & District Club were thanked for hosting the 9th Assembly and for providing a very interesting programme of evens.

The President of Albrighton & District then closed the Assembly.

Close of Meeting