

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 21st Assembly of Eurotary 87 held at the Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel, Edinburgh on Sunday September 23rd 2012.

The meeting was opened at 10.00 hours and proceeded in accordance with the published agenda.

1. Apologies were received from Honorary President Einar Thrap-Olsen, Algard RC Norway, Golf de Fos RC France and Burntwood RC UK.
2. Eurotary President 2012 Ron Buxton delivered a brief report from Honorary President Einar, who planned to attend again next year and read out a touching poem written by Einar's wife Vilemo just before she passed away.
3. A roll call and exchange of banners took place between the Host Club, Etwall & Hilton and the following visiting Clubs: Bayreuth- Eremitage, Haddenham & District, Kolback, Korsor Nor, Langenhagen Wedemark, North Fylde, Westerlo and The Wreake Valley.
4. The minutes of the 20th Assembly held in York were agreed by all present.
5. Matters Arising – Eurotary President 2011 Peter Dalton reported that no further communication had been received from Rotary International regarding the Eurotary 87 title, and that we should continue to use EUROTARY 87 or Eurotary 87. The meeting unanimously agreed that Peter should continue to act as the interface with Rotary International on this matter. Peter also mentioned that another Eurotary club had been launched, Eurotary 1994.
6. Eurotary President 2012 Ron Buxton reported that strenuous efforts had been made by Etwall & Hilton to increase the number of clubs and delegates attending Edinburgh. No Latin or French clubs had responded to the advanced notification and less than half had replied to the formal invitation letter. Total registrations increased by 30 from last year, but the number of clubs attending reduced to 9, down by 4.

The president pointed out that 'Latin' clubs are unlikely to take part and that the only viable way of proceeding is for the number of northern Europe clubs participating to increase or the frequency of meetings to reduce.

Brian Ward, North Fylde RC advised the meeting of the actions he had taken to encourage clubs from Spain to attend, without success and that the Rotary Club of Tullamour, Ireland may be interested in participating.
7. The offer by Kolback RC to host the 23rd Assembly in 2014 was accepted and confirmed by the meeting.
8. The President invited a club to volunteer to host the Assembly in 2014, no offers were received. Clubs were encouraged to consider this request on return to their home clubs.

9. Any other business, Eurotary continuation - The President reminded the meeting of Einar's advancing years and the need ensure the continuity of Eurotary 87. To support this objective the President proposed, with Honorary President Einar's agreement, that Eurotary President 2011 Peter Dalton be appointed Eurotary Honorary Vice President with effect from the 2013 Annual General Meeting. This proposal was seconded by Brian Ward and agreed unanimously by the meeting. Peter kindly agreed to accept this appointment.

10. Shelter Box – Etwall & Hilton RC proposed that Shelter Box be accepted as the humanitarian project for 2012. Bob Christie the local Shelter Box representative attended the meeting, displayed the tent and contents of a shelter box and showed a comprehensive DVD. Bob answered questions from the floor and satisfied the meeting regarding the removal of Tom Henderson OBE, Shelter Box founder and Chief Executive Officer and also financial recompense from wealthy countries to which boxes had been donated.

The Shelter Box proposal was accepted by all present and President Ron presented a cheque of £1180 for 2 boxes to Bob Christie. The following clubs also made pledges in support of Shelter Box: Bayreuth – Eremitage, Haddenham & District, Kolback, Korsor, Langenhagen Wedemark, North Fylde, Westerlo and The Wreake Valley.

11. Peter Dalton reported on the Humanitarian Project for alleviating the plight of street children and slum dwellers in Cebu, Philippines. The project had been accepted as a World Community Service Programme and was supported by District 3680 (Philippines). He advised the meeting that he had received a District Governors Citation from District 3680 and had responded on behalf of Eurotary 87. Peter thanked the Clubs that had supported the project and said that having kick-started the work of a further Day Care Centre, this will now be continued by Cebu West R C.

11a. Paul van Schoonhoven gave a presentation on the Kenya Schools project which has now been completed. He thanked the meeting for the Euro 7500 donated by Eurotary which had enabled the project to be started. Paul advised the meeting that Westerlo RC had now financed the completion of the school and in addition the drilling of a water well.

12. Handover to Eurotary President 2013 – The Regalia and Mace were presented to Asta Lecklin, the nominated representative from Kolback RC by Eurotary President 2012 Ron.

13. Presentation of the 22nd Assembly in Kolback – Asta advised the meeting that the next Eurotary meeting would take place in Kolback from Thursday 5th September to Sunday 8th September 2013. The date had been brought forward 2 weeks to improve the chances of good weather and the programme had been extended by 1day. A programme of events for the 2013 Assembly was circulated to the meeting.

14. President Ron thanked all delegates for attending, hoped that they had enjoyed the weekend and wished them a safe journey home.

Brian Wall – Secretary Eurotary 2012