



Round Table (Malta) 2

Minutes of Business Meeting No: 5

Date: Thursday 3rd May 2007

Location: Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard Malta

Sandro welcomed all present @ 20:20 hrs

Quorum was reached.

Present: Adrian Vella, Alex Abela, Andre Formosa, Andrew Cauchi, Antonello Cappitta, David Caruana Dingli, Derrick Pisani, Edward Muscat Azzopardi, Ivan Micallef, Kennet Micallef, Raphael Borg Ellul Vincenti, Sandro Zammit, Francis Cachia Caruana, Tony Zahra, Steve Ganado, Mark Sammut, Jason Lauri, Duncan Muscat

Apologies:

Aims & Objects read by Edward Muscat Azzopardi

Notice Approved - Prop: Alex; Sec: Andrew Cauchi

Andrew Cauchi was appointed as Master at Arms. Due to the first time in this role he was the first to take a drink.

Minutes of previous Business Meeting were read.

Issues discussed:

Corrections:

Andrew Cauchi pointed out that regarding PwC, one of the partners had contacted Andrew to know if we were willing of sponsoring the marathon and was passed on. Upon meeting Joe Camilleri, both parties identified similarities between the two organizations regarding the global reach. We could possibly partner regarding activities and publicise each other. Andrew was to submit a proposal and will first submit it to table first, which will be available in due course. Ivan supports the activities of PwC as well as keeping the standards of Table.

Sandro also noted that the Carnival event never happened. Also the DVD was never given. More activities will be discussed in other matters

Approval by Steve Ganado and seconded by Andre Formosa

Correspondence

Adrian Vella received from Dar Merhba Bik a thanks for the washing machine that we donated. They also showed that they require further help. Adrian offered himself to take it in hand.

Sandro Zammit received correspondence from Life Cycle Malta regarding the tour. They are asking if we can support them yet again. We have the idea of partnering with the WoCo foundation in Germany. Life cycle are asking for a resting place. We have to confirm with Stefan (RT Germany) regarding the availability of the place. It has been agreed that we will donate the sum of Lm250.

Sub-Committee

Membership Committees

We are working on two new prospectives. We will hopefully have two more prospectives at the next fellowship meeting.

Fellowship Committee

Derrick Pisani thanked everyone for attending the first fellowship he organized. Next fellowship will start with a tour to the Madliena Fort where the St Johns Rescue team will provide us a demonstration of their activities and a visit to the Fort. That will be followed by a fenkata at Ryan's. We still need to put forward a proposal for a good deal of Lm7 without wine or Lm10 including wine. Andrew Cauchi also has the contact for a Fenkata or Porchetta.

Fund Raising / Communittee Services

During the last council meeting, it was discussed to have an art gallery sale. We have around 25-27 pieces of art with the proceeds going to Dar Merhba Bik. Corinthia has offered the art gallery in these (Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard) premises. Adrian Vella pointed out that its custom that the artist will provide catering. Its the understanding that it will be up to RT2 to man the event. We can get the contacts of who to market it to from the artists themselves. Council will draft a proposal for organizing the event.

Charter Anniversary

All preperations are in place. 45 pax are confirmed as well as all the guests. The last things to be confirmed were the entrees. We hope it will be fantistic evening.

Euro2 in Finland

We will be a team of ten people confirmed. Following people will be attending:

1. Tony Zahra
2. Francis Cachia Caruana
3. Sandro Zammit
4. Edward Muscat Azzopardi
5. Jason Lauri

6. Kevin Attard Caruana

7. Mario Psaila Savona

8. Andre Vella,

9. Alex Abela

10. Massimo Cachia.

It was noted that not everyone has registered. Tony rallied to organize the Cabaret as it will be an important item to rally the event. He also got the DVD from Simon finally and will be using the information from there. He suggested the dates to be the 25th of May to the 1st of June. Dates have been set and approved by table. Website will be www.euro2malta.com. Tony prepared the presentation to be done for the meeting. A meeting will be scheduled with all the attendees at a later date. Andre suggested to take some local booze to sweeten up the atmosphere. Tony pointed out that there will not be enough time and we will have to keep the presentation focused.

Website Update

The new website has been presented to table by Raphael Borg Ellul Vincenti. It was noted by Edward Muscat Azzopardi that it is a welcome fresh image to table and that it should be our responsibility to keep the website updated and relevant as a tool for members. A quick demonstration about the new website was given by Raphael Borg Ellul Vincenti to show how easy it is to contribute content like articles or images and posted on the website that it is now officially online. He noted that the gallery functionality is still missing from the website however members can still access it from the copy taken from the older website.

New features planned are:

- Photo Gallery including past events from old website and photos of activities this year
- Event Calendar to show dates and minutes of local as well as foreign meetings
- Mailing list to ease email communication between RT2 as well as RT2 Council

Mark Sammut presented a CD with photos from the past two fellowships. These will be uploaded in due course.

Regalia Officer's Report

Sandro Zammit had to meet Adrian Vella regarding regalia. The meeting will be held in the next couple of days. Andre Formosa has a couple of items usefull for sale.

Association News

No report has been presented. Sandro Zammit reported that a person needs to be appointed for a person to be on the rules committee. Tony Zahra has been appointed due to the fact he is a non-voting member on the table and as such he will be unbiased. Edward Muscat Azzopardi explained that the committee to be set up for decisions regarding member rules. Thus, Tony being without voting rights and has great experience is the right candidate. Tony thanked the table for the decision. The Association President (Steve Ganado) pointed out that the main aim of changing

the rules was due to that there were a number of rules not reflecting situation and times. He also pointed out that it would be best if table appoint someone who will have further years of tabling ahead of him. Edward stated that it was proposed to ask the table to choose a member to propose for the committee. Steve noted that they were under the impression that Alex was representing table and not Tony. Sandro noted that Alex was representing Sandro due to his absence. Steve insisted that the post was there for current members also taking into considering the age group. Edward pointed out that half of the table is on the outgoing side of table and also a considerable amount of new tablers. Francis raised the issue that since we are a relatively young table and that Tony being a lifelong member would have the best experience similar to table one appointing Michael Ellul Vincenti. Tony thanked the table for the confidence. He also noted to Steve Ganado that it would be silly to appoint people who are directly involved to take advantage on any rules.

Other matters

Following on with Andrew Cauchi's mention with partnering with other organizations in the first part the meeting, Mark Sammut noted we should consider teaming up with organizations that their main task is to organize events. They are customary fee based and organize it under your name. AJR events (contact charles frendo) are an international company that can help us in this prospect.

Meeting closed at 22:00pm