

**Beverley Lemgo Twinning Association**

**Minutes of the Management Committee**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**

**Present:** Mr. G. Pearson (Chair), Mr. M. Revell, Mr. H. Cressey, Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mr. H.T. James, Mrs. B. Ayre, Mrs. L. Dawson

**Apologies:** Mrs. E. La Pensée, Mrs. G. Vosseberg-Benson, Julia Blackwell

**1258**      **Minutes**

In the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, under item 1249 'Matters Arising', Mrs. Ayre pointed out that the cost of the transport to and from Stansted airport should read '£400' and not '£5k'. The minutes were then approved.

**1259**      **Applications for Membership**

The Hon. Treasurer reported that there have been 4 more renewals and 1 new member. We are still awaiting renewals from approximately 16 members.

**1260**      **Reports of Officers**

(a) Hon. Secretary (vacancy)

The Hon. Treasurer read out an email received from Shaun Harrison of the Fire Brigade, in which he agrees to attend our Committee meetings from September. Furthermore, he offers us a meeting room at the Beverley Fire Station if required.

(b) Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Committee with the Financial Statement for June and July, which mainly comprised of the costs for the recent visits and those for the Hanseatic exhibition. There was also the carriage cost of 20 hampers from Stendal, which we will raffle or sell in the future.

(c) Travel Officer (vacancy)                      Nothing to report.

(d) Supper Club Organiser

The next Supper Club will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. A letter has been circulated.

(e) Accommodation Officer (vacancy)      Nothing to report.

(f) Youth Officer (vacancy)

Mrs. Ayre mentioned a request from a girl who wishes to come over in October for 2 weeks, but she needs to fill in the form. Placements have not yet been confirmed.

Mrs. Chamberlain reported that Lisa Kratz had been a model guest.

(g) Website Officer

Mr. Pearson said that the website is up-to-date. There have been some problems with posting the current newsletter on the website. Mrs. Chamberlain will look into this.

(h) Euro Grants Officer (vacancy)            Nothing to report

(i) Press Officer

Mrs. Chamberlain has sent a couple of articles to 'The Beverley Guardian', one of which has been published. It was mentioned that the articles ought to be sent to the 'East Riding Advertiser' as well, in order to widen the publicity. She will check on this.

**1261            Market Charity Stall, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The Hon. Treasurer has drafted a letter about this event which will be circulated.

**1262            AGM, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – re-elected Committee**

At the recent AGM 3 Committee members officially resigned, although 2 agreed to attend the meetings, where possible, until they move from the area. This leaves only 7 permanent members, 5 less than is required in the Constitution. It was suggested to approach some of the new Association members, or possibly the Fire Brigade. This will be discussed further.

**1263            Visit to Lemgo, 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

This was described as a very good trip. It coincided with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, in which the French twin town also took part. The seminars and workshops were also praised. Mrs. Ayre proposed that Beverley should have a road named after Lemgo, just as Lemgo has now got a 'Beverleystrasse'. The Committee thought this was a worthy suggestion and should be pursued.

**1264            Visit from Stendal, 8<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, and Lemgo delegation, 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July**

There were only 2 incidents of note. The first was the unfortunate hospitalisation of Dieter Hirrich. The Hon. Treasurer reported that he is now on the mend. The second was the misunderstanding over accommodation for one Stendaler. In this instance it did not cause a problem, but could have been hugely inconvenient for the hosts.

The Committee thanked Mr. Cressey for organising the trip to Chester and also Mr. and Mrs. La Pensée for setting up the Hanseatic exhibition. The celebrations themselves were very good, however it was felt that they were poorly attended by locals.

**1265            Any Other Business**

It was reported that the Comenius Project has been approved. Mrs. La Pensée should elaborate further on this at the next meeting.

Mr. Pearson suggested amending the meeting agenda as there are a few vacant posts. It was agreed to vote on this at the next meeting.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (amended or new dates in **bold**)

21<sup>st</sup> August – Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

4<sup>th</sup> September - Supper Club, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

12<sup>th</sup> September – Charity Stall, 8.30 am - 12 noon

18<sup>th</sup> September - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

16<sup>th</sup> October - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

20<sup>th</sup> November - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

13<sup>th</sup> December – Festival of Christmas Market

18<sup>th</sup> December - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

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