

Beverley Lemgo Twinning Association

Minutes of the Management Committee

Tuesday, 4th September, 2007

Present: Mrs. E. La Penseé (Chair), Mr. G. Pearson, Mr. H.T. James, Mr. M. Revell, Mrs. G. Vosseberg-Benson, Mrs. M. Moore, Mr. J. Moore, Mr. D Moore, Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. L. Dawson, Mrs. B. Ayre

Apologies: Mr. H. Cressey

1103 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2007 were approved.

Further to the presentation given by Fran Ibson, Mr. J Moore asked how the Beverley Renaissance Partnership will impact on our Association. Mrs. La Penseé explained that, in time, the BRP will be able to offer us more resources to help with our activities, but that we firstly need to raise awareness of the Association within the Partnership.

1104 Applications for Membership

None received.

1105 Reports of Officers

(a) Hon. Secretary

The Hon. Secretary reported that he and about 10 other members had attended the funeral of former member, Mr. George Thomas.

(b) Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Committee with the Financial Statement for August, which included the sales figure from the Summer Stall (£119.55), up on the previous 2 years. He has also banked the contribution received from the Stendalers for their visit.

A discussion then ensued about the Summer Stall and how it could be improved upon. It was felt that more sales could have been achieved around noon, the busiest time, but that the stall had only been booked for the morning. There were quite a few volunteers this year, who agreed that it would not be a problem to man it for longer. The Hon. Secretary will enquire about hiring it until about 2.30 pm. It may also be sensible to set a minimum price on the goods to try and generate more profit. Mrs. La Penseé said that a new money box will be needed as the old one has broken.

(c) Travel Officer

Barbara Ayre will meet with Dieter Hirrich when he comes to Beverley, to discuss the trip to Stendal in 2008.

The idea of organising a visit to include a Christmas Market was raised. Mr. D Moore advised caution as it would be illegal to act a travel agency for people outside of the Association. The BRP could be canvassed for any interest, and we could speak to Lemgo and Stendal to see whether they would be willing to act as hosts. Mrs. Ayre will mention the idea at the Supper Club.

(d) Supper Club Organiser

The next Supper Club is on Saturday 8th September. Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson mentioned that the former landlords of 'The Altisidora' have returned.

(e) Accommodation Officers

Mrs. Moore gave details of the arrangements made for Andreas Schröder, who will arrive on 21st September until 5th October. Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson will double-check that he has organised his police clearance. Mrs. Chamberlain asked if Andreas could put his ideas and impressions about his stay in writing for the next newsletter.

Mrs. Wallis, Head of Languages at Hymers College, has also given us a contact for accommodation in Molescroft.

(f) Youth Officer

Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson reported the following:

- Fiona Buncher – 24th September – 7th October 2007. Mrs. Wallis has been in contact with her about her placement and accommodation.
- Rebecca Tomaselli – she has made contact again and asked for a placement for 2-2 ½ weeks in June/July 2008.

Only one of the group of Hymers' students, due to go to Stendal in the autumn, has returned their form and Steffen Tank has not heard anything either. Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson was unsure how to proceed. She has also received an enquiry from Timothy Brown, a Marine Biology student, who would like a placement in Germany 28th July – 10th September 2008 in order for him to practise his german language skills.

(g) Website Officer

Nothing to report.

(h) Euro Grants Officer

Nothing to report. Mr. Moore said he would be willing to attend the BRP meetings to discuss grants. Claire Watts is the person in charge of external funding.

(i) Press Officer

Nothing to report.

1106 Visit by Stendal, 15th – 18th October 2007

Mrs. La Penseé explained how one visitor, Professor Kaschade, will be staying in Beverley to set up an exhibition about Winkelmann, known as the ‘founder’ of archaeology in Germany. She has passed the information on to Fran Ibson, as it may be incorporated into the Literary Festival.

Mr. Pearson will buy a present for them.

1107 Any Other Business

The Hon. Secretary will contact the Mayor, Jim Whitfield, to find out more details about the visit by the Lemgo Mayor and Fire Brigade to Beverley.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th September – Supper Club, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

13th September - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm

20th September - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

27th September - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm

11th October - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm

15th - 18th October – Visit by Stendal Twinning Association

25th October - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm

9th November - Supper Club, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

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