



LANCS & MANX
332nd Business Meeting Minutes
Friday 1st October 2010

Scarisbrick Hotel, Southport
Hosted by Southport Hesketh Round Table 1199

- 1. Welcome and Grace**
Welcome was made by John Jones, Chairman of Southport Hesketh Round Table 1199.
- 2. Loyal Toast**
Proposed to a surprised room by Mark Howard
- 3. Aims and Objects**
Was very well read by Joe Hitchings, Southport Hesketh's smiliest member.
- 4. Grace**
In Lees absence Area President Reesy said grace whilst buttering his roll.
- 5. Approval of Notice Convening Meeting**
Proposed by Horwich Westhoughton and District 989 and seconded by Bootle Crosby and District 163.
- 6. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence have been received from Past Area Chairmen Lee Collier, Mike Orme, Peter Gibbons, Ivan Bratty, Keith Wieland, Mark Hodges and Jon Sockett, Past Area President Dave 'Bacardi' Yardley and Julian Pearson from Warrington 74 Round Table.
- 7. Roll Call of Tables Present**
Tables Present: Liverpool 8, Warrington 74, Bootle Crosby and District 163, Ormskirk 221, Liverpool Childwall 644, Huyton 856, Horwich Westhoughton and District 989, Rushen and District 1072 and Southport Hesketh 1199.
- 8. Welcome to other guests and visitors**
Only Gilli, and Hesketh have been trying to ignore him for years!
- 9. Approval of Minutes**
Southport Hesketh 1199 proposed the approval of the minutes (should think so too!), seconded by Huyton 856.
- 10. Matters arising from Minutes**
None
- 11. Correspondence and Visiting Trophy**
No correspondence.
Amazingly Horwich Westhoughton 989 now have the visiting trophy after all 4 members attended an Ormskirk meeting. As HWH don't organise any meetings themselves, they will hand the visiting trophy to the table with the most attendees at their forthcoming Charter, the date of which no one mentioned once – they mentioned it regularly!
- 12. Area Rally Report - Wal Cope for Mike Orme**
9 rooms left, bookings will only be taken with forms and money. Hotel is more luxurious than any we've been to for a few years, all rooms have balconies or patios and overlook either the marina or bay. Mark explained the format of the weekend for those that haven't been.

13. Executive Reports

➤ **Secretary Report - Carl Davies**

Started by saying he had a written report so wouldn't bore us! With an accompaniment from the musical fireworks Carl thanked all tables he has visited, encouraged everyone to use the Area Distribution List and thanked everyone for completing the AMR in a reasonably timely manner.

➤ **Treasurer Report – Richard Gormley**

Has supplied a written report listing those that have paid capitation – if you're not named pay up!

➤ **Regional Representative Report – Malcolm Mair**

Malcolm had supplied a written report but highlighted there are 8 resolutions being proposed at the National Council meeting. Malcolm is our voting member at these meetings and needs our backing on what he votes for.

Resolution 1 is to make all National Board positions 2 year fixed roles

Resolution 2 is to create the post of ICT board member

Resolution 3 is to protect the Round Table brand

Malcolm expressed his opinion on these resolutions and suggested he would vote against them. Chairman Mark agreed with Malc and expanded on the reasoning. Mike Huston, Liverpool 8 asked what Kilsh thought (he doesn't think so we don't know!) and Gordon Coyne (1199) asked what the exact role is and what the communications officer does.

These 3 resolutions were voted on as a group against agreeing to these changes. 6 for, non against.

Resolution 4 concerned allowing face to face canvassing

Resolution 5-8 concerned tidying up some of the rules following other changes that have not been reflected throughout the rules.

Area voted 8 for, non against agreeing to these amendments.

The regional go karting on the 7th October was then promoted, and a supposedly quick mention of the forthcoming regional workshops. Following a brief comfort break a proposal was made to subsidise tablers attendance at the workshops.

The original proposal was for Area to use some of its current balance to pay for 1 place for each table at a workshop.

Ormskirk 221 then proposed we should pay for each table to be represented at each workshop, which was added to by Huyton 856 suggesting it should be limited to only those who were at the area meeting, which prompted some debate whether this was fair.

The very pertinent question was then raised of how much can we actually afford. Area Treasurer suggested we could afford £50 per table but not £100, which would cost £1400.

Whilst everyone agreed this was a sound investment for the future of table (and a lot more worthwhile than jewels and allowances, so Mark explained why we have them!).

Huyton 856 explained they pay for their delegate to attend, at which point Southport Hesketh 1199 suggested area should match the funding of each tabler who attends.

Southport Hesketh also suggested funding people from tables that already had the skills and therefore the training is not needed is wasteful, and asked what evidence we had that table websites attracted new members – 800 enquiries have been received. It was emphasised the workshop would enable you to create a website linked to all the national websites and would be supported by national to a degree even if the trained person left table.

It was decided now was a time to vote!

Original proposal was for Area to pay up to £100 to pay for delegates to attend all workshops, proposed by Ormskirk 221, seconded by Huyton 856.

First amendment proposed by Southport Hesketh 1199 for Area to match funding, seconded by Huyton 856. For 8, against 1

Second amendment was the funding must be for different workshops, i.e. only 1 delegate match funded for each workshop. Proposed by Bootle Crosby and District 163, seconded by Huyton 856. Agreed unanimously

The third amendment was to cap the figure given by Area at £50 per table. Proposed by Huyton 856, seconded by Horwich Westhoughton and District 989. Agreed unanimously

The vote was finally decided to be for Area to match the funding, with a £50 cap, and not for more than 1 delegate from each table to attend each workshop.

This was agreed unanimously!

➤ **Membership Officer Report**

For personal reasons Dave Yates has had to stand down from this post. Paul Welsby has volunteered to take up the position for the rest of the year which is supported by Area Executive. Ormskirk 221 proposed to support this, seconded by Liverpool 8 and supported unanimously.

Paul then made a brief report saying to get out there, promote table at all the events we do and would like a big Table presence at the Santa Dash and Southport Hesketh's 10K run.

➤ **Media and P.R. – Mark Howard for Adam Mackridge**

Adam was not present but the Chairman thanked Adam for his sterling efforts and encouraged everyone to keep him supplied with material for the website

➤ **Sports – Chairman for Lee Collier**

Only 10% of Area went to NSW, though those that did had a great time. Please fill in the on line questionnaire as to why NSW is not supported so we can feed this back to future organisers. Nick Ormerod then promoted the Regional karting competition on Thursday 7th October, emphasising we are getting a £35 package for £20 a head on proper twin cylinder karts.

Herbie from Rushen 1072 stated the Island are interested in arranging a regional sporting weekend in 2012 if there is enough interest.

➤ **IRO & CSLO - Andrew Dooley**

Report is in pack, reminded everyone of Movember - cards being circulated, and the Mad Dog 10K.

➤ **Area Vice Chairman Report – Malcolm Mair**

Thanked everyone who supported the Mathew Street Festival Anthony Nolan stand, we got 306 people added to the register and the organisers have asked us to return next year. It was great PR.

➤ **Immediate Past Area Chairman Report - Lee Collier**

Not present – hooray!

➤ **Area Presidents Report - Peter Rees**

Report as in pack, mentioned there charter on 8th again and suggested the best way to get new members is provide a keg of beer at every meeting!

➤ **Area Chairman's Report – Mark Howard**

Report is in the pack, and please come to Horwich charter as it will be the last.

Ormskirk invited all Horwich members to join them after they close

14. Any Other Business

Nick Ormerod returned the Ian Pearce trophy to the chairman which he found at home. It was last presented to Leigh in 1999 but we don't know what for (there's a challenge for the secretary!)

15. Irving Gorski Trophy

Presented to Herbie Rossiter from Rushen 1072 (the gardener) for his statement 'If you don't plant seeds fuck all will grow' during the workshop debate!

16. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Warrington 74 will arrange it in tandem with Chorlympiad in February. Date will be on the website.

17. RTBI – 10.07 p.m. – off to the ten pin bowling!