

IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Held on Thursday 12th September 2024.

Presidents welcome:

Kevan welcomed the following lions to the September business meeting:

- Lions Sam, Pav, Alexis, Pam, Shiv, David L, Andy, Carol, Graham, Jane and Gordon.

The meeting was attended by twelve Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions members.

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were formally received from, Pete, Wendy, Frank, John and Jill Marsh, Dave P, Colin, John T, Joy and Vic

Minutes of business meeting Thursday 8th August 2024.

The minutes were reviewed for accuracy, Andy noted:

- Page 4, Events section, the fashion show date was noted incorrectly as 16th September, should read 6th September 2024

Graham noted:

- Page 5, Food section, an incorrect phrasing of “maninplace”

Subject to amendments being made, Gordon duly proposed the minutes as a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by Sam. Members then carried the decision unanimously on a vote.

Matters arising:

Kevan reviewed the three actions within the minutes and noted that they were completed and therefore duly closed.

President update Report:

Kevan advised members that the club had received via HQ, a request from Lisa Holden who wished to discuss current club activities, future club activities and speak to someone about possible membership. Kevan agreed to contact Lisa in due course to discuss her request.

Kevan pointed members to correspondence received on 11th September via John Marsh from St Georges School regarding a 6-year-old pupil, Izzy Jones. Members discussed the correspondence which outlined the financial issues the family will be experiencing in due course and agreed that Graham will contact the school for further information and clarity regarding how ISGL can best assist.

Secretary:

Andy reminded members that the latest district newsletter and calendar should be in their inbox. If anyone is not in receipt of the latest versions they are to contact Andy who will send on to them.

Andy concluded by advising members that the ISGL Public Liability insurance is due to expire later in the month and once the new certificate is available he will send on to Colin to enable him to upload to our website.

Treasurer:

Graham gave members an overview of the club's finance position to 31st August 2024

➤ Admin account closing balance to C/F:	£3,555.65
➤ Charity account closing balance to C/F:	£34,543.31
➤ Q1 Eligible Gift Aid (Charity & Admin)	£5,849.09

Graham further noted we have two "Restricted" fund items that we need to consider as they impact our "free balance".

Restricted:

➤ Flood Restricted fund:	£1,136.00
➤ Prostate Screening fund:	£1,932.00

Graham also noted three "Reserved" fund items that need to be considered as they also impact the club's free balance:

➤ TCS September:	£250.00
➤ Sunnyside Defib:	£450.00
➤ CVS Young Carers:	£250.00

When taking the above restricted and reserved funds into account this leaves the ISGL financial account with a free balance of **£30,525.31**

Graham noted that we have several small expenses to be formally approved by the members to include:

- Lions Banners
- Food Labels
- SOB Posters
- Velcro
- Swing Bin
- MIB Stand

The above items were valued at £203.98.

The expenses were formally proposed by Carol seconded by Sam and carried on a vote by members.

SOB:

Sam gave members an update on the proposed SOB programme going forward. She advised members that due to poor weather conditions the SOB planned for Sunday 8th September unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Sam directed members to the future events calendar to confirm dates for SOB events to end of June 2025, they included:

- Sunday 27th April
- Sunday 25th May
- Sunday 8th June
- Sunday 29th June

However, due to the proximity of a prostate screening programme planned for June 2025, Sam has decided to move the 29th June SOB event to Sunday 22nd June.

Action: Andy to amend the FE calendar to reflect change of date.

In closing the SOB section, Sam asked members to forward details to her of any organisations who would be interested in taking part in a SOB event as this will help to conclude the programme. Sam advised that she currently has a number of organisations but would welcome more.

Sam also took the opportunity to update members on a BBQ event she was invited to by ABT (A Better Tomorrow) Sam noted that ABT were interested in taking part in a SOB event.

Trustee Update Reports

Kevan invited club Trustee's to give members present an overview/update of recent activities for their areas of responsibility.

Events:

Kevan gave members an overview of a recent discussion he had with HQ regarding process and club liabilities should we (ISGL) be lead organisation at the Diwali event planned for Saturday 9th November 2024 at the Hadley Multicultural Centre.

Members discussed the "lead" proposal plan and it was agreed to discuss this further outside of the business meeting and to reach an agreement regarding ISGL involvement.

Kevan also noted that there is still a requirement to fill Santa slots for November and December events. Following a discussion on "needs & availability" it was agreed that Pam will send an updated programme to members for them to advise of their availability.

Action: Pam to send members latest Santa rota for November & December events.

Club Promotion and Membership:

Shiv directed members to her club report that she had prepared prior to the meeting and handed copies out to members present. The report noted that she has been working closely with Colin, Graham and Wendy and covered the following topics in depth:

- Facebook
- Website
- Club Newsletter
- Banners
- Madeley Matters

Shiv also advised members of an event she will be holding on Sunday 15th September 2024. The event is a “Cuppa & Cake” and all members are welcome.

At the event Shiv also plans to take the opportunity to promote club activities to non-members who attend along with handing out pertinent club information.

Health:

In light of Colin not being able to make the September meeting, Kevan directed members to Colin’s report he had sent to all members.

The topics covered in the report included:

- Website
- Spectacle collections
- PSA testing
- GFCT Annual Conference. (including a “hiccup” note)

Although identified within the report it is pertinent to note that Colin now has confirmed dates for two prostate screening events in 2025. The dates are:

- Saturday 8th March 2025
- Saturday 28th June 2025

The PSA events will be at the usual location of Haberdashers Abraham Darby School. Colin will update members further regarding the programmes at future business meetings.

Fundraising:

Jane updated members on the work she has been undertaking regarding fundraising bids.

Jane noted that she has produced a number of funding bids with both the national lottery and Severn Trent.

Jane took members through the process of developing bids from inception to report stage and noted organisations require differing information, but funding bids are now in process and Jane will update members of their progress at future meetings.

Jane did advise members that when compiling funding bids we (ISGL) need to evidence a project that is aligned to the bid as this will prove more successful going forward.

Community Service:

Graham directed members to his pre-prepared report which contained six items:

- Confirmation to donate to CVS young carers
- Coracle Regatta
- Supporters of Music at Abraham Darby Academy (SMADA)
- YMCA
- Christmas
- T&W CVS

Graham asked members for formal approval on some of the above items.

- **CVS Young Carers** – ISGL to donate £300.00 towards trips. This was formally proposed by Kevan, seconded by Sam and carried unanimously on a vote by members.
- **Coracle Regatta** – ISGL to donate £570.00 to Coracle Trust. This was formally proposed by Carol, seconded by Shiv and carried unanimously on a vote by members.
- **SMADA** – ISGL to donate £300.00. This was formally proposed by Carol, seconded by Kevan and carried unanimously on a vote by members.
- **YMCA** – ISGL to donate £160. 00 (max) for Nokia basic mobile phones. This was formally proposed by Sam, seconded by Pam and carried unanimously on a vote by members.
- **Christmas** – ISGL principal agreement to ringfence £500.00 for Christmas selection boxes. This was formally proposed by David L, seconded by Carol and carried unanimously on a vote by members.

Graham closed by advising members that T&W CVS have a Christmas wrapping fundraiser event in Telford Shopping Centre, December 11th to 17th and if any members can assist during these dates to advise Graham accordingly.

Food:

Andy updated members on recent food deliveries to TCS and Maninplace.

Andy thanked Sam and Pam for delivering the food on our behalf to Maninplace and thanked David for delivering the food to TCS.

Andy advised members that Christmas food leaflets have been sorted into quantities requested by members and will pass them out at end of meeting. Christmas food leaflets are now with Graham, Colin, Sam, David L, Shiv (To Pass to Wendy) and Pam.

Andy noted that from April to present day we (ISGL) have donated 129 food parcels to six local charity organisations. This is supporting our conversations earlier in the year that food crisis is not just a Christmas crisis.

Andy advised members that it is his intention to go live with the “100 bag challenge” during the last week of October and will be looking to members for support with promoting the event. Andy will bring the 100 bag challenge posters to the October business meeting and will hand them out to those members who are able to assist.

Andy closed this section by updating members on recent discussions he has had with YMCA regarding Pav’s “Feed the nation” plan. Louisa from YMCA welcomed the idea and would be interested in staging the event. Andy will update members in due course.

Social:

Pam asked members if they would like her to organise a future breakfast event. Unanimously members agreed that they would welcome another breakfast event.

Pam advised members that she will be organising a "Cuppa & Cakes event on Saturday 5th October and will send invites in due course. Pam asked Andy to include the event on the FE calendar.

Action: Andy to update the FE calendar to reflect the Oct Cuppa & Cakes event

AOB

Carol updated members fully on the recent fashion show event which took place on 6th September. Carol ran through the income and expenditure items for the event and advised the event made a surplus of £829.46

Carol thanked all members who gave their time to make the event the success it was.

Graham advised members that during his absence Colin will oversee any expense payments that need to be made.

Soccer Special:

The soccer special draw was made by Gordon and the winner this month was Lion Graham. Graham kindly offered to donate his winnings to the club.

Tail Twister

Alexis and the Lion made a final tour of the room.

Toast to ISGL and Lions Club International:

Kevan made a toast to Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions and Lions international.

With there being no further items for discussion Kevan duly closed the meeting at 21.15