

IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Held on Thursday 8th August 2024.

Presidents welcome:

Kevan welcomed the following lions to the August business meeting:

- Lions Sam, Wendy, Alexis, Frank, David L, Jill, John M, Andy, Carol, Graham, Colin, John T and Gordon

The meeting was attended by 14 Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions members.

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were formally received from, Pete, Pam, Pav, Shiv, David P, Jane and Vic

Non attendees included Joy

Minutes of business meeting Thursday 11th July 2024.

The minutes were reviewed for accuracy and of the eleven actions noted nine were closed with two actions noted to be ongoing. Graham proposed the minutes of the meeting were a true record. This was duly seconded by Wendy and carried unanimously on a vote my members.

Matters arising:

Ongoing actions

- *A member discussion took place regarding accuracy of emergency contact details held for our current members. Colin agreed to send members a "member information" form which they will need to complete and return to Colin therefore enabling him to update member records accordingly. Andy reminded members that previously he had asked members for this detail to enable the annual data cleanse to take place and minimal responses were returned.*
- *Action: Colin to forward Member information form to ISGL members*
- ***Update: Colin noted that he had only received five responses to date from members and should any further amendments be required he asked members to send completed forms to him ASAP. He further noted of the five forms received no amendments were required.***
- *At this point Pav noted that he would be happy to organise a Diwali festival event in October 2024 which will help towards the club attaining the £5,250 funds identified.*
- *Action: Kevan to discuss the proposal further with Pav and update members at August business meeting.*
- ***Update: The action remains ongoing as Pav continues to seek suitable venue for the event. Pav/Kevan to update members at September business meeting***

- *Graham gave members an overview of club dues payable for the period 1st July to 31st December 2024. Graham asked members for a decision to:*
- *Pay MD105 & 105CN Youth Donations – Member questions*
- *Pay 100% from admin account - It is to be noted that this point was formally approved by members.*
- *Following a member discussion, it was agreed that Graham will take away member questions regarding youth donations and update further at August meeting.*
- *Action: Graham to update members on queries raised at August business meeting*
- ***Update: Above action closed however Graham asked for it to be noted that the MD105 Youth Donation fund currently stands at £154,000***

Kevan reviewed the actions and noted with the exception of the ongoing actions all remaining actions were complete and therefore they were duly closed.

President update Report:

Kevan again welcomed all members to the new venue and asked for feedback on the venue. All members were positive about the new meeting venue.

Kevan also asked for members for their thoughts and opinions regarding business meeting timings. Kevan proposed that future meetings commence at 7.30pm and be completed at 9.30pm.

Members discussed the proposal and overwhelmingly agreed with the proposal.

Kevan reiterated to members that Sam is now the lead lion for SOB events and noted that she is organising a SOB event in September. The event will be an ISGL fundraiser for a Prostate Screening programme and she will be asking fellow lions for their support with the event in due course.

Action: Andy to add SOB event to FE Calendar.

Kevan updated members on a recent meeting with Pav and Kareen regarding a screening programme for BAME men. The meeting was primarily to discuss a way forward to include BAME men with future screening programmes.

Kevan closed by formally thanking Pete and Jane for their invitations to a BBQ event. All members who attended the event expressed their gratitude and noted what an excellent event it was.

Secretary:

Andy reminded members that he had sent to them the latest version of the District Calendar and newsletter which included an article from ISGL club.

Andy further advised members that he had recently received the below email from our district secretary and asked members should anyone wish to join any of the meeting to let him know and he will pass on meeting link information accordingly.

Extract of e-mail:

From Liz Axten

105N is doing 2 sessions below, we have been invited to join in. So if you would like to learn how to navigate the Lion Portal, or want more information please register so you can join in the sessions.

Liz Axten

GLT coordinator

There are two Lion Portal Training sessions scheduled:

- Wednesday 28th August at 7.30pm – lions need to register.*
- Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm – lions need to register.*

Treasurer:

Graham advised members that last year's accounts have been formally signed off

Graham noted that we have two expenses to be formally approved by the members:

- Coalbrookdale Community Hall to Dec 2024 £72.00
- 2024 Food Posters & Flyers £171.00

The above expense approvals were proposed by Sam and seconded by Alexis and carried unanimously on a vote by members present.

Graham gave a comprehensive overview of the club's financial position to date for Q1, (01 July 2024 to 30 Sept 2024) and is to be recorded as follows:

- Admin account closing balance to C/F: £3,469.08
- Charity account closing balance to C/F: £33,968.15
- Q1 Eligible Gift Aid (Charity & Admin) £5,185.44

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

When taking the above restricted fund into account this leaves the ISGL financial account with a free balance of **£30,900.15**

Graham also advised members of four small financial donations recently received into the club.

Graham asked members to discuss a donation value for a recent SOB for Madeley Community Café. The event took place on Sunday 21st July. Members discussed a donation value to be sent to Madeley Community Café and members formally proposed and unanimously approved a donation of £300.00 which exceeded the value raised on the day of the event.

Action: Graham to forward £300.00 to Madeley Community Café.

Trustee Strategy Update Reports

Events:

Kevan ran through the day events as set out in the latest version of the future events calendar.

Carol gave an update on the Fashion Show planned for Friday 16th September and advised that as of the meeting date we have sold and collected cash for 37 tickets however several members advised they have provisionally sold tickets and are awaiting the payment for them which will be forwarded to Carol in due course.

When taking the above into account Carol remained confident that the club will achieve the ticket sales planned so the event can go ahead.

Carol further advised that a fashion show planning meeting is due to take place on Monday 12th August at the venue and she will advise members of the meeting outcomes in due course.

Carol asked members to forward any raffle prizes they may have for the fashion show event to her.

Kevan noted that the Rotary Club dog show event planned for Sunday 15th September still requires member volunteers to man the TT stall and asked for members availability to be sent to him.

Kevan also asked Andy to update the Future Events calendar with the "Cuppa & Cakes" event planned for Sunday 15th September along with the SOB event (Prostate Screening) planned for 8th September.

Action: Andy to update FE calendar to reflect 2 September 2024 events.

Kevan updated members regarding the PL insurance issues surrounding the Regatta event (Car Parking) planned for Monday 26th August.

Kevan noted that he will again contact HQ for a definitive answer regarding insurance cover and Graham advised that he will immediately speak to his contact at the Coracle Trust to advise her of the current position.

Kevan asked Carol if she has a timetable of events for the non-supermarket Santa & Sleigh events and Carol advised she is progressing this post September and will update members accordingly.

Community Service:

Graham gave members a comprehensive overview of the group's activities to date to include:

- Defibrillator installation adjacent Sunnyside Avenue, Coalbrookdale. The supply and install is a joint venture with Rotary Club, ISGL and Coke Hearth Improvement Group.
- Young Carers Pumpkin Picking event
- SMADA
- Emergency Clothing project with Abraham Darby Academy

- POD (Parents Opening Doors)

During Graham's overview of POD he advised Sam that this charitable organisation would welcome the inclusion of a SOB in 2025. Sam confirmed that she will include them in within her nominations for 2025.

Regarding the above Defibrillator proposal Graham asked members for their approval, subject to CHIG raising half of the sum needed, for ISGL to donate £450.00 toward the supply and install of the defibrillator. This was formally proposed by Kev, seconded by Colin and carried unanimously on a vote by members.

Promotion and Membership:

In Shiv's absence Graham kindly updated the membership on recent promotional activities.

Graham began by asking members if they had recently viewed certain websites and social media platforms to include:

- MyLCI
- ISGL Website
- ISGL Facebook page

Members identified the social media platforms they are viewing and using. Graham took members through the recent upgrades he and Colin have made to the ISGL website and confirmed that they will continue with upgrading the site over the coming months.

Graham also confirmed the total number of views for the ISGL Facebook page and noted the increase in views.

Graham concluded by advising members that as he had not received feedback from members regarding the club strategy and objectives for 2024/25, he will begin to compile the club S&O and update members accordingly. It is the intention to place the S&O on the ISGL webpages in due course.

Food:

Andy updated members on a recent food delivery made by Sam and himself to LCT in Wellington.

Andy noted that figures from April to July 2024 we (ISGL) have donated 82 food parcels to six charity organisations.

Andy wished to express his gratitude and thanks to Pav for his continued support with food donations to the club. Pav has made several donations to the club in recent months which realises over 380 food items in that period.

Andy advised members that the 100 bag challenge posters, christmas food leaflets and food bags have now been delivered. Andy pointed members in the direction of the Christmas food plan and reiterated to members to advise him of leaflet numbers required and locations for food collections.

Andy concluded by proposing two charity organisations for August and September for our £250 food donations.

- August £250 food donation to: Man – In - Place
- September £250 food donation to: TCS

Members discussed the proposal and formally approved the above.

Sam agreed to purchase (as per the listed items within e-mail from Rose Hill dated 17th July 2024) and deliver the food donation to MIP (with the assistance of Pam) and David L agreed to deliver the food donation to TCS in September.

Health:

Colin firstly updated membership on eyecare activities and noted we now have twelve spectacle boxes in various locations throughout our region.

Colin noted that he intends to visit HQ at the end of the first quarter whereupon he will deliver the second batch of spectacles.

Colin informed members that he plans to make “PSA tests” a standard item within the monthly newsletter.

A 2025 PSA screening programme was discussed.

Colin looked to members for a “In principle” decision to run two PSA screening programmes in 2025. The programmes will align to previous screening programmes at Abraham Darby Academy and have a minimum of 300 spaces per event. Colin formally proposed the PSA screening programme to which Kevan seconded the proposal and this was carried unanimously on a vote by members in attendance.

Social:

In Pam’s absence Kevan updated members regarding a breakfast event planned at the Cock Hotel in Wellington. As no decision on dates or times had been made at the time of the meeting Wendy agreed to again speak to Simon (Landlord at the Cock Hotel) to agree availability.

AOB

Andy agreed to liaise with contacts at “In & Around” and “Ironbridge parish magazine” to ensure they are updated to reflect current meeting location.

Colin confirmed that the ISGL website has been amended to reflect the change in meeting location and Andy confirmed MyLCI has also been amended to reflect the changes.

Soccer Special:

No Soccer Special this month.

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 21.45