

IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held via Zoom at 10.30 on Saturday 31st October 2020

1. President John Marsh welcomed Lions Graham, Carol, Jill, Pam, Kevan, Martin, Jane, Peter, Charlie, Colin and John Toll.
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CIO TRUSTEE TO SERVE FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

There being no further nominations for the posts to be filled by election, the President proposed that the list of candidates (see below) should be put to a vote en bloc. This proposal was seconded by Martin and those shown below were duly elected by unanimous vote. Subject the AGM to be held in March 2021, it is anticipated that all those shown on the list will serve through to 30th June 2022.

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED BY
President	Charlie Miller	John Marsh
1 st Vice-President	Graham Powell	Colin Thompson
2 nd Vice President	Carol Powell	Charlie Miller
Treasurer	Jill Marsh	Carol Powell
Secretary	Colin Thompson	Graham Powell
One-term CIO Trustee	Jane Turner-Bragg	Colin Thompson

3. RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

To note and endorse the resolution, passed with the necessary majority, by the Trustees of the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Charitable Trust

As from the 28th July 2020 all funds held in bank accounts number 60196789 and 00122556 at Barclays Bank should be regarded as being transferred to the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions club CIO and held in those accounts on behalf of the CIO pending the closure of the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Charitable trust and the opening of new bank accounts in the name of the CIO.

From the same date, all payments into account numbers 60196789 and 00122556 at Barclays Bank, and disbursements from those accounts, should be regarded as payments made to or from the Ironbridge Lions club CIO

Proposed by Graham, seconded by Charlie and carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

a. PRESIDENT

John had nothing to report other than to express his thanks to the team for keeping the club together over the period since March and for keeping up the level of activity and achievement.

b. SECRETARY

Colin also had little to report. His main activity as Secretary over the first few months had focused on completing the CIO process and then to securing Gift Aid approval for the new charity. The first of these tasks had been successfully completed; the latter was still work in progress. He was, he said, pleased that we had maintained our profile within the community over the year and that we had managed to make a significant contribution to the community. The recent Local Hero award to the club by the Mayor and Council Leader is an indication that this contribution had not gone unnoticed.

c. TREASURER

Jill presented the Q1 current balance sheet figures – see

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xqr0vu40tb8vrk8/2020-21%20Combined%20Quarter1%20Balance%20Sheet-1.docx?dl=0>

She noted that, with very few fundraising opportunities, our income was down significantly although the Gift Aid payment from HMRC had added a very welcome £2500. The Trustees had decided not to make a further Lottery grant for prostate testing this year as we currently have £21,000 ringfenced for prostate. This leaves just £6400 in our charity account available for other causes.

d. FUNDRAISING

Carol reported that The Club's fundraising activities have been restricted severely by the Covid-19 Pandemic and as noted by the Treasurer, our income for the year reflects this.

Looking ahead to Christmas, Ironbridge Lights and Madeley Lights are cancelled, and ASDA have decided not to proceed with the Santa & Sleigh this year. We are very hopeful that the rest of the Santa & Sleigh programme will go ahead, and we are continuing our conversations with the Sainsbury, Tesco and Morrison's. We have shared dates with them as well as our planned safeguarding measures and await their response; sometimes we do certainly have to wait, witness Morrison's decision after nearly 3 months to agree the supply of reusable carrier bags for the hamper appeal.

There are two possible new additions to the Christmas programme: Ironbridge Gorge and Broseley Co-Op. We have accepted the invitation from Ironbridge to take part in their Small Business Saturday on 5 December and have prepared the licence application and outline risk assessment pending receipt of further information regarding siting and parking. Broseley Co-op have expressed interest in having Santa & Sleigh at their store and we are in contact.

As ever, whatever events we take part in, we will be very grateful for the help and assistance of Members and Friends.

e. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Graham reported that, since our last meeting at the Hub on the Hill, we had made a number of donations:

- The Hub on the Hill as a thank you for allowing us to use the accommodation
- Asthma relief to purchase nebulisers
- Kylie Roberts who lives in Woodside and whose young daughter was undergoing Proton Beam treatment in Manchester. Donation was a contribution towards her travel costs.
- Christmas boxes as in previous years for the children at Woodentops Nursery

Requests for donations have been turned down from:

- Lady Forester Care Centre based in Broseley – rejected on the basis that the Charity commission web site shows the Lady Forester Care Centre as having very significant, unrestricted funds
- Shropshire Rural Communities charity. Rejected on the basis that the request related to the cost of providing fuel poverty advice, on a Shropshire-wide basis, which is already freely available from Government sources.

There was one outstanding proposal – for a repeat of last year's donation of toys to the value of £100 to "Christmas Smiles" a local organisation which aims to ensure that no child in Telford goes without at least one present at Christmas. The proposal was seconded by Colin and carried unanimously.

The full list of donations for 20/21 to date is shown in the following table:

ISGL	02/07/2020	Theresa Michalek	Flowers	£45.99	Online	-	02/07/2020		
83	08/07/2020	Ken Stringer - Jackfield	Flood Damage						via T&WC
ISGL	04/08/2020	Dot Hill	Flowers	£45.99	Online	-	06/08/2020		
84	11/08/2020	LCIF	Lebanon Appeal	£150.00	Online	-	13/08/2020		
85	22/08/2020	LCI District 105CN	Youth Trust Appeal	£100.00	Online	-	23/08/2020		
86	10/09/2020	ISGL	Mtg. @ Hub on the Hill	£50.00	10/09/2020		10/09/2020		
87	10/09/2020	ISGL	Hampers 2020		10/09/2020		10/09/2020		Agreement to proceed
88	04/09/2020	Asthma Relief in Telford	Hospital Nebulisers	£200.00	online		28/10/2020		
89	24/09/2020	Kylie Roberts	Support - sick daughter	£200.00	online		26/09/2020		
90	12/10/2020	Wooden Tops Day Nursey	Selection Boxes	£125.00	online		13/10/2020		
91	14/10/2020	Lady Forester Centre	Hoist	-			16/10/2020		Trustee Decision
92	22/10/2020	Shropshire RCC	Fuel Poverty	-			22/10/2020		Trustee Decision
93	23/10/2020	Christmas Smiles	Childrens Toys	£100.00			31/10/2020		GM Decision
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Graham updated the meeting on progress on the “100 bag challenge”. We have so far received around 50 bags with significantly more promised. Street collections during November are in plan for Lees Farm and Sutton Hill and thereafter, the main task will be to sort the food stock into bags for dispersal in December. On the basis of last years’ experience, it seems likely that we will receive a significant amount of food after the main bagging up is completed and the current plan is to run a second distribution in late January.

Finally, looking forward to next year, the hope is that we might have returned to something approaching normality. If so, the intention is to run the 2021 SOB programme based on the organisations on the cancelled 2020 programme:

My Fam – to run clubs
 Broseley CoE Primary School – Library
 Ironbridge Coffee & Chat
 Southall School – Garden
 Madeley Community Café
 Parkinson’s Support Group
 Newport Visually Impaired Association
 Blood Bikes

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Colin mentioned the possibility of revisiting, in 2021, the possibility of a bid for the Queen’s Award for voluntary Service.
- Pam mentioned a virtual balloon race which had been launched by Cannock Lions and suggested that we might consider either running a similar race or supporting cannock by purchasing balloons.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.17 am