Toowoomba Meeting 15/07/2019

Members Present 29
Apologies 6
Absent 4
Raffle Winner David Hamilton

Sergeant Alan Twiddle

Meeting opened at 6.01pm with The Four-Way Test – Read by Sergeant and members toast to “Rotary International”.

Welcome by President David Snow.
Presentation 2019/20 board members pins – Tim Davis & Elizabeth Gillam.
PHF Presentation – Jeff Thompson
Welcome Guest Speaker Alison Fearnley

Secretary’s announcements:
Spreadsheet of members detail circulating to be updated.
Duty roster for next meeting:
  Chair Person Trevor Burstow
  Charity Box Chris Clark
  Attendance Elizabeth Gillam
  Raffle Calum Brownie

Next meeting Monday 22 July Burke & Wills
Meeting Monday 5 August will be the “Great Debate” at Glennie

President Notices:
Nakaru first instalment received - $32,500 to be invested in term deposit – No rush to spend – looking for a legacy investment opportunity – ideas welcome.

Sergeant’s Session:
Reminder for everyone to share positive/success stories of our members to the sergeants.

Monthly Board Meeting held – Directors updates:
Effective Services: Chris Clark
  • Motocross event very successful – thanks to all for help especially Mark & Leonie Weaver,
  • Decision taken not to attend Camellia show – we have donated our registration fee.

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Treasurer: David Hamilton
- Club fees for 2019/20 set at $325 – invoices to be sent this week.
- Also optional invoice of $100 for centurion club (See Tim Davis report)

Foundation: Tim Davis
- Club goal to be a “Centurion Club” – Requires every member to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation with an average of $100 donation for every member.
- Club has already 7 annual USD $1,000 contributors – so if unable to make $100 donation please consider a smaller amount as we will easily achieve the average but need every member to donate.

Youth Services: Roger Stark – Mitsukaido update
- Hosting 3 inward exchange students from 10 to 18 August – 2 boys & 1 girl aged 16.
- Looking for help with pick up from Coolangatta airport 10 August.
- Due to ages Blue cards are required – please consider applying for a Blue card if not held – no cost.

Ride the Range – Mark Norman
- Certificates of recognisitation awarded to Tim Davis & Nigel Beaman
- No update on Ride the Range 2 dates (5 weeks notice required) 10 & 17 August no longer a consideration.

Glennie Debate- Sandra Searston
- BBQ at the Glennie school
- Rotary team is: David Snow, Callum Brownie & Tim Davis
- Planning session after meeting 22 July
- Topic “Genetics can be challenged with diet and exercise” We are the affirmative.

Guest Speaker: Alison Fearnley – Climate Change
- Alison grew up on a small farm near Inverell NSW.
- Worked in Mackay CQ & now lives with her family in Toowoomba.
- With birth of her child her views on climate change altered – considered she needed to speak up to protect the future quality of life for her children.
- Linked her talk to the 4 way test – From her research, attendance at conferences and data from 2 major UN research papers believes we need to urgently act now to limit the impact of climate change.
- Alison considers the key to be a will for change – that’s why she is presenting even though not comfortable speaking to groups in the knowledge that there are diverse views on the topic.

Chairman Andrew did excellent job moderating questions on a touchy topic. Thanked Alison & presented with Rotary certificate and sketch by our own artist Guy Adamson.

**President closed meeting at 7.3pm** with singing of the National Anthem.