SAWTRY SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
7 JUNE 2011

Present: Ralph Maloney (Chair)
Jane Maloney
Adam and Clare Merton
Dave and Jo Blackett
Martin Bell
Mary Edwards
Nanda De Rosa
Chris and Michelle Deller
Gareth and Susan James
Richard Malachowski
Kim Burberry
Brian Williamson
Darius McDonald (part)
Billy Connolly
Louise Sullivan (part)
Justine Eldred (part)
Bob Finnegan
Jacqui Hedington
Marcia Bird
Steve Pratt
Jim Wildman
David Whitney and Linda Rathbone - CARESCO

Apologies: Will and Zoe Ruddell
Alison Hares
Carol Wyles
Krystyna and Paul
Jane Brown
Kelly Huntingdon
Hayley Gillespie
Eileen Le Voi

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies noted as above.

2. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made for the purpose of all members present.

3. **New members' details:**

The SSBP has three new members bringing total membership to approximately 31.

4. **Transfer of Treasurer's duties:**

Transfer of Treasurer's duties from Michelle Deller to Marcia Bird has recently taken place.

5. **News and updates:**

Jacqui Hedington is now the SSBP Entertainment Secretary.

Congratulations to member Will Ruddell who completed his 3 Peaks Challenge in 23 hours 13 minutes. Monies raised are going to the Foundation for the Study of Infant Death (FSID). Anyone wish to donate can do so via www.justgiving.com/willruddell.

6. **Charity night Friday 8 April:**

Total raised for CARESCO was £682.50. Total raised from raffle ticket sales for SSBP was £302, which will go towards the printing and distribution of the 2011 Directory.

7. **Presentation of cheque to CARESCO:**

Apologies were noted by CARESCO's Chairman who was not able to attend. On his behalf CARESCO's Treasurer Linda Rathbone and Secretary David Whitney accepted a cheque from SSBP for £682.50.

CARESCO wish to note their appreciation and thanks to the SSBP for the continued support they receive.

8. **Sawtry carnival final preparations and tasks:**

If any member would like to help out at the carnival please let Ralph Maloney know. The carnival is on Saturday 11 June, members are to arrive by 10am and the parade starts at noon.

Goodie bag items and cake donations would be very much appreciated.

All proceeds raised on the day will be in aid of CARESCO and First Responders.

Please contact Ralph Maloney if anyone is interested is helping out at the Carnival or wishes to donate items/cakes.

9. **Guest speaker: Brian Williamson - Who will pay for your long term care and how?**

Brian gave an insight into some of the regulations and legalities surrounding home owners who need to pay for long term personal care.

Brian is happy to be contacted directly by anyone wishing to enquire further about making/reviewing a Will, discussing lifetime trusts, etc.

10. **First Responders fundraising update:**

Congratulations to First Responders Jane Brown and Kelly Huntingdon who have now raised enough funds to order their second medical bag.

Fundraising activities are now under way to try to raise funds for further training.

11. **Race for Life 2011:**

Good luck to members Jane Maloney, Jo Blackett and Clare Merton who are taking part in this year's Race for Life. Anyone wishing to donate can do so via the following websites:

www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/jane-iysha
www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/joanneblackett2210
www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/claremerton2407

12. **Quiz night 16 September:**

It was suggested to have disco entertainment at the next quiz night which will be looked into further by Jacqui. **Action: Jacqui Hedington**

The night will start at 7pm and a buffet will be provided. Entry fees will be decided at a later date.

13. **2011 Directory and advertising leaflet costs:**

It was suggested to reduce the size of the 2011 Directory. Each advert will be ¼ page and in portrait. The back page will be offered out to sponsorship - cost not available yet but if anyone is interested please contact Ralph. The quality will be the same as last year's Directory. 3,000 copies will be printed (£671) and distributed (£100) within the Sawtry Eye. An exact budget has not been worked out as yet but will be confirmed shortly. It is hoped the Directory will be distributed during the end of August/beginning of September. It was suggested to distribute to Stilton within The Scan. Ralph Maloney to find out the costs involved. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

A4 two sided advertising leaflets will be distributed later in the year. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

14. **Membership Secretary vacancy:**

If anyone is interested and would like to know more about the role of Membership Secretary please contact Ralph Maloney.

15. **Any other business:**

Ralph Maloney won an auction prize of a corporate box on Saturday 1 October 2011 at the Greyhounds. The prize was auctioned at Will and Zoe Ruddell's charity day, donations going to FSID. Members are being offered tickets for the evening at £15 each which will provide a programme, a two course buffet with a private bar and facilities. Tickets are being offered on a first come first served basis. Please contact Ralph Maloney to reserve tickets for the night. SSBP will be sponsoring a race on the evening which will be named the FSID Stakes.

MBE Partners Limited are doing a promotional Father's Day offer on male fragrances.

Any members wishing to edit their page on the SSBP website please contact Dave Blackett.

Any members who wish to have news articles placed onto the website please contact Dave Blackett.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 7.30pm