

**ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY**  
**CLUB COUNCIL 23 FEBRUARY 2016**  
**-MINUTES-**

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Robert Boyd-Howell, Harry Cragg, Peter A Hermitage, Peter Hodge, Sharon Jordan, Alan Mepstead, Lewis Norris, Mark Rosen, Martin Ward

2. **APOLOGIES**

Bob Anderson, David Barton, Brian Dobinson, Margaret Griffin, Viv Pritchard

3. **MINUTES OF 21 JANUARY 2016**

These were accepted as a true record

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1. Proposed boxing match

Dealt with under President's Business

4.2. Club Visioning

MW reported that he had agreement with Colin Norgate from District to run a session for Council on "club visioning." MW will brief CN on the nature of our Club and what it achieves.

**Action: Agreed to run a special meeting of Council. MW to examine suitable dates.**

4.3. Fund raising

PAH is still to produce a discussion paper which is delayed due to the substantive item of fundraising through a boxing match for discussion at this meeting.

4.4. Children's Choir - "Big Sing"

AM reported that Dan Tompkins organizing of the event at the Marlowe on 11.4.16 is going well and it is anticipated that the event will be a sell out. **If Club members want tickets they should go to the Marlowe website.** The event is advertised on that website as "supported by Canterbury Rotary Club" and will involve the P and O choir as well as the winners of TCK 2016. £7.6k has been raised so far, including a £500 donation from the Club. Any profits arising from the event will go towards running a similar event next year. This is already scheduled for 17.3.17.

4.5. Debate on the EU

At the last Club business meeting, a discussion took place as to whether there should be a presentation on the pros and cons of EU membership. Following a show of hands at that meeting, PAH agreed to consult with a sample of members on whether that should take place and if so, what the format might be. PAH reported that he has done this and included the original proposer of that event. Given that Rotary is an apolitical organisation and there is the potential for the issue to become divisive, PAH recommended that the Club should not organise such an event. Council members unanimously agreed.

## 5. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

### 5.1 Boxing match

This formed the substantive item for discussion at the meeting. A detailed paper setting out a business case for running the event had been circulated prior to the meeting and the views of members of Council to that business case were available in written form. After further discussion, the following was agreed:

- In running this event in 2016, the Club can see whether it is a venture that can be run in subsequent years in a larger format.
- Planning should go ahead based on the assumption that profits from the event would be split 50:50 between the Prince of Wales Boxing Club (which is in need of revenue) and the Rotary Club of Canterbury. MR is leading the planning assisted by Tony Loughran who has experience of organizing such an event. PAH and BD have offered to assist.
- The business plan (which contains many estimates) needs to be firmed up with more accurate costs. This will give a much better indication of profit.
- Risk. Whilst the local boxing club is involved in the detail of planning the event, it is sensible to involve the Amateur Boxing Association in our planning. Appropriate insurance cover will be needed.
- There will need to be a concerted effort at selling the tickets to people / businesses outside our Club. MW and MR have been in contact with the Forest of Blean Club which is happy to support our efforts.
- There are elements of the contract to be signed between the Rotary Club and the Westgate Hall that need clarification. MR and PAH are meeting with the manager of the Hall on 29.2.16 and will address those issues and pricing. The deposit for the Hall can be negotiated and paid once that meeting has been satisfactorily concluded.
- The planning for the event will take place through the Fund Raising Committee with normal reporting of progress through Council.

### 5.2 Cluster Group

PAH reported that a meeting of the cluster group of local Rotary clubs takes place this week.

### 5.3 District meeting

PAH, PH, SJ and MW attended the District Council Meeting on 18.2.16. A number of points were noted:

- Emphasis from District to publicise what is achieved.
- District subscriptions will be reduced from £16 to £8 next year. This point has previously been discussed at a Club business meeting where it was debated whether we should continue to collect the £16 and use the £8 windfall to support Polio Plus. It was noted that our Club has recently given a sum to Polio Plus through the International Committee. There was general agreement that we should collect the full £16, but there had been a divergence of views as to what use should be made of that sum. LN reminded the meeting that the £8 could be used either for Club purposes or charitable giving. The full amount will be about £528 and will not be available until after the start of the next Rotary year. The need for new microphone equipment for Club meetings was identified as a possible use for the windfall and MW agreed to find the costs of such equipment.

**Action: Council members to bring suggestions for the use of the money to the next meeting so that a recommendation can be agreed and taken to the Club.**

- District Council had thanked Alastair Scott for his work as examiner of the accounts. Well done, Alastair!
- At District level the concept of “community emergency support” is being developed by Robin Doldridge.  
**Action: PAH to speak to Robin to see whether our Club can play a part.**

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1. LN presented a summary of funds, which is attached to these minutes.

6.2. There is £1,500 in the Joint Pentangular Project fund.

**Action: It was agreed that RBH will arrange with MG and Tony Pomeroy to give a presentation to the Club on the project and its funding.**

**Action: RBH will discuss with MG and TP the drafting of a letter to the Pentangular Clubs setting out expectations from them in terms of funding and the collection of monies.**

**Action: RBH to look with LN at setting up an account specifically for the project.**

6.3. The website fund presently stands at £1,479. The £1,900 provided in the form of debentures by various Club members for website development is held separately. MW reported that discussions with Extra Digital for the development of the site had slowed given the potential development of a District model, which we might be able to use. He advised that any development of our site ought to be achievable from the £1,479 plus advertising revenue that we can potentially achieve from any new site. It was his opinion that those members who had offered debenture funds be invited to consider what they might want achieved with their money.

**Action: MW to draft correspondence for signature by the President.**

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Placing minutes on the website PAH reminded Committee chairmen to ensure that minutes are placed on the website. He will speak to RH reference this point.
- Community service – Minutes received
- Club Service – MW – nil to report
- Foundation No papers
- Fundraising. Minutes received
- International. RBH nil additional to report
- Membership No papers
- Pentangular No papers
- PR and Comms MW nil to report
- Vocational Service. Minutes received

## 8. AOB

8.1. MW reported flyers for TCK were ready for circulation. We need to press ahead with ticket sales and SJ asked for potential advertisers in the programme to be identified a.s.a.p.

8.2. Rosemary Doyle has asked that where we know there are events forthcoming that she be notified for the newsletter.

## 9. DONM:

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 6.30pm at the K & C Club

## SUMMARY OF FUNDS - February 2016

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
100 Club	883	175	708	708
General Fund	5397.5	3165.56	1900	2231.94
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS</b>	6280.5	3340.56		2939.94
<b>GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE</b>				<b>331.94</b>
WEBSITE	1881	402		1479
<b>FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES</b>				
Total	5429.23	5303.89		125.34
<b>PENTANGULAR</b>				
Total	8018.45	381		7637.45
<b>MINI GROUP EXCHANGE</b>				
Total	1279	492.2		786.8
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	3214	3259.91		45
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	1024	1024		0
<b>TOTAL CLUB FUNDS</b>				<b>14583.81</b>
<b>DINING ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	26028.65	19625.68		<b>6402.97</b>
<b>CHARITY ACCOUNT</b>				
Emergency Reserve	3000	1500	1500	1500
Joint Pentangular Project Foundation				1500
	639.86	612	27.86	27.86
<b>Total</b>	1500			1500
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	2424.73	1941.7		483.03
<b>VOCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	1600	1400	200	200
<b>WEEKLY RAFFLE</b>	761		761	761
<b>CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	9925.59	5453.7		4471.89
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>				
Total	8912.85	5911.62		3001.23
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE</b>				
Total	7444.29	6250		1194.29
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>				<b>8667.41</b>
<b>EVENTS ACCOUNT</b>				
Total	14463.81	11987.98		2475.83
<b>MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>				
Investments (at end September)	62542.19			
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	9114.04			9114.04
<b>TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND</b>	71656.23			71656.23
<b>TOTAL ASSETS HELD</b>				<b>103786.25</b>