

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of International Service Committee for May 14th 2013

1. **Attendance:** Rtms A.Holmes, M Esdale, T.Pomeroy (Chairman) V Pritchard and P Sayer.
2. **Apologies:** Rtms B Anderson V.Banks, G.Colson, J.Harris ,C Lees and L Rea.
3. **Minutes of March:** no matters arising.
4. **Finance:** £1159 with the £500 sent to the Bori Apprentice Training Course and £260 to Lydia Ashton for her Cambodia trip. I will be asking Club Council when we can expect more funding.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. Noted that we will receive additional information from the “Health for All Charity” about the Micro Credit programme we fund in India.
 - b. Noted that Tom Henderson has set up a similar charity to Shelterbox- his “Jane Henderson Foundation Charity” Sent him our best wishes.
 - c. Noted the £490 sent to us from Henry Killinder which we passed onto Shelterbox. Letter of grateful thanks from International sent to Henry.
 - d. Update from Shelterbox on their humanitarian work being done inside Syria – 294,000 Syrian refugees living in Turkey – 2.5 million people displaced inside Syria.
 - e. Noted receipt for our £250 sent to Disabled Equipment Sent Overseas Charity (DESO)
 - f. Newsletter from Action in the Community Charity who operate in Kenya and Tanzania.
 - g. Noted newsletter from the Kajokji Educational Trust and thanks for our £500 towards their feeding programme in two schools south of Mombasa.
 - h. Email request from a Sharon Jordon – Akiwumi an anthropology student at UKC who hopes to go on the 21st May to Nigeria with the VSO. She has raised £400 towards her £800 she needs. I did Email her back with our rules regarding students having to raise three quarters of the money before we give our usual £250 and no response so far. It is a very late application.
 - i. My first cheque of £250 was sent to Sophie Elkins for her El Salvador trip but never arrived. A second cheque was sent and Sophie says that also didn’t arrive so I have asked Alastair Scott to confirm that neither cheque has been cashed. It is worrying that two cheques can get lost in the post.
6. I have started resubmitting an application for a Rotary District Matching Grant for our Apprentice Training Project in the Kajokji District of South Sudan and am grateful to Viv

Pritchard and Robin Vickers for their suggestions. At present the form is with Alasdair Hogarth the Chairman of the Educational Trust Charity for his input before I send it to all the International Committee members for their approval.

7. The funding sub committee of Margaret Griffin, Robin Vickers and myself have agreed on making a Rotary Global Grant Application for the building of a new four classroom block at the Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School in Juba. I have received drawings, specifications, bills of quantities and submissions of tenders for the work which will cost \$1000,000. The application process is an on line one and will be started in the Autumn.
8. International has put in a project for consideration by the five Pentangular Presidents in Leiden on the 25th May as the next JPP. It is the Juba Educational Bursary Project at a cost of Euros 30,000. The other project to be considered is Leurven's Prosthetic Limb project in the Congo at a cost of E35,000 Euros and I have asked for an equal share in the available funding. I did this because I am not certain that the funding will allow for two projects. All International Committee members have had a copy sent to them for comments and I have incorporated their suggestions in addition to those from Viv Pritchard, Alan Forrest and Robin Vickers. I am grateful for all their help. At present the application is with the President for his perusal.
9. Following Bob Anderson's suggestion I have Emailed all Rotarians with a list of where we have spent the club's money over the past three years. I am surprised that we have given Shelterbox such a considerable sum of money.
10. We need to match the income we get from the weekly raffle for Aquabox and our donations to them. Can we agree to give them £500? That would reduce our available money to £600.
11. **Tools for Self Reliance Charity** - one that John Sullivan was very keen on. We agreed to restart our involvement and I have been in touch with the Netley Marsh HQ at Southampton about the collection process. I am now the named collector for Canterbury Rotary Club and will store any second hand tools from club members which the Regional Collector will take from me to the Netley Marsh workshops where all the tools are checked and renovated prior to being sent to Africa. The tools they need include plumbing and carpentry tools, building tools including trowels, bicycle repair tools, sewing machines, blacksmith tools and foot pumps. What they do not need is spanners, car jacks, garden tools except for heavy duty spades, bicycles, lawnmowers and cooking pots. I will alert all club members that we will collect and store any suitable second hand tools.
12. **AOB** none.

Next International committee meeting is on Tuesday 11 June but that appears to conflict with ladies night so I will have to check with Peer is that is still the correct date