

## Canterbury Rotary Club

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 International Committee Minutes Abbott's Barton Hotel 12.0

1. Attendance . Rrns V.Banks,G.Colson, R.Boyd-Howell, A.Holmes, T.Pomeroy (Chairman) President V.Pritchard also attended.
2. Apologies. Rtns B Anderson, J.Harris,M.Griffin and C.Lees.
3. Minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> no matters arising.
4. Finance £3886 available.
5. Correspondence
  - a. Committee noted the Email from Seeds for Africa Charity with grateful thanks for our donation of £350 and highlighted their aim of addressing hunger in Kenya through education on sustainable kitchen farming and water harvesting.
  - b. Agreed a donation of £150 towards Team Tanzania Charity's project of coop and chickens for a leper village in Tanzania. C.Colson said he would talk to Peter Warr about other of the charity's project.
  - c. Noted the correspondence TP had with Ralph Stanger District 1120 Grant Liaison Officer over the Apprentice Training Course that the Kajojeji Educational Trust is having in South Sudan. We had been given a District Grant to pay for the course which had been postponed due to the civil unrest in the country earlier in the year. TP had been told by Alasdair Hogarth that the three month course would take place by the end of the year – within the time limit set by Rotary International. Action. TP had sent in an interim report to District and will keep committee informed about the course.
  - d. Noted the publicity the International Committee had about the Girls only Bursary in Juba. MG's piece about the need for Rotary to fund girl's secondary education was mentioned in the Rotary South East Magazine along with our successful District Grant for our training course mentioned in item 5c. Thanks to Alan Holmes for the suggestion, Margaret Griffin for editing the publicity and to Martin Ward for forwarding the piece.
  - e. Noted the recent Email from Healthcare Ethiopia thanking us for our donation and the photos of the mosquito nets we paid for in use in the Ethiopian Hospital. Action Committee expressed desire to fund the charity's autumn trip to Ethiopia. Action TP to contact Nicky Morgan the local midwife organising the trip for suggestions on what we could usefully support.
  - f. Noted that BA attended the AGM of "Tools for Self Reliance – Canterbury" and his comments about the charity being well run and supported. Committee agreed that our second hand collection would continue.
  - g. Noted that MG had purchased some badly needed school text books for the Juba School and agreed that we will refund the £80.71 she spent. Also agreed that we would give her £400 to buy more books for the school – this had been suggested by BA and approved by Imogen Sayer as an appropriate commemoration of Peter Sayer who had been a faithful supporter of the committee. Action TP to get cheques.
  - h. Noted Email from the Steepur Village Charity requesting donation. This charity operates in Bangladesh but is run in Beckenham. Committee agreed it isn't local and doesn't meet our criteria. Action TP to Email them back with our decision and best wishes for the future.

- i. Noted that TP forwarded the names of Joe Smith of the Neuvias Esperanzas Charity which operates in Western Nicaragua and John Miles of the Guildford Rotary Club's Eye Surgery Project to Peter Wales as future speakers.
- j. Noted the recent correspondence between TP and Carl Neesons of the Leuven Rotary Club about the delay in starting their joint pentangular project in the Congo and applying for a Global Grant. This is producing a considerable delay in processing our application for District Designated Funds which is an important part of our funding process. The President said he would contact the other clubs on the need to keep to a timetable so that our own joint pentangular project in South Sudan can start next year.
- k. Noted that TP had contacted the Forest of Blean Rotary about their future projects in an attempts to start a joint project but this proved impossible. Noted also that the other two Canterbury Rotary Clubs hadn't replied.
- l. Noted the Email from Daniel O'Shea about his trip to Tanzania which we helped fund. Daniel said "the experience had changed his life". TP had wished him the best for the future.
6. Discussion about the agreed paper on the "role" and "terms of reference" of International that we passed to Club Council. The President explained that all committees had to produce these documents which Club Council will consider and agreed that TP could get these papers on our club web site for future applicants to read before applying for money.
7. John Harris was thanked for presenting a paper on what work the committee had done over the past year. Noted that TP gave monthly updates on International work to Rosemary Doyle for her newsletters.
8. Agreed to give £250 to Jack Butcher for his trip to Japan for a world wide scouting jamboree – he needed £2400 for the trip, had fundraised nearly £2,000 himself. Committee agreed to donation of £250. Action TP to raise cheque and give it to Jack.
9. Noted that TP had Emailed President Elect Peter Hemitage to say he would be standing down in June 2015 after 5 years as Committee Chairman.
10. AOB none  
Next Committee meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 6.0 at Cricket Ground.