

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
MINUTES OF CLUB COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
HIGHFIELD HOUSE ON 26TH AUGUST 2009

1. Attendance and apologies:

Present: RKC (President), RY, RP, MW, JH, TP, DB, RB, AS

Apologies: ST, JD, AF, HC

Also present: C. Lees (Minutes)

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 29th July 2009

These minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda

The cost of rotary raised at the last meeting continues to be of concern. It has been considered by Club Council and will be raised by the Committees and reviewed within 3 months.

4. Presidents Business

a) Credit Crunch Conference: The Conference is scheduled to take place on 21st November 2009. RKC plans to meet with Chris Sands to discuss the details. Club Council thought that it would be useful to liaise with the City Council, in particular with Larissa Laing, as some ground work already done in this space.

The President is finalising list of who will be invited to attend from local charities, local Government bodies and other local groups who may be able to add value to the Conference.

ACTION: RKC to contact Larissa Laing of Canterbury City Council to investigate possible link into the work already done by the council.

b) Ascot Tea: Will take place on 31st August. 50 tickets already sold. Proceeds to go to Community Committee.

5. Financial Report

AS presented the club accounts. 5 members still need to pay their subscriptions for 2009-10.

One member, David Lamper may be considering moving on due to low attendance. The President felt that efforts should be made to encourage him to remain in the club.

Status of Club Bank Accounts

Events Account has £4072 (includes duck race money-collected £3996 spent £53). Will increase once Corporate Duck Money collected.

Charity Account has £8987 (includes Auction of Promises money-collected £7467 spent £1332).

General Account has £8287

Books are up to date and can be audited.

Allocated annual committee budgets of £3500 per committee proposed by AS and approved y Club Council.

All costs for Speakers meals are covered by the club. GSE visitors will be covered by rotary funds.

6. Committee Reports

- a) *Mini-Group Exchange* .will take place 6-13th September . 6 Visitors expected each covered by a 100 Euro budget from their club. Will attend evening meeting on 8th September. Canterbury need to find delegates for next years exchange.

ACTION : TP and International Committee to nominate 2 people from Canterbury for next years exchange.

- b) *Club Service*: Discussions took place as to value of attending joint services meeting and Rotary cluster groups meeting during Cricket week. It was thought that one cluster group meeting would be better. RY sought approval to take this suggestion to Cluster Club Meeting in September. Approval granted b Club Council.

ACTION:RY to meet with Cluster groups and propose only one Cluster Group Meeting to be held during cricket week and to withdraw from the joint services meeting from a club perspective

Mike Bridgeford is organising the GSE evening at the Cricket Club in October . As this will be open to other local Rotarians and partners it was agreed that payment for dinner is required by 22nd September. Cost is £13.50. Minimum of 60 people required by Cricket Club in order for event to go ahead.

RP highlighted a point of order to Council in that changes to times for weekly rotary meetings should be agreed by Club Council before the dates are changed.

ACTION: RY to e-mail Mike Bridgeford and other GSE Visit Committee Members , Steve Root from Canterbury Sunrise and the Herne Bay Representative to check requirements and numbers.

ACTION: Mike Bridgeford to actively engage in finding a suitable candidate for the GSE Exchange in New Hampshire.

ACTION: RKC to consolidate material highlighting the benefits of volunteering for the GSE Exchange programme. RKC to speak with Dr Curie Scott .

ACTION: The Foundation Committee (Mike Bridgeford) to invite the Brazilian Team to the GSE event on 6th October. If the team chose to attend it will be at their own expense.

RY discussed next years meeting with St Quentin. There is a belief that St Quentin will come to Canterbury between 8th to 10 October 2010.

ACTION: RY to liaise with St Quentin regarding next years visit and report back to the Club council.

- c) *Community Service*: Air Ambulance have requested assistance with fund raising 21-26th September. Rotary looking to help on Friday 25th September at Sainsbury's. Agreed that this would be put to the club.

- d) *International*: 2 applications for help. Disabled Action Overseas(Rejected) and Jack Castle who is looking to go abroad and required funds. However, he has not met the criteria at the moment for the amount of funding he has raised on his own.
- e) *Fund Raising*: Report to club at last meeting on proposed competition to raise funds presented by Peter Hemitage and Tim Brett.
- f) *Public Relations*: DB expressed a concern related to item 7 of the Public relations committee minutes. It was felt that the wording was a little insensitive. This comment was noted by MW .

RB advised that the format of photographs submitted to the local press should be full pixel. Also Photos need to be more animated showing members engaged in activities rather than plain group photographs to stand a better chance of inclusion in the newspaper.

7. Secretary's Report

- a) *Club Constitution and By Laws*: RP's proposals detailed in Section 6 of the minutes on this subject were endorsed by the Club Council.
- b) *District Council 17th September*: Will be attended by RKC and RP. Others to advise within RP within next few days if attending.
- c) *Nick O'Shea review of Millennium scholarship*: Agreed by Council that no review required this year.
- d) *Health and Safety*:: Annual review of policy due.

ACTION: TP and Peer Le Fleming to review Health and Safety policy.

- e) *Banner Design*: New Design approved by Club Council. 50 Banners to be ordered.
- f) *Headed Paper*: Current supply exhausted. RP to print off additional sheets until new design approved and ready for printing –Awaiting decision of new club in Netherlands to be added to pentangular details.
- g) *Name Badges*: Current supply exhausted. Agreed 20 badges to be ordered.
- h) *Ties*: Only 1 club tie left. Agreed new design required.

ACTION: RP to organise Tie design competition.

- i) *Club Mobile Phone*: Covered by Public Relations Committee.
- j) *Leave of Absence*: DB's request fro Leave of absence from 29th September to 3rd November granted.

8. Any Other Business

- a) *House of Lords Dinner*: Available for up to 120 people. Will initially be for Members and partners but could be extended out to additional guests if spaces available. Penalties will apply if cancelled or numbers not met, Club council agreed to underwrite these.

Costs will depend on what is chosen. £75 per head including half bottle of wine per person or £80 if on e pre-dinner drink included. Transport by bus will be £10. DB granted permission to advertise this opportunity to the club.

- b) *Committees not represented at Club Council:* RY raised concerns that some committees not represented at Club council-Interact, Foundation, Vocational. RYC stated that the interests of these groups were covered by other council members.
- c) *Conferences:* RP will cover Robin Quarrell's duties in this area until further notice.
- d) *New Pentangular Club:* RY Advised that 5 Dutch clubs are under consideration as potential new pentangular members, Eric Van Der Linden dealing.

9. Date and location of next meeting

30th September at Highfield House