

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of Club Council

22nd July 2014 at The Kent and Canterbury Club

Present: President Viv Pritchard, Robert Boyd-Howell, Harry Cragg, Geoff Gooban, Peer Le Fleming, Alan Mepstead, Lewis Norris, Martin Ward and Robert Young.
Apologies from: David Barton, Brian Dobinson, Peter Hermitage.

Minutes of the last meeting

Council approved the draft Minutes prepared by BD as amended by VP. PLF to produce the composite approved Minutes for circulation to Council and the club's website.

Matters arising

1. Council resolved that future Council Minutes should be posted to the website one month in arrears once they had been approved by the subsequent council meeting.
2. Council agreed in principal that the President should draft letters to be sent to three members with a very poor attendance record. VP will circulate the draft letter by email for comment or approval.
3. Item 4b: GG confirmed he had heard nothing further regarding the interact funds at the Simon Langton Girls School. GG will contact the Chair of Governors at the school to discuss the situation. Council recommended that MG should explore the possibility of setting up interact clubs in other schools.
4. Items 6C and 9C: in each case the reference to TP should be a reference to LS.
5. Item 7: MW will report to Council at the next meeting on the website funding arrangements) LN to advise Council of the terms of the members' bonds and their repayment.

President's business

1. Item 4a: Council approved the co-option of AM and RBH to Club Council.
2. Item 4b: Council noted with regret the resignation of Mark Esdale from the Club. The resignation will take effect from 30th June 2014. The Membership Committee will address issues given in ME's feedback and subsequently report to the Council.

3. Item 4c: Council noted that GG's granddaughter does not meet the age qualification for the MGSE to take place at Leiden in August 2014.
4. Item 4d: Council noted the President's wish to review the role of the club's committees. Council will give consideration at a future meeting to the outcome of the review and the possibility of creating a youth committee.
5. Item 4e: VP will circulate a revised program for presentation to business meetings with the club.
6. Item 4F: Council will consider at a future meeting a draft questionnaire to canvas members views on specific issues relating to the club's development. VP prepare the draft document in consultation with BD.

Members Business

Item 5: Interact. Dealt with under matters arising.

Financial report

1. Item 6(a) LN circulated a draft spreadsheet of un-reconciled accounts. LN will check when the club's accounts are presented to the club. LN raised the issue of some members subscriptions which remain unpaid and agreed that suitable contact would be made with the members or suitable reminders given to the members.
2. Item 6(b): Council resolved to make an allocation of £2,500 from charity funds to the Community Service Committee. Council will keep under review the requirement for an allocation of funds to the International Committee on request.

Committee reports

Item 7: Committee reports. Council resolve to take the minutes as read. AM raised the possibility of the Vocational Service Committee organising a careers fair for the local schools. The VS committee will make enquiries as to the perceived need for a careers fair with the school before progressing the idea.

Secretary's report

1. Item 8(a): Secretary's report. Leave of absence agreed for CL until October 2014 and RY for August 2014.
2. Item 8(b): The council approved in principle the application by RM to join the club subject to the application form being signed by RM. Once the signed application form is received PLF will circulates the appropriate notice to members.

AOB

None

Date of next meeting 26th August 2014.