

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE – 21st MAY 2014

Present: VP(Chairman), RD, DB, AF, SJ, HC, GG.

Apologies: KB

1. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April were agreed.
2. Chairman's Remarks
 - a) District Assembly – VP and GG outlined some of the themes of the recent Assembly. 10 club members attended and they all found it stimulating and informative. Presentation on PR and marketing stressed the importance of coming up with a more exciting message on the work of Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian. Also interesting presentation on opportunities to help communities during emergencies, such as flooding.
Important message that we need to be flexible regarding membership rules to encourage new and younger members eg Associate membership or e membership are being explored. There should be no limit to the size of a club and some may wish to encourage spouses to join up. “Do what is right for your club”.
 - b) Next Year’s Programme – VP outlined his plans for the first few weeks of the next presidency. Committee agreed on the rationale of combining the July Guest Night with Friends of the Festival event at Mount Ephraim on Thursday 31st July, in lieu of Tuesday evening meeting. Also, proposal to hold Summer Concert on Saturday 16th August. Discussions now at an advanced stage with CCCU. But also proposal to cancel luncheon meeting on 19th August.
3. Dining.
Some problems and discontent with arrangements at Abbots Barton Hotel. The D&E committee are exploring new options when cricket club not available, and next meeting venue has been changed from AB Hotel to the Kent and Canterbury Club, as a trial.
4. Speakers programme
PW not in attendance
5. Newsletter. The June issue being drafted. Some information agreed but RD to discuss details of speakers with PW.
Key events in July and August noted including 31st July Guest Night and 16th August Summer Concert.
6. Membership. Rose Marie has attended some meetings and is keen to join. Forms are currently being filled in and we hope that formal induction can be arranged shortly.
7. Health and Safety and Protection

Information on new RIBI guidelines on child protection needs to be made available to members. Arrange short presentation at suitable business meeting.

8. Registrar. KB not in attendance.

8. Any other business

Interact – e-mail sent by Margaret Griffin setting out problems with current Interact arrangements at the Simon Langton Girls School. Apparent lack of support from Head Teacher may mean that continuing Interact may not be possible. Also concern about how funds raised by group last year has been accounted for. Suggest matter to be considered by Club Council with input from the Treasurer.

9. Next meeting: 18th June 2014 at 6.00pm.