

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Club Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2013

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present:

President G Goodban
PE V Pritchard
IPP Robert Boyd-Howell
PP D Barton
PP A Scott
PP R Yonge
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn S Jordan
Rtn T Pomeroy
Rtn M Ward

Apologies:

PP J Hill
Rtn B Dobinson

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 2013 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

(a) Item 4

RY produced the Rotary plaque which is to be erected at the Kent County Cricket Ground. The plaque cost £148.50. KCCC has agreed to meet the costs. The Club will pay the invoice in the first instance and seek reimbursement from KCCC. RY to liaise with KCCC re the location of the sign and reimbursement of the cost involved.

(b) Item 5

MW reported that there has been progress on the website but communication with Cornish Web Services still require considerable prompting. MW proposed a face-to-face meeting with himself, Robin Hendy and Mark Esdale and CWS to resolve some of the outstanding issues. MW confirmed that inability to access Club Minutes on the website is a known problem.

(c) No other matters arising save as appear on the Agenda.

4. President's Business

GG confirmed that the Club Directory will go to reprint.

- (a) i. Council noted that the elected members of Council are DB, BD, JH, TP, MW and RY. SJ is a co-opted member of Council. The Club Officers are as stated in the Directory.

Honorary Members.

Lord Carey is an honorary life member of the Club. The former Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams was elected as an honorary member for a period of three years which expires at the end of the 2013/14 Rotary Year and is therefore an honorary member of the Club for the current year. The Lord Mayor has now accepted the invitation to become an honorary member of the Club for the Rotary Year 2013/14 and can be shown as an honorary member on the Directory.

- ii. Council noted that there are a number of date and fixture clashes in the Directory which will be reviewed before the Directory goes to reprint. The dates will also include the date for the Pentangular visit on 13th, 14th and 15th June 2014 and note the Duck Race on a date to be determined in July 2014.
Council recommended that GG should check the Inner Wheel calendar to avoid clashes with Inner Wheel events.

(b) Committee Membership

Council reviewed the proposed members of the Committees and other posts.

Community Service Committee

Council noted that the E Abbott no longer attends the Committee meetings due to ill health. GG agreed to appoint D Lewis to the Community Service Committee in place of E Abbott.

International Committee

GG agreed to appoint Margaret Griffin and to confirm Caroline Lees as members of the International Committee. GG will appoint M Esdale to the International Committee subject to checking with him. Council recommended that A Clague and M Bridgeford could be removed from the International Committee as they had not attended Committee meetings.

Fundraising

GG agreed that VP would be removed as a member of the Committee on the basis that he would be invited to attend the Committee Meetings ex officio in any event. RBH to be added to the Committee.

Public Relations

Council made no recommendations for changes to the Public Relations Committee noting that the Committee will meet approximately every two months.

Vocational Service

Council made no recommendations for changes to the Vocational Service Committee.

Interact Committee

Council made no recommendations for changes to the Interact Committee.

Dining and Entertainments Committee

Council recommended that Martin Edwards be added to the Committee.

Protection Health and Safety

Council noted that J Harris may want to come off the Committee and that GG would like to appoint Jacqueline Bartlett to the Committee once her membership has been approved.

Membership Committee

Council recommended that SJ be removed from the Committee.

Saint Quentin Committee

Council made no recommendations for changes to the Saint Quentin Committee.

Awards Committee

Council discussed the makeup of the Awards Committee at some length. After discussion, Council recommended that the Awards Committee should comprise the Paul Harris Fellows in the Club (with the exception of Sidney Roe due to his health) for the Awards Committee to make recommendations as appropriate to the President. Council noted that the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship is formally a decision for the President.

The committee noted the suggestion that there was a lack of knowledge amongst the Club members as to how Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded. MW suggested that there should be clear criteria for the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship. AS confirmed that he would be happy to address the Club on the subject of Paul Harris Fellowships.

Council noted that the Club has "credits" to award Paul Harris Fellowships – based on contributions to Rotary Foundation over the years but that such credits will be lost if not used within the next three years.

(c) Other Positions

Almoner

Council noted that GD was not able to take on the role of Almoner and made suggestions as to suitable members of the Club whom the President could to invite to take on the role.

Club Councillors

Council noted the proposal to recommend that Vic Banks be appointed and Peter Hermitage be invited to the roles

Conference Officers

The Committee recommended that SJ should not take on the role of Conference Officer in view of her other Club commitments. Council noted the need for GG to discuss the appointment with Nan Miller and suggested that Nan Miller could also discuss with Colin McKone what was involved in the role of Conference Officer.

Joint Services Committee

V Pritchard endorsed by Council.

Pentangular Project (JPP) and Pentangular Officer

After discussion Council recommended that RBH be appointed as the Pentangular Project Officer and that Rosemary Doyle be appointed as the Pentangular Officer, subject to GG checking with Alan Forrest the current Pentangular Project Officer as to his willingness to step down from the role as the previous Pentangular Project has now been completed and the Club is on the verge of embarking on a new Penangular Project.

Steward Coordinator and 100 Club

Council recommended that SJ should not take on these roles in view of her other commitments to the Club and noted the President's proposal for alternative appointments to the roles.

Millennium Scholarship Administrator

Council noted that LS had to step down from the role for personal reasons and made suggestions as to suitable members of the Club whom the President could to invite to take on the role.

(c) Allocation of Charitable Funds

See Financial Report.

- (d) Council noted Roger Bickerton's submissions re criteria for honorary membership. Council suggested that the issue could be discussed by the Club at the September Business Meeting.

- (e) Duck Race

RY reported on the great success of the recent Duck Race. Council noted the need for more sellers on the day including sellers to be in the vicinity of the start as well as in the vicinity of the finish. RY reported that the supermarket banners could be improved and that possibly arrangements made to "liven up" the collections (e.g. duck outfits/heads).

RY reported on the excellent publicity the event had received this year being not only publicity for the event but good promotion for Rotary generally.

Council recorded its thanks to RY and all who had helped make the event a success.

Council noted the serious problem that had been caused to the event this year by punts punting through the race and disrupting the ducks as well as removing some of the ducks from the race. Council noted that the Canterbury City Council have granted another concession to a canoe company to launch from Toddlers Cove. The issue will be discussed at the next Fundraising Meeting.

Council recommended that the Club engage very early on with the owners, particularly of the punt concession, but also the canoe concession, to try to avoid the disruption to the Club's charitable event. Options would include inviting the companies to suspend trips for half an hour on the Saturday morning in question or to book the punts for the half an hour in question. Possibly the punt company could be given some publicity for voluntarily suspending the punt trips for half an hour.

GG to follow up with a view to a meeting with the owner(s) in the near future while the event is fresh in everyone's mind.

Council also considered the possibility of making presentation to individual winners. GG to liaise with Simon Edridge as to the identities of the winners and possible invitations to the Club to receive cheques.

- (f) Other Presidential Matters

None.

5. Financial Report

AS produced a summary of the Club finances at 23rd July 2013.

Council noted that the Club held £25,180 in the Charity Account which, after allocations and provisions, left £10,523 available for immediate allocation to the spending committees.

Council agreed to allocate £5,000 to each of the Community Service Committee and the International Committee.

AS reported that he would review the "prudent reserve" on a three monthly basis with a view to distributing the surplus funds from the "prudent reserve" throughout the year.

AS reported that 46 members had paid their annual subscriptions, 21 members had not yet paid their annual subscriptions.

The Duck Race has raised approximately £6,000.

6. Committee Reports

- (a) Club Service
The Dining Report was noted.
- (b) Community Service
The Minutes were noted.
- (c) International Committee
TP reported that the Committee was awaiting information from RC Leuvan regarding the joint Pentangular Project. The information must be received in English and in Rotary format in order to progress the application for a Rotary Global Grant.
- (d) Public Relations and Communication
The Minutes were circulated and noted.

7. Secretary's Report

- (a) The Committee that the invitation made to the Archbishop of Canterbury to accept honorary membership of the Club had been acknowledged but not decided. The Committee noted that the Lord Mayor had accepted the Club's invitation to honorary membership.
- (b) The Committee granted leave of absence to Robin Vickers from 23rd July 2013 to 3rd September 2013.
- (c) The Committee noted the annual assembly on 30th July 2013 will be attended by the Assistant Governor Pauline Goldsack. The Club Assembly will be addressed by the President and Chairman of the Committees. PLF to circulate the Committee Chairmen for any written submissions in advance.

8. District Matters

The Committee noted the date of the District Council Meeting on 19th September 2013 and District Conference on 24th to 27th October 2013.

9. Any Other Business

- (a) Council agreed to discuss the position of members who do not attend or participate in the Club at a future Club Council Meeting.
- (b) Group Study Exchange

AS reported that a former US Group Study Exchange student Sue Shedd who had attended on a Group Study Exchange visit approximately 25 years ago would shortly be visiting the Club and attending Club Meetings.

10. Date of Next Meeting

27th August 2013: 6.00pm at Kent & Canterbury Club.

Post script note

The Directory should also show the Foundation committee membership. Last year R K-C was the Chairman and AS the Vice chairman. I believe that RV is one of the committee members but I do not have a full list of the members.

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