

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Club Council Meeting held on 25th June 2013

1. **Present:** Robert Boyd Howell (President), Geoff Goodban (Vice President) David Barton, Robert Yonge, Rosemary Doyle, Harry Cragg, Peer LeFleming, John Hill, Brian Dobinson
2. **Apologies:** Viv Pritchard, Tony Pomeroy, Alistair Scott
3. **Minutes:** the minutes of the last meeting held on 28th May 2013 were approved save that the scheme for bursaries in S Sudan would be pushed forward at the same time as that for prosthetic surgery in the Congo, but for execution after it.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - item 4 - RY reported that the roundel should be delivered to his house in 2/3 weeks. The Club was to erect it on one of the gateposts close to Sainsburys at the cricket ground and GG indicated that he would ask one of his engineers to do the work.
 - 5b - GG had made a report to the Club about the Presidents' meeting at Pentangular in Leiden but to date no report had been made formally on the weekend itself. Reference was made to the Boys' and Girls' Bursaries scheme at Juba (proposed by Canterbury as a Pentangular project) and it was pointed out that to obtain RI or District funding, the scheme must be new, be requested by the Juba Club, and that Rotary must be satisfied that S Sudan was sufficiently stable politically. International committee were to be asked to contact Rotn Margaret Griffin and request her to obtain the necessary cooperation of the Juba Club. Item
 - 5c - the matter of honorary membership for the present Lord Mayor was to be debated at the next ensuing meeting of the Club.
 - 6 - it was noted that notwithstanding that Foundation had lost the resounding sum of \$6.4m, the RI president had still taken many hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses, a matter to be raised through District in due course.
5. **President's business:**
 - a) It was intended that Website Events Manager would go live for the meeting on 23rd July (the meeting following that at Howfield Manor), but PLF reported that he had been unable to login on the previous day. Subject to the President/ secretary being satisfied that the system was in fact working properly, it was agreed that the Secretary would email all members, notifying them of the effective date of operation, and in the meantime apologies etc. were to be sent to RBH.
 - b) DC had accepted honorary membership, and written a particularly graceful letter which the Secretary had circulated to all members.
 - c) The Safari Supper had been a great success, as was the reception at the K & C Club which preceded it, but it was noted with regret that no new members had taken part. It had already been decided by the Entertainments Committee that a similar event would be held in the following year, including a reception at the Club.
6. **Financial Report:** AS had submitted a written report of the position at 25/6/13. Natwest general a/c - £5050 (including debentures for website of £1900); Natwest Dining a/c 1 -- £970, a/c 2 £1544; Events a/c £7141; Charity a/c £20795. Allocated - 2 years Pentangular - £3600, Community Service - £1698, International £1407, Foundation (£496), Emergency £1306, Sailor Ted - , Prudent reserve £2500, available to allocate £10780. Millennium funds had not been revalued but at 31/12/12 stood at £61459

7. Committee reports:

- a. **Club Service** - no report but GG felt that Hon Membership for members in suitable cases was a good thing. DC had spoken to him and was very grateful for his hon. membership. The matter was to be debated by the Club. Meals at the cricket club were to cost an extra £1 (£13.50 in total) from 1st July
- b. **Community Service** - minutes circulated. DB added that the members of the committee had agreed that they would themselves pay for the meals of those accompanying guests of the Club receiving Rotary Recognition awards (see 7b of last minutes)
- c. **International** - minutes circulated and nothing further in absence of TP
- d. **Fund raising** - RY - matters in Hand for the Duck Race. A risk analysis had been made by VP . Further helpers were required on the day and all helpers to attend for a briefing at 10.15am sharp on 13th July opposite the launching slipway by the Guildhouse.
- e. **Public relations**- no report or meeting
- f. **Vocational Service** - minutes circulated. There had been a poor response to date to the summer walk, and it might be necessary to choose a new date. BD had met the representative of the preserved railway scheme at Shepherdswell and it seemed an interesting visit could be constructed, including talks on the history and future of the site

8. Secretary's report:

- a. The visit by DG Chris Barnett would be on 23rd July. Club Assembly would be on 30th July. The hand over meeting on 2nd July would be at the cricket club, and the meeting on 16th July at Howfield manor (which must be booked)
- b. Ken Beere had joined Rotary in 1964 in Nigeria, subsequently relocating to UK and joining Canterbury. It was agreed to celebrate his 50 years connection by a suitable ceremony at the end of GG's presidential year as KB was unable to recall precisely when his Rotary service began.
- c. The letter inviting Justin Welby, the new Archbishop, to become an Hon. Member had been sent to him on 9th June but no reply had been received to date, and it was understood he was abroad.

9. **AOB:** RD reminded the meeting that it was her last as member of the Council and said how much she had enjoyed her 3 years. The President thanked her for her work , which had been greatly appreciated, and also thanked the whole Council for its support during his year of office. He felt that Canterbury was a very good club to belong to, and was heartened to hear from JH that newish members ME and MG had told him how friendly they had found it.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 23rd July at 6.0 pm at the K & C Club