

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 28th January 2014

1. Present: Geoff Goodban (President), Viv Pritchard, Peer LeFleming, Sharon Jordan, John Hill, Robert Boyd-Howell, Robert Yonge, Martin Ward, Brian Dobinson
2. Apologies: Tony Pomeroy, David Barton
3. Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2013 were approved
4. Matters arising: Item 5b - VP was to make an inventory of the Club equipment which was to be stored in Brett's deconsecrated church, courtesy TB. Item 5e - Lewis Norris had agreed to become Treasurer and was working with AS. 7a - VP had just attended a membership committee meeting with PH and MW and was to draft and circulate notes of the outcome, which he was to bring to the next Council meeting
5. President's business: GG reported on the District Council meeting of 22nd January. Much of the discussion concerned grants, which included one for the apprentice training scheme in S Sudan. A cheque was to be sent direct to TP. NM had been told by some of the catering staff at the Cricket ground that halal slaughtered meat had been used. GG and SJ had been very concerned by this, and SJ had approached the cricket club, which had produced written evidence that although the cricket club was able to source such meat, none had been used for the Club's meals. SJ was to contact NM to reassure her. GG apologised for the great difficulties he faced in attending daytime meetings
6. Members' business: a) Following a discussion at Club Service, VP had obtained a breakdown of attendance from KB. Over the 6 month period July/Dec 2013, 6 members achieved 100%, 44 50%+ and several members had achieved 0 and had not contributed in any other way. VP undertook to refer some of the non-performing senior members to the Awards committee for a possible offer of Hon Membership. VP was to raise the matter again at the next Council meeting, when PLF undertook would be able to deal fully with the detail of the 80 year rule. b) DB had requested there be 2 business meetings a month in order to keep members better informed. It was thought this was too many, but it was pointed out that the new presidents' manual urged there should be 4/6 Club Assemblies pa, whereas currently the Club held 1. It was agreed that, once a month, by rotation, each main committee should be given a 10minute slot at the business meeting (to be included in the programme) to explain the current position. c) It was agreed that a standing joint committee be set up with Sunrise and Forest of Blean clubs to deal with matters concerning schools and young people, following the ad hoc committee formed to deal with the photographic competition. VS committee would deal with appointments of the Club's representative and include reports of the committee's actions in its own minutes. It was understood the other clubs were in favour of the move, and BD would arrange for them to be contacted. d) JH had suggested that the Club join with Sunrise and Forest of Blean in providing a Remembrance Day wreath and it was agreed he would liaise with the other

clubs to arrange this.e) RBH to refer to the Awards committee consideration of Paul Harris Fellowships.

7. Financial report: None in the absence of AS
8. Committee reports: a) Club Service - no minutes - VP reported that RV had said he found the structure of the Club difficult to follow, and had volunteered to help prepare an organogram setting out how the committees are organised. It was agreed this should proceed with view to including copies in the new members' packs. b) International - minutes circulated - questions were raised about the wisdom of continuing to invest in S Sudan in view of the unrest there, but MG was very positive, and had pointed out that on the first day after the Xmas holidays, all but 1 of the teachers had returned with 50% of the children, showing their commitment to learn, notwithstanding the difficulties. Given that all monies were routed via the Diocese of Salisbury (UK) , which only paid out when satisfied with the recipients, it was felt we should proceed. c) Fundraising - RY - a meeting had taken place the previous week -(i) - Duck Race - a suggestion had been made that the race date be altered to coincide with a larger event that the local authority was planning in Westgate Gardens, but it was agreed to stick with 12th July. RY was to discuss with MW use of Facebook/Twitter for publicity (ii) TCK - there had been doubt whether the event could proceed, as only 5 choirs had entered, but after discussion with JH, it seemed likely there would be at least one more, and that the event would proceed, possibly in a slightly altered form, even if only 6/7 choirs took part (as opposed to 8 in the previous year's final) (iii) Collections - there had been a problem with one of the Xmas collections which was being investigated with TB. It had been agreed the collections be continued in 2014 and that Com Serv be asked to nominate a suitable charity for that at Sainsburys (iv) Wishing wells - arranging for construction had not gone ahead, but RY was investigating a firm that produced plastic ones for about £900 (v) Fundraising film event at the Gulbenkian - discussions were taking place with SC about the possibility of a joint event with Inner Wheel (which had had only 50% take up for a similar event the previous year) (vi) Sailor Ted - 47 members had subscribed for 2014. (vii) President's charity - GG had announced he would like this to be for diabetics. He was to speak to DB about funding and to find a speaker to address the club about the charity. (viii) JH asked if the Club could ask Waitrose to be considered for one of their collections. d) Voc Serv - minutes circulated. BD very anxious that members do all in their power to promote the Innovation Competition where entries had to be in by 31st March. SJ suggested he contact Heart FM e) Public relations - no report .
9. Secretary's report: a) An email had been received from a Mr Bodger about James Lennox, now living in the district and said to be interested in joining. Agreed he be invited to attend. b) Leave of absence until Easter approved for CML in view of her mother's illness.c) Election of RIBI director - agreed to support Eve Conway. d) RIBI President was due to visit Dover on 13th May. RBH felt members should support by attending if possible, and PLF was to circularise the membership
10. AOB: i) President -a card of thanks had been received from the Food Bank for the donation of £1000 for a van. ii) RY - GC had been providing chocolate mints for lunches out of his own pocket - agreed he be thanked for this. Iii) JH - there had been a considerable amount of talking during the speaker's address that day , apart from the translation for French guests. He felt that had been

discourteous. SJ undertook to investigate provision of a lapel microphone, which might help, although it was a matter for action by the president

11. DONM: Tuesday 25th Feb at the 6.0pm at the K & C Club