

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 23rd June 2015 at the home of the President

1. Present: Viv Pritchard (President), Robert Boyd Howell, Harry Cragg, Peer LeFleming, Peter Hermitage (President Elect), Martin Ward (Vice President), Lewis Norris, Robert Yonge, Brian Dobinson
2. Apologies: Alan Mepstead, David Barton
3. Announcement: VP announced that Bernice Barton had passed away on Monday night. All present expressed their regret and sympathy with David.
4. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on 26th May were approved
5. Matters arising:
 - a) Item 4(a) & 5 (b): Funding for Foundation - LN said that he had received the old files from Alastair. Gift Aid had not been claimed and he believed it might be possible to make a claim based on the preceding 4 years. He was investigating this with a friend who had experience of similar claims. All proceeds of a claim would go to Foundation. LN also stated that the Pentangular fund should amount to about £10,000 by 2017.
 - b) Item 4(b): a special meeting of the Millennium Scholarship trustees had been held in June and it was agreed to arrange a formal AGM in July. PH to organize with Leslie Stephenson and Peter Hodge.
 - c) Item 4(c): Wishing Well - RY was to meet with Joanna Jones regarding a possible 3 week site in the Beaney following a meeting between him and Colin Carmichael. RY thought there was a possibility of a further site and said he felt the Club should go ahead with purchase of a Well if 2 suitable sites were established. On funding, the total cost would be in the order of £1500.

One member had indicated he might be prepared to make a donation towards the cost. It may be appropriate to set up a new debenture scheme to fund the balance.
 - d) Item 5(a): It was not known whether MG had spoken to Pauline Davis of the Sunrise Club regarding co-operation over the Interact club at St Edmunds and PH would speak to her at a convenient moment.
 - e) Item 5(d): Honorary membership: Ted Abbott did not wish to renew his subscription. VP had discussed briefly with the Chairman of the Awards Committee, who had then consulted a number of members of the Committee. All appear to be in favour of offering Hon Membership for Ted.
It was unanimously RESOLVED that Ted be offered lifetime Hon Membership subject to the Club's approval which was to be sought by PH at the Handover Meeting.
 - f) Item 5(f): Mini group exchange - 3 candidates had shown interest and arrangements had been made by PH and AS to hold interviews during the next 2 weeks.

The use of the small trophy presented to the Club at the 2015 Pentangular by Leuven was discussed and it was agreed that it be awarded annually to a member who was not one of the main office holders but who was considered to have made the greatest contribution to the Club during the past year. VP to announce winner at the Handover meeting.

- g) Item 7(g): The Brett Cup (for the public speaking competition) had still not come to light, but was apparently somewhere in Duke of York School, Dover.

RESOLVED: BD write to Noel Ensoll of ESU requesting he pursue the school

Post meeting note: The cup has now been recovered, with the help of Peter Hodge.

h) Item 10(a): **RESOLVED that Gerald Colson be paid £75 for supplying mints etc at meals**

6. President's Business:

(a) Stock of collection buckets: about 6 - 8 had come to light

RESOLVED that the Club purchase a further 30 buckets with sealing lids (as required by the local authority)

(b) Club Assembly: VP congratulated PH and his address to the Assembly. No issues arose.

(c) Handover meeting, 30th June: In hand, but PLF had not received the new regalia

7. President Elect's Business:

PH had sent out a President-Elect's blog, the principal items of which were:

(a) PH was arranging to have a guest night on 29th September at Manston which would, inter alia, be serenaded by the "Swingtime Sweethearts" who were said to have sung with Vera Lynn. Stung by the suggestion that this might imply they were a little long in the tooth for the job, he responded that SS were quite young in comparison with members of Council!

(b) Further Hermitage blogs appear at regular intervals.

(c) The new Directory would be about a week late.

8. Financial Report:

LN circulated a Summary of Funds to June 2015. General Funds available £2315, Website £581, Pentangular £2557, Mini Group exchange £220 (will be about £1100 when subs paid). Dining a/c £3517 (but some bills for meals have not yet been rendered). Charitable fund available - allocated to Comm Service £4815, International £2194, Voc Serve £500, Emergency Reserve £3000, Events £3904, Unallocated £2428. Millennium Scholarship available £5371 (total fund £69921).

All monies for TCK had been received from the Marlowe leaving only 2 bills outstanding amounting in total to £300. No monies were outstanding in respect of the website.

9. Committee reports:

(a) Club service - Minutes had just been circulated. PH had had preliminary discussions with the committee on membership. GD and RY had indications of interest from 2 people.

(b) International - minutes circulated. Poor attendances at these committee meetings noted and RBH undertook to address this when he took over as chairman. £750 had been agreed for Health for All (allowed for in the Treasurer's recent figures). RY reported that the Sailor Ted figures were all to hand and the winner of the competition would be announced at the forthcoming Safari supper. Balance of funds to the President's Charity – the Fifth Trust.

No other reports

10. Secretary's report:

(a) Leave of absence agreed for DB until the end of July

(b) District Conference at Bournemouth. HC and MW and their wives to attend. MW will try to encourage others

11. AOB:

(a) PH was intending to meet with the leader of one of the TCK choirs with a view to forming a new choir for young people.

(b) MW reported that the Duck Race had been put on Facebook by the lifesaving team and that 850 people had indicated they intended attending. However, the river level was low and so full of weed that it was likely that the race would have to be postponed until September.

(c) VP reported that the funeral of Kenneth Griffin was to be held on 9th July at Barham at 12.00 noon with a memorial service on the same day at 2.30pm at St Mary Bredin.

(d) VP expressed his gratitude to all members of Council for their efforts and support over the past year. Special thanks to RY who is standing down after many years. VP also thanked PLeF for his brilliant service as Club Secretary.

DONM:

Tuesday 21st July 6.00pm at K & C club

Council thanked Viv and Pauline Pritchard for their hospitality.

ACTION PLAN

Item	Action	Action by
5a	Follow up discussion on Pentangular at a future Business meeting	MW, PH
5a	Require formal agreement by club on funding of Foundation	PH, LN
5b	AGM for Millennium Scholarship Trustees to be held in June	LS
5c	Further report on Wishing Well	RY
4c	Further report on future funding of website	MW, LN
5d	Contact RC Sunrise regarding cooperation on Interact	PH, MG
5e	Confirm Honorary Membership	VP, PH
5f	Hold interviews for MGSE candidates	PH, AS
5f	Award the Leuven Trophy at Handover meeting	VP
5g	Pursue Dover School to reclaim Brett Cup - done	AM, BD
5h	Arrange payment to Gerald Colson	VP, LN
6a	Arrange to purchase new collection buckets	VP
8	Investigate Gift Aid	LN
10b	Encourage attendance at District Conference	MW

Financial Statement for June 2015 follows.....

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - June 2015

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND	5218.5	2689.2		
Members Debentures (Ringfenced)	1900		1900	
100 Club	1268	937	331	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	8386.5	3840.31	2231	4546.19
GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE				2315.19
WEBSITE	3700	3119		581
PENTANGULAR	9138.18	6580.73		2557.45
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	915	695	220	220
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	5915.46	5779.73	135.73	135.73
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS				-51
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS				-51
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				7938.37
DINING ACCOUNT				3517.47
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve			3000	
Vocational Service		100	600	
Foundation	3324	3324		0
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	24453.33	18424.65	3600	6028.68
TOTAL AVAILABLE				2428.68
COMMUNITY SERVICE	11395.84	6580.82		4815.02
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	12031	9836.71		2194.29
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				13037.99
EVENTS ACCOUNT				
TOTAL	22547.62	18642.97		3904.65
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments (at end Mar)	64549.96			64549.96
CCLA Bank Account (at end Mar)	3595.22			3595.22
Natwest Bank Account	7176.54			7176.54
Sponsorship to Students		3650		
Sponsorship promised		1750		
Total Funds Available	10771.76	5400		5371.76
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND				69921.72
TOTAL ASSETS HELD				98320.2