

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 24th June 2014

1. Attendance: Geoff Goodban (President), Viv Pritchard, Robert Boyd-Howell, Robert Yonge, David Barton, Sharon Jordan, Alastair Scott, Brian Dobinson
2. Apologies: Martin Ward, John Hill, Peer LeFleming, Tony Pomeroy
3. Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th May were approved
4. Matters arising:
 - Item 3 - Poor attendances. Three members with very poor attendance and participation record are under review and each has been spoken to regarding their lack of involvement in the club. VP had spoken to FH who, for some years, had had practically no attendances or involvement in Club activities. FH claimed to have lost his Directory, and to be unable to get onto the Club website. VP had remedied both of these issues, but with no apparent effect. GG has also spoken to MB, who said that his work with Catching Lives was done on behalf of Rotary. PH has been in contact with AC who has attended very few events over the past year, but had supported the TCK programme. It was agreed that PLF should check the full implications and operation of the 85 rule. Subject to this rule not excusing members from any involvement in the club, a formal letter be sent to FH, referring to his failure to take any part in the Club and stating that unless within a fixed period a letter was received from him, confirming his intention thenceforth to take an active role in the Club, then it would be conclusively taken he no longer wished to remain a member and he would be treated as having resigned. Also, subject to the 85 rule, the cases of MB and AC should be considered by the Membership Committee, as part of their review of membership criteria and requirements, prior to further review by Club Council.

Item 4(b) - GG had spoken to Philip Abbot and had contacted Simon Langton Girls' school about the Interact club there, which had become moribund. He was awaiting hearing from the headmistress, but AS had established that the club's funds held by the school amounted to some £1200. It was suggested that PLF be asked to contact the District Interact officer to establish the legal position of the funds and how they might best be allocated to appropriate charities, particularly if it proves impossible to re-establish an Interact Club in the school.

Item 5a - estimates for a new laptop and projector were awaited from RH.
5. President's business: a) It was noted that the Lord Mayor, Mrs Ann Taylor, and PP Sidney Roe had accepted Hon membership. b) TCK committee had been considering moving the event to early July in order to be able to take advantage of the marquee to be erected then by Kings' School. JH had pointed out that might cause difficulty with the Duck Race which, it was felt, would

have to be moved to early May. c) DC's hon membership year had ended, and DC had given the Club a cheque for £125, £100 being a gift to Club charity funds (for which DB undertook to write thanking him) and £25 for Duck money. GG had told DC that he was welcome to come to any Club meeting as his guest.

6. Members' Business: a) KB and DN were each celebrating 50 years Rotary membership in 2014. PLF was to be requested to obtain suitable certificates from District with a suitable date for their presentation being fixed once they were to hand. b) VP had emailed each of the new committee chairmen requesting that each provide him with a statement of his view of the role of his committee. Once to hand, these would be considered by VP, RV and one other member with a view to avoiding overlapping c) TP was to present a paper to the next business meeting on the function of the Millennium Scholarship fund
7. Financial report: AS circulated the figures at 24th June. Members' funds excluding Dining amounted to £4907, of which £1930 represented debentures, due to be repaid the following year, and £2977 was free. It was agreed the debentures be repaid in accordance with their terms, the members concerned being invited to reinvest. Dining fund had a nominal balance of £3038, but £960 was due to Cornish, and after the June lunches had been paid for, and allowance made for the proposed wishing well (£1200) there was a deficit - albeit the debentureholders might be prepared to reinvest in the wishing well. TCK 2014 monies received amounted to £6490, with £500 to come, making £6990 for the year. Other charity funds totalled £10860 (£17850 with TCK). Of the total, £2000 was allocated to Joint Pentangular project 2, £3886 to International, £1292 to Com Servs, £21 to Foundation, £1306 to Emergency, £500 to Sailor Ted, £455 Prudent reserve, £400 to Voc Serv, leaving £1000 to allocate (plus the 2014 TCK). AS had prepared a budget for the forthcoming year, and it was intended to allocate further charity funds at the next Council meeting.
8. Committee reports: a) Club Service - minutes circulated. Question of husband & wife membership to be discussed - RY pointed out the Club had no choice but to accept these, but they should not routinely sit together at meetings. b) Com Serv - minutes circulated. c) Int - minutes circulated d) Foundation - no report e) Fund raising - no report f) Pub relations - no report g) Voc Serv - mins circulated BD said he was aware some felt there had been too many events, and next year's committee would take note.
9. Secretary's report: a) Leave of absence for RBH approved for 7 weeks from 11th July due to dental operation. b) Agreed TP entitled to the benefit of the 85 year rule c) TP to present the Millennium Scholarship fund at the next business meeting.
10. District matters: Minutes of the District Council meeting on 22nd May (circulated) noted. Proposals for Council on Legislation required by Sept 2014, and on District Council consultation by 20th July.
11. AoB: None
12. DONM: Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 6,0pm at K & C club (BD gave apologies)