

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of Club Council held on 26th November 2013

1. **Present:** Viv Pritchard (Vice President, chairman), Peer Le Fleming, Robert Yonge, Robert Boyd-Howell, Sharon Jordan, Tony Pomeroy, John Hill, Martin Ward, Brian Dobinson.
2. **Apologies:** Geoff Goodban (President), David Barton, Alastair Scott
3. **Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October were approved
4. **Matters arising:** item 5 - Honorary Life Membership for former Club members - HC had indicated he felt it more appropriate that the Awards Committee rather than Membership should deal with Hon. Life Membership (item 5c of the September minutes) and therefore it was agreed that the criteria which originally appeared in item 5c of the May minutes be submitted to the forthcoming EGM and, if approved, be thereafter dealt with by Awards
5. **President's business:**
 - a) VP reported on the recent Pentangular meeting attended by him with GG, SJ, MG and RD. Canterbury's Joint Pentangular Project proposal for bursaries in S. Sudan had won in a ballot and would run from 2016 -8 (detailed in International's minutes). The next JPP will be Leuven's orthotics and prosthetics educational project for the Congo, due to run 2014 -6, and this was to be presented to the Club at the January business meeting. There had also been evaluation of the Pentangular meeting the previous May in Leiden which it was generally felt had been OK, given that it was the first time Leiden had hosted the event and that the small size of most of the members' houses there made it difficult for them to have large parties at home. Leiden members had said they would have liked to have had discussions about the type of events being run by the other clubs at home - something to be borne in mind for future events. The Pentangular meeting in St Quentin would be 13 - 15th June 2014, and the French would be coming to Canterbury, probably in February, to present it.
 - b) RY had recently had difficulty in tracking and accessing the Club's equipment. Agreed that Club Service would arrange for an inventory to be made and to investigate storing everything in one place so that it can be accessed at any time - a disused squash court at K&C was mentioned as possible.
 - c) Street collection for the Philippines - raised £1200, but this had been increased to £1500 as the result of a gift from a Rotarian and to £1750 with a gift from Maitland Shoot. This money would be sent to Shelterbox. In addition 4 boxes had already been purchased by the Club for the Philippines at a cost of £1960, met from reserves. Some discussion about recent decline in joint projects with the other Canterbury clubs, but VP pointed out that the recent photographic competition was in cooperation
 - d) NM had raised the question of the cost of meals at the recent St Quentin w/e, where she felt there had been a lack of transparency in pricing, so that a particular meal was charged at much more than the actual cost. MW explained that the overall budgeted cost had had to be spread over the events to take account of some contingent costs. On this occasion, ST had explained the items included at a meeting NM had attended, but he took the point, saying that it was always the intention there should be transparency, and that any member was always welcome to ask for an explanation. ST would be happy to have a further word with NM if she wished.

e) Candidates for election to Club posts - PH had agreed to become vice president after VP with MW as 2nd VP and PLF was prepared to serve for 1 more year (making 5 in all) as Secretary. Discussions were proceeding with a replacement for AS as Treasurer, but if nothing came from these, the appointment of a new Treasurer would have to be put back from the EGM.

6. **Financial Report:** none in the absence of AS on holiday. It had emerged that a mysterious sum of money that had appeared in the Club's bank account was from the local authority and had been paid in by mistake - it having been intended for the Sunrise club. Arrangements were in hand to pass it on.

7. **Committee Reports:**

a) **Club service** - minutes circulated. The Archbishop had accepted Honorary membership for a period of 5 years but said his diary was full until the end of 2014, and suggested that we contact his office in the summer of 2014 to arrange a visit. Consideration is to be given to this, it being suggested that he might be invited to Top Choir Kent in 2015. Training and information for prospective members - VP had produced a paper and it was agreed that RY would speak to HC with view to there being a meeting of Membership to be attended by VP and MW, with view to finalising the proposals. There was general discussion about making members aware of what the committees were doing, and it was agreed that the committee chairmen should give short presentations at business meetings, and gradually moving members round committees was also discussed.

b) **Community Service** - minutes circulated - no further discussion in absence of DB.

c) **International** - minutes circulated including a detailed annex on the JPP in Juba. TP felt he might have to come back to Council for further money.

d) **Fundraising** - Morrisons supermarket collection 6th December (for Club funds). Next meeting mid-January - date to be fixed. Discussion about getting events such as the Duck Race on Twitter and Facebook - MW to advise.

e) **Public Relations & Communications** - next meeting 16th December.

f) **Vocational Service** - minutes circulated. Innovation competition for secondary schools was the next major project. An excellent poster had been produced by SE and BD appealed for help in getting the schools on side as the competition was due to start in January. MW to get item on BBC in early January.

8. **Secretary's report:**

- a) Acceptance of Honorary membership by the Archbishop - see above.
- b) DN will complete 50 years' membership in 2014 - PLF to arrange certificate.

9. **District Matters:** Email had been received from District about possible breaches of the law on use of cookies on Club website, but MW confirmed that the site was already compliant. A further email had been received by members warning that failure to register on the District website (a failing shared by many members) would result in their being struck out of District register of officers, but it was generally agreed that the website was almost impossible to use and that in the absence of a printed District Directory, there was little to be lost in being struck off.

10. **AOB:** Top Choir Kent 2014 - to be on 12/4/14. Website up and running and entry forms available. MW said TCK was already on Facebook and Twitter and that they were proving very useful. He pointed out that the fastest increase in membership on both was in the 40/60 age group.

Centenary of the outbreak of WW1 - JH reminded members this would be in 2014, and suggested that a joint wreath from all Canterbury clubs be laid on Remembrance Day.

11. **Date of Next Meeting:** 28th January 2014 6.0pm K&C.