

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
CLUB COUNCIL MEETING 27TH OCTOBER 2015

-MINUTES-

1. ATTENDANCE

Bob Anderson; Harry Cragg; Peter Hermitage (President); Sharon Jordan (Vice President); Alan Mepstead; Lewis Norris; Mark Rosen; Martin Ward (President Elect)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Barton; Robert Boyd-Howell; Brian Dobinson; Peter Hodge; Viv Pritchard.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Agreed

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Honorary membership criteria – to be considered at the next meeting when there is a fuller attendance.
- b. Manston dinner – seen as a success
- c. Proposed boxing competition – considered by the Fundraising Committee – for action October 2016 – Committee to follow up.
- d. JPE concert – still a need to chase ticket sales.
- e. Wishing Well – still being followed up by RY – not possible to site at the Beaney – Marlowe theatre being explored. Fundraising Committee to progress with RY.

5. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

a. Club Visioning

MW reported on what he had heard at the District Conference on the process of “visioning.” This is a process whereby all the members of a Rotary club work with facilitators to look at the options open to the Club for its future development. It provides the possibilities for the club to examine such issues as corporate membership, associate membership and different ways of working. The object is not to impose ways forward upon a club, but to enable a wide-ranging discussion. PH had previously reported on the potential for new ways of working to the Club at a business meeting earlier in the year when there had been a mixed response.

Decided:

- i. **To call an extraordinary meeting of Council to debate the notion of visioning and invite Colin Norgate, the District Membership Development and Retention Committee Chair, to join us. From that meeting will come a report to the Club as to whether the visioning process should be pursued.**
- ii. **To invite representatives of the F of B and Sunrise Clubs to join us since one area for debate would probably be joint initiatives.**
- iii. **MW to update the Club at next week's business meeting on the debate.**

b. Canterbury / St .Quentin Anniversary and Weekend Exchange.

A paper from Stephen Thompson was considered. There are two important anniversaries to be celebrated. In 2016 it is 70 years since the formation of the St. Quentin Club and in 2017 it will be 70 years since our two Clubs became associated. In the 2016 – 17 Rotary year, we are due to host St Quentin in Canterbury for the normal family exchange weekend. In 2017, however, we host the Pentangular event and it is normal protocol that when either Club hosts Pentangular there should not be an exchange visit that year. It would be unfortunate not to celebrate the two anniversaries. ST has been in discussion with our colleagues from St Quentin. A suggestion that the French promoted was to meet in Canterbury on the weekend of 31st December/1st January 2017 for a celebration combining both the establishment of St. Quentin and the relationship with Cantebury. Due to the timing of the event, it would be

more expensive than normal and some members of the Club would potentially have other commitments.

In discussion it was recognized that there are commercial events already being run on New Year's Eve (such as at the Cathedral Study Centre) that could be the platform for a celebration.

Agreed:

- i. In principle we should find a way of celebrating the two anniversaries.**
- ii. ST's proposal be put to the whole club to gauge the potential level of support.**

c. Christmas Dinner

The dinner is scheduled for the 12 December at Darwin College. The contract is signed, the Champagne has been purchased and SJ / PH are meeting this week to finalise details. There is ongoing work on the payment process and whether this can be achieved through the on-line payment system.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

LN presented the up to date financial statement. Points of note:

- a. The Manston dinner gave a £10 subsidy to members. It still produced a small surplus that will be transferred to the Pentangular funds.
- b. The Christmas dinner will be subsidized for members to the tune of £10 to be taken from the present surplus in the dining account. The dining account still has sufficient funds to assist in other social events for the benefit of the membership.
- c. The final Duck Race figures show income of £6,039.52. Once expenses are taken into account, the net income is £5,524.52. This is marginally less than 2014.
- d. Millennium Fund investments have fallen in line with the market by around £1k.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Club Service Committee
Minutes noted.

b. Fund Raising Committee

- i. Minutes noted.
- ii. Suggestions from Brian Dobinson together with a response from Peter Hodge and ideas from Tim Brett will be forwarded by PH to the Committee for discussion. A future, more detailed discussion on fund raising should follow in Council.
- iii. Christmas collection. MR reported that the slots were filled for the collections on 14 and 15 November. Latest update at Appendix 1

c. Community Services Committee

- i. Minutes noted
- ii. The proposal to help the charity "Catching Lives" was supported.

d. Vocational Services Committee

- i. Minutes noted.
- ii. AM reported that there was still only one entry received for the "Rotary Youth Speaks" competition despite invitations being distributed. If that prevails, SLGS will be put forward from the Club.
- iii. Council supported the proposal for a Children's Choir (as outlined in the minutes and reported upon by AM) It was emphasized by AM and PH that the Club had given no undertaking for financial support beyond the maximum of £1k outlined in those minutes.

- e. International Committee
 - i. Minutes discussed.
 - ii. Juba project progressing.
 - iii. HC brought to attention the charity “Mary’s Meals” which provides a meal a day for children. Every donation made before 29th December 2015 will be doubled by the UK Government.
Action RB-H to speak to HC.
 - iv. BA reported that this Club and Forest of Blean have supported the Charity “Health for All” for many years. The charity was developed by the doctors, staff and patients at the Bridge and Littlebourne Health Centres, Canterbury and aims to "preserve health and relieve sickness and suffering in the less developed countries of the world." In 2007 we assisted in the purchase of a Land Rover. In 2017 it is planned to purchase a replacement vehicle.
Agreed:
 - 1. **The Club through the International Committee should commit £4k over 3 years to assist the fund raising. This will mainly be met by sums allocated to the Committee.**
 - 2. **We should assist F of B by involvement in their auction of promises fund-raiser when that takes place at a later date.**
8. **Secretary’s Report**
Caroline Lees leave of absence for 3 months because of business commitments. (CL has spoken to PH and will attend during that period other commitments permitting.)
9. **District Matters**
MW had reported on conference under 5a.
10. **AOB**
There are two subscription issues to be chased.
11. **Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 24 November at 6.30 p.m. at the Kent and Canterbury Club.

APPENDIX A
Christmas Collection Rota

Saturday the 14th

10:00 David Lewis and Brian Dobinson
11:00 Michael Leadbeater and Allan Forrest
12:00 Wendy Jones and John Hill
1:00 Jake Davies and Bob Anderson
2:00 Rosemarie Morton and Andrew Barchi
3:00 Caroline Lees and Nan
4:00 Caroline Lees and Robert Boyd-Howell
5:00 Robert Boyd-Howell and Geoff Goodban

Sunday the 15th

10:00 Mark Rosen and Tony Pomeroy
11:00 Viv Pritchard and Alan Mepstead
12:00 Leslie Stephenson and Robin Hendy
1:00 Nan and Michael Leadbeater
2:00 Gill Dixon and Deborah Connolly
3:00 David Barton and Lewis Norris