

# ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of Council held on 22nd September 2015

1. **Present:** Peter Hermitage (President), Martin Ward (President Elect) , Robert Boyd Howell, Lewis Norris, Alan Mepstead, Peter Hodges, Viv Pritchard, Harry Cragg, Brian Dobinson. David Barton and Mark Rosen were also present
2. **Apologies:** Sharon Jordan
3. **Welcome:** the President welcomed DB and MR. DB as chairman of Community Service committee was unanimously co-opted as Council member
4. **Minutes:** the minutes of the last meeting, held on 25th August 2015 were approved
5. **Matters arising:**
  - Item 5a** - Awards committee. Peter Hodges pointed out that under the agreed arrangement (see 27/1/15 item 5(d)(i)) the final decision fell back onto the President, and suggested taking advice from RIBI. The President had looked at the RIBI website, but found it did not help. He was in favour of retaining the agreed arrangements except in relation to Hon membership, which he felt should be dealt with by the Membership, rather than the Awards Committee. It was **AGREED** that he would reconsider the Hon membership criteria and proposed handling by Membership committee and bring the matter up at the next Council meeting
  - Item 5b** - Foundation Committee - the President had had a discussion with AS , who understood the change in funding, and he and AS were moving forward in defining the objectives of the committee which he would bring up at a future meeting of the Council
  - Item 5d** - Pentangular - President and MW still considering with AS ways of preserving enthusiasm
6. **President's business:**
  - a. Dinner at Manston** - arrangements in place, and President would arrange for sufficient members to be on hand to welcome guests
  - b. Proposed charity boxing match.** MR, as Chairman of Fundraising, was in attendance. It was proposed to hold the match in February 2016 in aid of the Prince of Wales' Youth Club, which would largely organise the event. Margate Rotary Club had organised similar events in the Winter Gardens, which had been very successful. The proposal was that this event be held in Canterbury, initial enquiries showing the University would be prepared to lay on a 3 course dinner for £33 plus room hire. He thought it might be possible to get some sponsorship, and had brought the matter to Council as it had not been possible to arrange a meeting of his committee, and it was urgent that "in principle" decision be made if the matter was to proceed. **AGREED** that in principle the proposal be approved, details to be resolved by Fundraising and approved by Council
  - c. John Paul Ekins concert** on 14th November - arrangements were in hand , organised by GD and tickets shortly on sale.
  - d. The postponed Duck Race** took place on 20th September, and had been a great success with hundreds of spectators and £334 taken on the day. The President congratulated all concerned. MW had posted material and pictures on social media and, since the event had had 736 positive responses. The event had been publicised by a good newspaper article, and on social media, and he felt many people had attended because of the social media publicity. A September Sunday seemed a good day to hold the event in future.
- 7 **Financial Report:**

LN circulated a summary of funds. General fund available - £1122; Pentangular - £7432.45; Mini group exchange £597; Dining account £4837; Charity account £2512 (this includes Emergency Reserve £2500 and £1200 allocated to Vocational Services, but does not take into account Duck Race receipts). Allocated to Community Serv. £5392 and to Int. C'tee £3194. Events excluding Duck Race £2746; Millennium Fund £71946 of which £5587 available.

LN commented:

**a. Receipts** to date for Duck race look to exceed the 2014 total of £6352. It followed that Foundation funding for the year (10% Duck Race) was well ahead.

**b. Voc Serv** had been asked to sponsor the Children's Choir project. AM explained this was being run by Kerry Boyle, who had been involved with other choirs in TCK. There would be workshops in Sept -Nov 2015 and a concert in April 2016, and the hope was that this would become an established event. The concert would probably be in Westgate Hall. Rotary had been asked to help at rehearsals and concert, but AM felt this probably best left to the parents. KB would arrange for one of her choirs to perform, free of charge, at our Xmas Dinner. The publicity going into the schools would say the project was supported by the Club and Canterbury council. AM suggested £500 be allocated to the project. **AGREED** - a sum of £750 would be allocated to be spent as overseen by Voc Serv. The project would be reported to TCK as it progressed and it was mentioned that one of the children's choirs might perform at TCK in the future.

**c. Gift Aid** - 3 months after LN had written to them, HMRC had replied to say that their system had changed from paper to on line more than 3 years ago, and that as we had not made an on line claim within 3 years of the change, we would have to make an entirely fresh application, and were not entitled to make any claim for the backlog. LN was making the new application.

**d.** As a result of the Kids Aid scandal, the Charity Commission had tightened its procedures. In future, for audit purposes all charity cheques would have to be supported by the original letter of request, a copy of the minute authorising the payment, and a receipt for the cheque, and these would have to be supplied by the relevant committee to the treasurer.

## **8. Committee Reports:**

**a. Vocational Service:** Minutes circulated and

- i) "Youth Speaks" This is a Rotary speaking competition. Each club is intended to organise a local competition, the winner being entered for a competition organised by District. SLGS has submitted a team but currently we have no other entry, AM will contact other local schools, but if no one else is interested will declare the SLGS team our entry.
- ii) Bretts HR dept understood to be interested in helping students in interviewing and mentoring. AM will contact them to see if we can assist.
- iii) Innovation competition to proceed. £400 already allocated for prizes
- iv) Proposed visit to Middle Temple not to be proceeded with for the time being on account of cost and uncertainty over the numbers that could be accommodated there.

**b. Community Service:** Minutes on website and

**i) Prostate awareness** - this campaign not to continue to be pursued due to alternative NHS services and the difficulty of obtaining professional help

**ii) St Nicholas School** (for disabled children). Some members have taken part in the days out for these children for some years, but they are not generally known in the Club. **AGREED** that in future there will be 2 days pa and DB will explain the scheme at the next Business meeting

**iii) Visiting the elderly** - Marjorie Lyle had been looking into this, but Age UK already had a system and it was felt best that any members wishing to take part should contact them

**iv) Young Lives Foundation.** Former Rotarian Keith Dimond had made a presentation about this to the Committee. Essentially the charity exists to help young people. C McK and RV had prepared papers (circulated), the essence of which was that, because of the large sums involved, Rotary would not be likely to be able to assist financially, but might be able to interest members in volunteering to help

**v) Volunteers generally.** It was felt there were a number of occasions on which members might like to volunteer, but that they were unaware of the opportunities (of which the above are some) **AGREED** that MW would arrange for Club Service to prepare a list of the opportunities, with brief descriptions and contact details, and ask RH to enter this in the members' section of the website, this to be explained to the Club at the next Business meeting. DB to write to MW with the details

**vi) Speakers' Secretary:** PW had been discharging this function for some years, and had been very successful in attracting good speakers, but, understandably, felt it time someone else took on the role. **AGREED** that members would give consideration to a successor, the matter to be aired at the next Business meeting.

**c International.** Minutes circulated and

i) Refugees. Ludenscheid had requested help with clothing for the 60 or so it was hosting

**AGREED:**

- a. We will immediately send £500 to Ludenscheid, having regard to the cost of sending clothes by post
- b. When PH and MW visit Ludenscheid in November in connection with Pentangular, they will collect and take clothes
- c. On assistance for the refugees in general, the President proposed, and it was accepted that we wait to see what is really required and how we can best help
- d. Club Service: minutes circulated

MW said that all payments for the Xmas Dinner were to be made by Paypal on the website. The event would be costed to include the cost of so paying

## **9. Secretary's report:**

Leave of absence agreed -

- a. Wendy Jones - 22 & 29 Sept and 6 Oct
- b. PLF - 6, 13, 20 & 27 Oct
- c. David Lewis 8, 15, 22, 29 Sept
- d. MT - 30/9 - 14 /12 and 2/1/16 - 28/3/16
- e. TB 15/9 - 31/10

ii) BA had requested to be excused attendance under the 85 rule.

## **10. District Matters:**

District Council meeting on 30th Sept. President and MW to attend. Dist secretary having computer problems

## **11. AOB**

- i) VP raised the matter of the Wishing Well. RY had been recovering from surgery and away on holiday. **AGREED** Secretary to contact RY and invite him to attend the next Council meeting to explain the up to date situation, and to resolve, one way or another, whether to project was to go ahead.
- ii) LN reported that 2 subs only were o/s. RBH to speak to one, and Peter Hodge to the other. It was felt in both cases this was just an oversight
- iii) DB - thanked MR for stepping into the Chairmanship of Comm. Serv. during DB's indisposition. The President expressed the pleasure of all in seeing DB back

## **12. DONM**

Tuesday 27th October 6.30pm at the K & C Club. BD tendered his apologies

### SUMMARY OF FUNDS - September 2015

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	6076.19	3053.75	1900	<b>3022.44</b>
<b>100 Club (from 2014)</b>	<b>739</b>	175	564	564
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				<b>3586.44</b>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>				<b>1122.44</b>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	581			<b>581</b>
<b>PENTANGULAR</b>				
<b>Balance from 2014</b>	<b>2292.45</b>			
Transferred from Club Funds	2190			
Subscriptions (to date)	2950			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7432.45</b>			<b>7432.45</b>
<b>MINI GROUP EXCHANGE</b>				
<b>Balance from 2014</b>	<b>205</b>			
Subscriptions (to date)	885			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1090</b>	492.2		<b>597.8</b>
<b>RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	2891	1547.5		<b>1343.5</b>
<b>DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	944	1024		<b>-80</b>
<b>TOTAL CLUB FUNDS</b>				<b>13461.19</b>
<b>DINING ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	10932.98	6095.75		<b>4837.23</b>
<b>CHARITY ACCOUNT</b>				
Emergency Reserve	3000	500	2500	
Vocational Service	1600	400	1200	
Weekly Raffle	208.5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5714.67</b>	<b>3202.5</b>		<b>2512.17</b>
<b>Charity Account Available</b>				<b>-1187.83</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>				
Balance from August	6391.55	399		
District RLYA Course October		350		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6391.55</b>	<b>999</b>		<b>5392.55</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>5444.29</b>	<b>2250</b>		<b>3194.29</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>				<b>11099.01</b>
<b>EVENTS ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>6911.57</b>	<b>4165</b>		<b>2746.57</b>
<b>MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>				
Investments (at end June)	63959.45			
CCLA Bank Account (at end June)	3907.83			
Natwest Bank Account (at end August)	4079.69			
Sponsorship cheques paid		2400		
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>7987.52</b>			<b>5587.52</b>
<b>TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND</b>	<b>71946.97</b>			<b>71946.97</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS HELD</b>				<b>104090.97</b>