

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 26th August 2014

1. Attendance: Viv Pritchard (President), Geoff Goodban, Peer LeFleming, Harry Cragg, Lewis Norris, Robert Boyd Howell, David Barton, Martin Ward, Brian Dobinson
2. Apologies: Peter Hermitage, Robert Yonge, Alan Mepstead
3. Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd July were approved
4. Matters arising: Minutes heading "Matters arising" item 2 - one member to whom VP had written had responded by saying he was retiring from work and would improve his attendance (which he had done). VP had seen him and explained use of the website. Nothing had been heard from the second addressee who had not paid his subscription either. It was agreed he be given one month to reply. No letter had been sent to MB, but he had been seen by GG and arrangements were being made for him to address the Club on Catching Lives, his charity which he regards as Rotary service. Item 4 - GG had heard nothing further from Simon Langton Girls' school about the Interact funds there, but he would be contacting the school once term started. Heading "President's business" - Item 2 - ME had sent in cheques for his current membership subscription which he had generously said he would not object to being cashed, but it was felt fair to return them. There had been delay in notifying all members of ME's resignation and this was to be tightened up for the future.
5. President's business: a) HC had been approached by some members on the Club rules about publicising non-Rotary events within the Club having regard to the recent concert at Mt Ephraim organised by Friends of Canterbury festival. PLF read the relevant rule, which prohibits the practice, but provides for Club committees to adopt events with the approval of the President, which had happened in this case, and it was felt that the rule gave sufficient flexibility to cover this event, which had been included in the Club calendar and attended by many members. b) VP produced a programme for the year's business meetings, which was approved for publication with these minutes. c) The resignation of Georges Dussart from the Club was noted with regret. It would take effect from 31st July, when the resignation was received, as by then LN had accounted for numbers. There was some hope GD would retain contact with the Club and possibly be interested in rejoining, should his circumstances change. d) MW previewed his presentation to the Club, to be made at the September business meeting, dealing with communications. He would be demonstrating the decline of local press and demonstrating how to get into social media, but he was concerned that the decline of the press was leading to a democratic deficit
6. Members' business: a) MW presented a paper on funding the Website. This had been based partly on bonds of £100 each, totalling £1900 in all, taken up by 14 members and repayable after 5 years, in November 2016. The rest of the funding was to be provided by annual sponsorship payments of £200 each which were to be made by 5 companies and RBH over a period of 7 years (from Nov 2011 until Nov 2018) in return for advertising (except in the case of RBH). The intention had been that the site be financed without cost to the general membership. MW showed that if the bonds were repaid early (as had been suggested) there would be a deficit, at least temporarily. It was agreed that a password management module at a cost of £250 plus VAT be proceeded with. It

- appeared that there was a potential problem with funding and LN was to investigate and report to the next meeting, which would also determine the question of repayment. b) MW also presented a discussion paper on funding for the 2017 Canterbury Pentangular. Essentially, each member pays a levy of £25pa towards the cost of holding the event and hitherto both members and their partners had been able to attend events free of charge, but questions had been raised about the fairness of this and whether partners should pay. MW was to call a meeting of his Pentangular committee in the autumn to consider the finances of the event against this background with HC/RBH to consider a fair formula for any partner charges and the matter to be brought back to Council at the next meeting for a progress report. c) GG and SJ were still receiving large numbers of calls from members, especially relating to meetings. It was pointed out that as GG was no longer President, but IPP, this was not appropriate. In relation to meetings and events, all members should use the Events Manager system and if (as in one recent case) a member's own computer was not working, should ask another member to assist by using his machine. If all else failed, VP should be contacted. VP was to email all members to this effect
7. Treasurer's report: LN circulated figures for August of which a copy was to be placed on the website with these minutes, it being noted that the sum shown for the Summer Concert (£1712.62) was included in the Events total shown (£12003.56). Members' funds amounted to £9633 including debentures. There was a shortfall of £280 on budgeted subscriptions (due to resignation and non payment.) There was also a shortfall on the cost of the St Quentin visit (hotel bills) and LN was taking steps to resolve responsibility for the bills. Dining account amounted to £5020. Events accounts - TCK £6989.82, Duck Race £3306.12, Summer Concert £2130 with further expenses due. There were further sums due in respect of the Duck Race (corporate ducks) and in addition it was uncertain whether further sums were due in respect of prize monies - RY to resolve.
 8. Committee reports: a) Club Service - no meeting; b) Com Serv - no meeting c) International - no meeting but TP had circulated its terms of reference which were approved d) Foundation - no meeting e) Fund raising - no meeting f) Public relations - no meeting g) Voc serv - minutes circulated. Agreed that Voc Serv could go ahead with another Innovation Competition, involving the other 2 clubs if possible. AM had investigated a careers fair but found adequate events already existed.
 9. Secretary's report: Application for membership by Rosemarie Morton approved with admission on 9th Sept if possible
 10. District matters: a) new areas for District Governors circulated and approved b) Next District Council meeting - 19th Sept - VP to attend others welcome. c) the Club had been invited to attend a WW1 commemoration in France. Reminder that we were to seek to share a wreath with the other local clubs for Armistice Day d) Noted that the rotary club of Gibraltar was to be added to District 1120
 11. AOB: HC produced an attractive leaflet produced by the RC of Keswick which the publicity committee was to consider. DG had enquired if there would be interested in a local meeting to discuss methods of developing clubs and it was agreed this would be of interest.
 12. DONM: Tuesday 23rd September 6.0pm at K & C Club

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - 26th Aug 2014 (Unreconciled)

	Budget Subscriptions	Actual Subscriptions	Budget Shortfall	Income	Expenditure	Total
CLUB FUNDS						
Balance from 2013 (Estimated)				3370.33		3370.33
Members Debentures				1903		1903
General Fund	2170	2100	70		955.75	1144.25
Pentangular	1550	1500	50	2000		3500
Mini Group Exchange	945	900	45		695	205
100 Club						
RIBI Subs	3024	2880	144		1512	1368
District Levy	1071	1020	51		1071	-51
St Quentin Visit						
Cheque to N Miller					683	
Paid G Dixon				71		
Paid H Cragg				83		
Paid M Griffin				71		
Paid R Boyd-Howell				83		
Balance						-375
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS	8760	8400	360	7581.33	4916.75	11064.58
DINING ACCOUNT						
Balance at 31 Jul				5090.9		
				27	1986	
TOTAL DINING ACCOUNT						3131.9
TRUST FUNDS						
Emergency Contingency				1306		1306
Prudent Reserve				1046		1046
Vocational Service				100		100
Community Service Committee				3480		
Action on Hearing Loss					400	
Total						3080
International Committee				3886		
Total						3886
Foundation	945	900	120			900
EVENTS ACCOUNT						
TCK 2013				6989.82	94.71	6895.11
Duck Race				3306.12		3306.12
Summer Charity Concert				2130	417.38	1712.62
TOTAL EVENTS ACCOUNT						11913.85
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND						
Investments (Estimated)				64000		
Interest				7144.82		
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND						71444.82
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS						104441.25