

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLUB COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd AUGUST 2016

1. **PRESENT:** Martin Ward (President), Sharon Jordan (President Elect), David Barton, Bob Anderson, Peter Hodge, Wendy Jones, Geoff Goodban, Alan Mepstead, Lewis Norris, Robert Boyd Howell, Brian Dobinson
2. **APOLOGIES:** Peter Hermitage, Margaret Griffin.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July were approved
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a. Wishing Well (Item 6a of the minutes) - purchase of the well was going ahead. It would be in Fenwick's for one month in the run-up to Christmas. RY to be in charge under the aegis of Fundraising Committee.
 - b. Juba Project – JPP3 - (item 9d of the minutes) - the Foreign Office had declared Juba a no-go area making the question of MG's insurance acute. The matter was to be discussed and resolved at a meeting to be held in Salisbury on 14th September which was to be attended by RBH. RBH undertook to speak to MG and point out that the Club did not wish her to go to Juba until the insurance issue had been favourably resolved, and that if she chose to do otherwise, whilst her concern was appreciated, that visit would have to be only in her personal capacity, and not as representative of Rotary, a formal letter to that effect being issued if necessary.
5. **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:**
 - a. Canterbury Pentangular 2017. The President announced that, very sadly, TL's daughter had been diagnosed with a serious health problem, and TL had requested 3 months' leave of absence (which was agreed) to free him to deal with this. RBH undertook to deal with Tony's Pentangular responsibilities for hotels and bands during his absence.
 - b. AF had discovered a visitor's book for 1928 (which was produced to Council) recording a visit to the Club by Paul Harris.
6. **BOXING EVENING:**
 - a. Concern was expressed regarding viability of event and extent to which club is exposed. BA was concerned at irrecoverable costs. MW said TB had indicated informally that he would underwrite deposit to secure Westgate Hall and that he understood - subject to confirmation from TB - this could be more. MW said he would seek clarification from TB. Agreed that any further discussion on the Boxing evening would have to await the return from holiday of Peter Hermitage. It was agreed that a meeting should take place as soon as possible between PHo, PHe and TB to clarify the situation. Remaining issues be held over to the September business meeting. Several members felt it essential that firm estimates of actual costs were available before proceeding with the project.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a. LN had circulated a summary for August. Pentangular funds showed a decline from £10298 to £8983 as deposits had been paid to Ebury and Falstaff hotels.
 - b. The only source of Club funds for the Boxing Night was Events account, then £2040.
 - c. Pentangular Joint Project (JPP3) - an email was being sent to each of the other clubs (translated into their languages by NM and RD) seeking their agreed contributions of €4,000 each, which payments would trigger the applications for the matching grants each of the clubs was making. It was likely these contributions would be paid into a \$ account and RBH was consulting his son Patrick about that. Once these contributions and grants were received, TP would make the application for a global grant. RBH was to email all members, explaining the grant scheme.

- d. Mini group exchange - this year's participants, Grace Dennis and Alex Speakman had left and an item would be in Newsletter.
- e. Subs: Two outstanding. PHo had written to both and was to notify one of them that unless his payment was received within a short time his membership would cease - he was confident this would bring the payment forthwith. It was agreed the other member would arrange payment and that the matter be left for the time being.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Club Service: SJ - July attendance 58.7%. The golf club would alter the seating arrangements to round tables. Speakers had been arranged by BW for the meetings to end of September. As some members wishing to speak at club meetings were having difficulty in attracting the attention of the person taking the meeting, it was agreed members be told that they should notify the Secretary of their wish to speak at the beginning of the meeting. SJ was to ask the cricket club if it would install a hearing loop in the meeting room. She also intended to make a complaint about meal service as the promise that we would get and retain an effective serving team had not been fulfilled.
- b. Community Service: No August meeting. President to discuss homelessness initiative with DB.
- c. International: No meeting until 14th Sept.
- d. Vocational service: July minutes circulated. No much enthusiasm for pooling resources with the Cluster group for the children's competitions had emerged from the cluster meeting, so it was intended that the Club would proceed with 2 of the competitions alone. Emails to Spires Academy suggesting a meeting to see how we could assist had not been answered, but another would be sent when term started. BD's attempts to stir the District Youth Exchange did not seem to have met with much success, and it was agreed he take the matter up with Hilary Bryan, our DG' representative.
- e. Foundation: No report.
- f. Fundraising: No report.
- g. Membership: No report. A potential new member had been introduced by CE and in the absence of RY it was agreed the matter be referred to VP (as vice-chairman of Membership C'ttee) by the Secretary.

9. DISTRICT MATTERS:

- a. PHo reported he had received a number of emails or fliers advertising events run by distant clubs. There was no objection to those run by the local clubs, and these he would continue to draw to members' attention, but it was agreed that he was justified in deleting others in his discretion.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- a. Leave of absence agreed for RY - 24th August to 27th Oct and TL for 3 months from the date
- b. He was to draw up a list of those entitled to Rule 85
- c. Gill Dixon was taking part in the Sunrise sleep out in the Cathedral Close in aid of Porchlight and it was agreed he should circulate her appeal for support.

11. AOB:

- a. RBH. It had been brought to his attention that no expenses were offered to a recent speaker. It was pointed out that many speakers, especially those from charities supported by the club, did not expect expenses, but it was agreed that in future the Speaker Secretary should ask at the outset if expenses were expected. Agreed that £50 be paid to the Amy Johnson Trust by way of a donation after a recent talk on its behalf, but that no system is set up, the question of whether or not to make a donation after a talk being left to the club as thitherto.

- b. WJ.
 - i. Badges - pins damaging dresses. Agreed she discuss converting to magnetic with ML.
 - ii. Unhappy with casual dress of the speaker at the meeting that day. Agreed that when arranging a talk, the speaker secretary should convey to the proposed speaker the overall dress convention of the club, but in fairness to him or her dress is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the speaker.
- c. LN.
 - i. Receipts forms were available from him for any self-paying guest requiring one in order to seek reimbursement from his firm etc.
 - ii. JB's resignation had not arrived in time to avoid capitation fees on her membership, but she had agreed to the fees being paid out of her dining account, which, luckily, was sufficiently in credit to cover
- d. BA.
 - i. The buffet should have sufficient food for all members to have full choice, not just those at the front of the queue.
 - ii. Plans for each committee for the forthcoming year should be presented at the next business meeting

12. DONM: Tuesday 27th September 2016 6.30pm K & C Club

Actions

Task	Responsible	Status
Contact TB re Boxing Night funding	MW	Complete
Explanation to club re JPP3 (Juba) funding arrangements	RB-H	Open
Investigate converting membership badge fixings from pins to magnets	WJ	Open
Discuss Homeless initiative	MW	Open

Financial Statement for August 2016 follow on next page

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - August 16

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND				
100 Club	1368	756	612	612
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	3810	1958.71		1851.29
GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE				1239.29
WEBSITE	2379			2379
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	958.74	871.7		87.04
PENTANGULAR	10298.22	1315.2		8983.02
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	1656.8	311		1345.8
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	2820.59	1690		1130.59
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	944	1000		-56
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				15720.74
DINING ACCOUNT				
TOTAL	9676.88	4326.5		5350.38
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve	1500	0	1500	1500
Foundation	77.86	0	77.86	77.86
GENERAL ACCOUNT	3200	0		3200
Vocational Services	200	0	200	200
Weekly Raffle	1523	1421	102	102
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	4800.86	2921		1879.86
COMMUNITY SERVICES	3624.43	1154		2470.43
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	2635.29	0		2635.29
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				6985.58
JOINT PENTANGULAR PROJECT	1500		1500	1500
EVENTS ACCOUNT	3483.9	1443.55		2040.35
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments	62756.37			
Total Funds Available	8926.63	1600		7326.63
TOTAL MILENNIUM FUND	71683			71683
TOTAL ASSETS HELD				107630.34