

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2016

1. PRESENT: Martin Ward (President), Geoff Goodban, Wendy Jones, David Barton, Robert Boyd Howell, Peter Hodge, Alan Mepstead, Bob Anderson, Sharon Jordan, Lewis Norris, Peter Hermitage (later), Lewis Norris, Brian Dobinson
2. APOLOGIES: Margaret Griffin (publicising Juba to Hythe Club)
3. MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th October 2016 were approved subject to the amendment of Charles Martin to Charles Goldsmith in 8(c) and in 4 to the cost of badge magnets being amended to £1.50
4. MATTERS ARISING: Item 11(a) . The K & C Club were going to propose a new rate of charging for the use of their room by Council
5. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Pentangular: The November trip to Leuven by the President, RBH, MG and SJ had been very successful. The President had shown - to great acclaim - a video made by him and Jayne (using her smart phone!) promoting the Canterbury event in 2017 and a similar showing at the lunchtime meeting that day had also been greatly admired. SJ said that after the doubts about the future of Pentangular that some had previously expressed, the Germans particularly felt that Canterbury was moving on. The feeling was that there should be a change in the nature of the Pentangular meetings, perhaps by visiting other towns together and doing different things. Ludenscheid was to put forward proposals and these would be discussed at a business meeting. A Pentangular website for social and project matters was proposed by Ludenscheid to be in English and linked to the individual clubs' websites. It would cost eu 400 per club. A memory stick of the video had been given to each club and, if possible, the President would put it on the Canterbury website.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: LN produced the figures as at end November. General fund available £376; Website £2579 (but additional expenditure is probably required- see below). Pentangular event £8539 plus recoverable hotel deposits £1362. . Mini group exchange £1133. RIBI subs £1677. Total club funds £15280. Dining account £4133. Charitable account - available balance £507 exclusive of Xmas collection. Emergency reserve £1000. Committee allocations available - Vocational Service £700, Community £4005, International £2155. Events £2886. Millennium total £74727, available £8475. The JPP \$ account for Pentangular project stood at \$16543 including contributions of Canterbury, Leuven, Ludenscheid and St Quentin.
7. BOXING EVENT on 27th January 2017: Peter Hermitage presented a comprehensive paper main points of which were:
 - a) Background: The Club has been a long-time supporter of the Prince of Wales Youth Club and TB, MT and Phil Abbott now of Sunrise are trustees. Canterbury Boxing club is part of PoW. Boxing has to be seen not simply as a bloody scrap but as a potentially life-changing activity for many of the boys .
 - b) Objectives: To raise funds and raise the profile of the Boxing Club, and to raise funds for Rotary. Because of the size of Westgate Hall, it will not raise large sums (£1900 at best) but may be a precursor for larger events. It was to have taken place in September 2016, but had to be put back as the Boxing Club failed to get the necessary officials in place .
 - c) The Event: Black tie dinner 6.30 - 8.0pm for 12 tables of 10 and 4 of 6 (144 total) price £50pp. 10 tables of 10 (100) already committed (including 2 tables of Rotarians) work needed for remaining 44 places. Chives Catering providing meals and PH has met them. From 7.45pm non-dining spectators arrive, 50 being allowed for at £20pp although negotiations are going on with Westgate Hall to potentially double the number.
 - d) The Boxing: Is being organised through the Boxing Club in conjunction with the National body, England Boxing. . There have been some disagreements between various Clubs, and the National Body but PH has been assured that judges, timekeeper, referees, official in charge and doctor have all been identified, but PH is keeping this under surveillance.

12 bouts with 1 minute rounds for juniors and 3 minute for seniors. Event should end by 11.30pm. Other boxing clubs in Kent have been invited to provide contestants and in view of the difficulty of determining the names of all concerned much in advance, a drop in list of contestants will probably be provided for the printed programme. Set up of the hall is being decided at meetings attended by the Hall, Club, Rotary and Youth Club. PA has offered to help in providing PA equipment. Compere will be comedian and actor Steve Walls,

It is hoped Olympic gold medallist Nicola Adams will attend as VIP. SIA licensed security staff are being employed through Westgate Hall and there is to be an auction and raffle (prizes needed)

- e) Income and expenditure. Total cost £7200 assuming all dining places are taken - if they are not, caterers will charge only for meals provided. Dining income approx £7,000, income from other attendees £1,000, income from donations and raffle £1000. . If the event were to be cancelled before January 2017 the £850 deposit alone would be forfeit (underwritten by TB as to £600). A reduction in the diners would enable more non dining spectators to be accommodated and the overall figures should be about the same.
- f) Trophies : to be arranged by the Boxing Club .It was hoped these would be sponsored
Agreed unanimously that the event should go ahead.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Club Service. SJ reported :-

- i) WJ reported that she had negotiated with the caterers that they would provide cheese and biscuits instead of a dessert for diabetes sufferers who had already been identified by her
 - ii) The website was causing problems in not responding correctly when some members attempted to register or de-register for meals. MW thought the problems might have been there from the outset. A meeting was shortly to be held between CE, DB RH and Extra Digital which was envisaged as a showdown, but it was thought that if the club parted company with them it would end up costing more. Current maintenance cost approx £350 pa. The Event Manager data base was thought to be the problem with possible missing connections.
 - iii) Meals. There had been a spate of the numbers turning up for meals not equalling the numbers who had signed in, and typed instructions for the stewards were to be attached to the wooden box. Hitherto the caterers were content to rely on the chits , but now were insisting on being paid for those ordered, where a combination of the shortcomings of the event Manager and those supposed to be using it were causing discrepancies.
 - iv) Meal prices. Because of increases in costs, in particular the minimum wage, the caterers were increasing the cost of meals charged to the Club. From the beginning of January, the cost to each member to £14.50 and from an unspecified date in 2017 to £15. The amount paid by the Club to the caterers is slightly less than this as what members pay has to include Xmas gratuities etc.
- b) Vocational service. AM reported that in addition to the minutes of the last meeting having been put on the website , a writing competition, Innovation competition and a Youth Speaks competition were all being held
- c) Community Service, and International minutes were both on the website and no other matters were raised.

9. DISTRICT MATTERS:

John Barker had been elected as DHG nominee 2019/20

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- a) Leave of absence to the end of the Rotary year granted to Caroline Lees due to her pressure of work.
- b) Robin Hendy had asked to be granted the benefit of Rule 85 and this was granted.

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- a) BA asked about the training of presidents elect , saying that some presidents had told him they had learned on the job. MW and other past presidents present said they had attended the usual course and no other training appeared necessary

- b) DB said he had been approached by a Rotary widow who was unhappy about her invitation to the Xmas Dinner, for which she felt she should not have to pay. MW said that he had both spoken to her on the telephone and reviewed the invitation letter prior to, and during, the call. He felt the letter was explicit in stating the invitation was to attend the dinner at the expense of the club, and at no expense to her. However, if she wished to make a donation it would go to the president's charity and not to the club. The wording of the letter was arrived at after a number of widows had made it clear they wished to pay their was
- c) P Hodge - asked for the time of starting council meetings to be brought forward. Agreed to 6.0pm
- d) GG said he was concerned that there had been a late nomination of an additional vice presidential candidate in competition with a candidate who had been elected to that position the previous year. The President said he was advised by the Secretary, and P Hodge explained, that under the bye-laws the nomination was properly made and that there was nothing that could have been done to prevent it.

12 DONM : Tuesday 24th January 2017 6.0pm at K & C Club

Financial Statement for October 2016 follows on next page

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - October 2016				
	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND				
100 Club	1392	756	612	636
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	3920	2728.45	612	1191.55
GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE				579.55
WEBSITE	2379	0		2379
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	1154.74	1118.7		36.04
PENTANGULAR	10448.2	1927.2		8521.02
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	1701.8	583.7		1118.1
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	3310.59	1690		1620.59
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	992	1000		-8
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				14858.3
DINING ACCOUNT				
TOTAL				7216.03
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve	1500	500	1000	1000
Foundation	77.86	0	77.86	77.86
GENERAL ACCOUNT	998.96		612	
Gift Aid payment	1593.89			
Gift Aid payment	457			
Street Collection (Haiti)	512.8	512.8		
Total	3562.65	512.8		3049.85
Vocational Services	700	0	700	700
Weekly Raffle	339.3	0	339.3	339.3
Available balance				2437.85
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	6179.81	1012.8	2729.16	5167.01
COMMUNITY SERVICES	5874.43	1368.93		4505.5
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	4885.29	1930.05		2955.24
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				12627.8
JOINT PENTANGULAR PROJECT	1500		1500	1500
EVENTS ACCOUNT	9916.31	7497.35		2418.96
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments	62756.4			
Total Funds Available	9821.42	1600		8221.42
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND	72577.8			72577.8
TOTAL ASSETS HELD				111199