

## Minutes of Meeting - Dining & Entertainment Committee - Tuesday 26th November 2013

**Present:** David Barton, Sharon Jordan, Robert Boyd-Howell, Robin Vickers, Gill Dixon & Robin Hendy.

**Apologies:** Martin Edwards & Peter Wales

1. **Minutes of last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August** - Accepted
2. **Matters arising** - None
3. **Committee Terms of Reference** – Accepted. Report minutes to Club Service Committee. **Action: RH**
4. **Christmas Dinner (RB-H)** – Attendance going well, all names to RB-H by Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. GD offered to look after the Lord Mayor and Gerald Colson will greet Lord & Lady Carey. Detailed table decorations were discussed. No floral table settings; instead RH would get tiny metallic snowflakes to scatter. RB-H to get Rocket balloons from Amazon UK. President Geoff's Granddaughter will present the three bouquets.  
**Actions: RB-H, GD, RH**
5. **Dining Secretary's Report (SJ)** – numbers are usually reasonable but rarely exact because several members **will not** use the EMS. Continue running manual & EMS in parallel. **Action: SJ**
6. **Speakers Steward's Report (SJ)** – Dining Secretary needs to resume emailing Stewards each week to remind them of their duties. **Action: SJ**
7. **Report on Event Management System (SJ & RH)** – In conjunction with Members' emails and phone calls, EMS is proving useful to SJ but still many members are clearly not using it (properly).
8. **Deputies for key posts & committee members' roles (All)** – RH needs a Digital Projection deputy following the death of Barry Rice & will seek a volunteer from the Club. Most members of this committee could deputise for one another at short notice if necessary.
9. **Rotary Widows (RB-H)** – Club Council had ruled that widows of the Canterbury Rotarians who had died while they were members or soon after could attend the Christmas Dinner and be paid for by the Club. Other widows will be invited but will need to pay. **Action: RB-H**
10. **Entertainment Events:**
  - a. **Philharmonia Orchestra Concerts in Marlowe – Peter Wales** (PW absent so Item Postponed)
  - b. **Visit to Brick Lane Music Hall** – Robin Hendy. As of this morning all advertised shows in May & June 2014 were fully booked, but an additional St Georges Day show has been added on May 8th. RH will take a straw poll at Rotary lunch today and can pre-book for 20-30 places without charge. *Note: RH has straw-pollled on 26 November, has provisionally booked for 30 on May 8<sup>th</sup> and will email Club to assess interest.* **Action: RH**
11. **Ladies & Guest Night 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014** – Cancel Broome Park: distant toilets are an issue. **Action: DB**  
Entertainment – should approach the duo "Colin and Philip", entertainers at Christmas 2012. **Action: DB**
12. **Safari Supper 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014** – GD and RB-H will arrange. RH has experience & will help with plans.
13. **Review the secondary venue for Club Meetings** - Other venues could be Kent & Canterbury Club (max. 48 seated), Abbotts Barton at £14 for 2 courses or £19 for 3. Could also check the new Premier Inn in St George's Place. Need to approach these venues for estimates. **Action: DB**
14. **Ladies & Guest Nights in next Rotary Year 2014/2015** – Good to involve Viv Pritchard at our next DEC meeting. Should also publish DEC minutes on website. **Action: RH**
15. **Any other Business –**
  - a. GD had been to a concert by a very talented young pianist and proposed that the Club might organize a concert next year. Investigate Shirley Hall or Charlton Park. **Action: GD, DB**
  - b. RH was concerned that the proposed Wine & Wisdom in the Directory for 22 Feb 2014 would clash with the Inner Wheel Quiz on 29 March – a major fundraiser. The President has not yet finalised our club's Wine & Wisdom date yet. Need to bring this clash to his attention. **Action: DB**
16. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21 January 2014 at Kent & Canterbury Club.**