

## **ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY**

Minutes of a meeting of the Fundraising Committee held on 8th February 2017

1. **PRESENT:** Sharon Jordan (President elect, in the chair), Peter Hermitage, Lewis Norris, Stephen Thompson, Martin Ward, Caroline Lees, Gill Dixon, John Bobba, Deborah Connolly, Robert Yonge, Brian Dobinson.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Tony Loughran
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th December 2016 were approved
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** Only Agenda items
5. **DUCK RACE:**
  - a) Date of the race - Sunday 17th September 2017. MW had confirmed with the lifesavers that the date was acceptable to them. ST to confirm with the Council that the date was acceptable and whether any other activities were planned in Westgate Gardens that day but he expected no problems.
  - b) In view of the number of spectators in 2016, fixed positions should be set for the marshals and duck throwers.
  - c) Ways of increasing the take from spectators - sub committee of BD, GD and RY to consider and report. Suggestions were: a second race for large ducks, possibly preceded by TB boat borne in his duck outfit; coco nut shy; try your strength gong (SJ knows a man who has one); franchised stalls. ST to liaise generally with Council about this but thought a street permit to cover sales would be possible.
  - d) Wendy Jones is willing to organise the paperwork for ticket sales to public and members.
  - e) No decision made on who would have overall responsibility on the day
6. **WISHING WELL:**

Was still at Fenwicks, and to date since end of November had raised £237.55 in all. GD had agreement from her contact at Whitefriars that the well could go in the open area there when the sheds were erected (and could be stored in one of them overnight). Also, David Stephens of Tesco had agreed to its being installed near the entrance after Valentine's Day, and it would be moved there the following week by RY with the assistance of DC and husband. Nasons were not keen, but TB was still in discussion with them. RY asked that all discussions with site owners go through him to avoid misunderstandings but the importance of personal contact was noted in the previous minutes.
7. **BOXING NIGHT:**

PH reported that it had been a very good event. Total profits were just over £3,000, which had been intended to be split £1,000 to Rotary and the balance between the boxing and youth clubs. However an anonymous donor had offered a further £1,000 to the youth club, if Rotary would donate its £1,000 to them too, accepting as its return only the balance over and meaning the the youth club would receive £3,000, boxing club £1,000 and Rotary the balance (which LN thought could be as much as £600 with gift relief) . It was agreed that this be accepted (as Council members had done already). PH had had a debrief with the 2 clubs and the consensus was that the bouts were very good and that the profiles of the 2 clubs and Rotary were raised. It had been a huge amount of work for him (though he accepted he tended not to delegate) and he would not want to lead again, though he would advise. If another event did take place, a larger venue would probably be advisable (all 140 dining seats were sold plus 100 standees). SJ said it had been a good evening and she would like to see it repeated. TL had indicated he was prepared to lead, and he, PH and ST were to meet and discuss. The question of underwriting the cost of another evening was mentioned and as the public supporters were largely construction firms, it was wondered if they they might be prepared to join in underwriting another event.

8. SAINSBURYS COLLECTION IN MEMORY OF HANNAH LOUGHRAN: Fixed for the weekend of 18/19 February. MW had 3 collectors for each slot. He was collecting Rotary tabards and buckets for use and PH was to arrange for copying a large picture of Hannah for display. Sainsburys to be responsible for receiving cash and sending it to SCAT. There might be an opportunity for future co-operation with Sainsburys - see how it goes.

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PH - suggested small fundraising events such as boot sales from a trawl of attics

DC - Fordwich Arms too small for an event , but she and GD had been looking at village halls for an event. MW mentioned that his Catch club contact was prepared to entertain and mention was made of a comic farmers' singing group known to RBH.

ST- 88 TCK tickets sold - all requests to him by email. Only 20 tickets (at £10 each) sold for the champagne reception - more urgently needed

DC- reminded the committee that she was leaving it at the end of the year, although she would continue to help

RY- Suggested a bucket collection at Easter, but as TCK was on 8th April, and Good Friday on 14th, support might be difficult , and suggestions were made of using the egg container alongside the wishing well, giving Tesco first refusal of filling the container and that might take it to TCK

MW - Julie from Whitefriars to be invited to Rotary lunch.

10 DONM: Wednesday 22nd March, 6.390pm K & C Club