

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of a meeting of Fundraising Committee held on 12th December 2016

1. PRESENT: Martin Ward (President - in the chair), Sharon Jordan, Robert Yonge, Gill Dixon, Deborah Connolly, Caroline Lees, Brian Dobinson
2. APOLOGIES: Mark Rosen, Tont Loughran, Simon Edridge, Lewis Norris, Stephen Thompson
3. MINUTES: the minutes of the last meeting on 1st August 2016 were approved.
4. MATTERS ARISING: None not on agenda
5. DUCK RACE:
 - a) 2016 date of September 18th thought a great success. 2017 to be either the equivalent Sunday or 1 week earlier to avoid University start week. MW to discuss with the life savers their availability and then arrange with ST for him to discuss with the Council the dates available for the Race, including whether or not there are any other events scheduled for Westgate gardens the same day. The Art Fair might be compatible with the Race.
 - b) IW had been concerned about the number of people on the Finish bridge - more marshals necessary especially there
 - c) There had been insufficient ducks available for sale on the day. Agreed we should investigate increasing the number of launching bags and ducks, possibly launching some bags on the upstream side of the bridge, waiting until the first of them appeared before releasing those on the downside. Master launcher SD to be questioned.
 - d) Retain price at £1
 - e) Inconclusive discussion on having sideshows, but if we did they would be run by licensees
 - f) DC has the latest check list which she is to give to MW. He will store the list on the website
 - g) Pre Race Sales. i) GD to speak to her very helpful contact at Whitefriars and to approach Morrisons and Asda. Was felt we probably would miss a section of the populace by relying on Whitefriars alone. ii) Permission to be sought for driving vehicle into Whitefriars for loading and unloading and possibly use of underground storage area. iii) TB's duck costume very effective - could we obtain another? iv) In view of sealed box requirement, better provision of change needed. v) Publicity - can we improve the pull - up stability in some way. A poster showing the Duck Race might be helpful. vi) In view of some difficulties with the supermarkets, perhaps we should take a list of charities to show them. vii) In future, post-mortem to follow promptly after Race
6. WISHING WELL. Positioned outside toilets at Fenwicks where it took £60.22 in last 16 days. Permission to remain there had been extended until after Xmas but RY hinted that might be extended further. All proceeds at present go to R rotary charities, but F and others` have their own causes and we might have to share. Alternative sites - Arcade last resort due to security; Chaucer hospital outpatients available but unlikely to raise much. Tesco possibility, SJ to speak to her contact. Possible future use for Lord Mayor's Gift Fund. . Generally imperative to deal with sites where we have a known contact. DC given second key to the box for use when RY away. . RY to get a new label for the bottom of box - original defective from outset.
7. BOXING NIGHT: Full review by PH in Council Minutes and on website. Sales to be chased but feelers out
8. POSSIBLE SAINSBURYS COLLECTION. RY had suggested this for Scat cancer charity in memory of Hannah Loughran but agreed that before the matter proceeded any further Tony to be consulted by MW. If to proceed, might it be best to obtain tabards from the charity, not ours?
9. AOB: i) CL pointed out that spending committees had not stated their requirements. MW to ask and urge greater use of matching grants. SJ thinking of asking the spending chairs to

join FR committee ii) GD and DC to investigate the possibility of small fundraising event at Fordwich Arms, which allowed them on Sunday nights, but getting a chef difficult. iii) RY suggested giving up Xmas collections and having one about Easter instead. CL suggested having bucket of eggs with prize for guessing how many. iv) Possible use of cricket ground or the hall at Lr Hardres for a small event. v) Possible involvement of local celebrity such as Sandy Tokstig discussed - but they get bombarded

10. DONM: Wednesday 8th Feb 2017 6.30pm K & C Club. SJ to chair if necessary.