

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Fund Raising Committee held on 15th October 2015

Attendance: Mark Rosen (Chairman), Sharon Jordan, Deborah Connolly, Brian Dobinson, Gill Dixon, Tim Brett, Steven Thompson, Peter Hermitage, Martin Ward, Tony Loughran

Apologies: Caroline Lees, John Bobba, Robert Yonge, Ian Wright, Simon Edridge

Fund Raising events

1. Duck Race: The Committee agreed that a sub committee be created to organize next year's duck race chaired by Deborah Connolly, with help from Gill Dixon and Wendy Jones.

2. Wishing Well: Robert Yonge has reported that he has heard back from KCC about the possibility of them hosting the wishing well. Unfortunately they have a policy about donation boxes and only support a couple of Charities agreed by Members so they are unable to host the wishing well. Robert has tried the Beaney but it appears we will not be able to have the wishing well in the actual museum. The reason being the museum is free to visitors but it has an honesty box for donations and this helps the museum from a financial viewpoint. Our Wishing well would be a distraction and would probably reduce donations to the museum. However it may be possible to have the well situated in the tourist information/library section at the Beaney. I am told there is a heavy footfall in this area.

Robert has asked for suggestions from the committee for sites. Robert has suggested if the Club purchases the wishing well in the next month it could be a very useful aid at the Christmas collections. We could also perhaps use it on the Saturday of the Lord Mayor's Christmas gift fund collection. That particular collection is very hard work and any aid could be very beneficial.

Action: Committee members thanked Robert for his hard work and will continue to work to find a site for a wishing well.

3. Sailor Ted: Robert Yonge has reported - He normally sets sail in October. Does the committee wish to continue with this `fun` competition? If so, it is normal practice for the president of the year to nominate a local charity to which the profits from the competition would go to. I have organised this competition for the past three years and it is probably time for someone else to organise it. Committee agreed Michael Leadbeater to be a good candidate to carry on Sailor Ted.

4. Black Tie Boxing Night to help the Prince of Wales Boxing Club and to raise money for our Club: Peter Hermitage reported that the Thanet Rotary Club has hosted a boxing night at the Winter Gardens for the last ten years and they have collected an average of £30,000 at each boxing night which is shared with the Ramsgate boxing club and that we could do the same here in Canterbury.

Mark Rosen reported the outcome of two meetings with the Prince of Wales Boxing Club who are very interested to put on a boxing show but need someone to publicise and sell the tickets. Mark has also had discussions with the University of Kent and Westgate Hall as possible venues. The POW Boxing Club will organize the boxing show. They plan to put on 10-12 bouts on the night. They will organize a doctor, judges, referees, trophies, security and insurance. They will invite other boxing clubs to participate in the bouts.

The University of Kent has hosted boxing nights in the past for the Round Table in their dining halls of Rutherford and Eliot. Each dining hall has a capacity of about 400 which includes balconies for spectators. To reserve a dining hall they want a 20% non-refundable deposit on the price of their meals which starts at £33.00. The University require us to sell 200 to 300 dining tickets. They have offered the dates of any Saturday in February and between 9th April and 7th May 2016. The Westgate Hall has a capacity of 200 and to reserve the Hall they also want a 20% non-refundable deposit on the price of their meals which also start at £33.00. The Hall requires us to sell 100 dining tickets. The Hall could host the event on the 12th March 2016.

Action: The Committee thanked Mark for his hard work but agreed that they were unable to support a boxing night now but suggested to revisit the idea next Autumn. Mark commented that if we didn't take up POW boxing club's offer to host a boxing show now for next Spring, we may not be able to find another boxing club to put on a show in the future.

5. Club Christmas Collection: Tim Brett has reported that the Club Christmas collection is to be held at Morrisons on the 14th and 15th November.

Action: Mark Rosen to pass a board around at our lunch meetings for volunteers and Tony Loughran to try to organize collections at the train station.

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Date of Next Meeting: TBA