

Canterbury Rotary Club

Minutes of International Committee meeting April 15th 2014

1. Attendance Rtms R.Anderson, V.Banks, R.Boyd-Howell,J.Harris,A.Holmes , C.Lees T.Pomeroy (Chairman) and P.Sayer.
2. Apologies. None
3. Minutes of March 11- matters arising. BA asked if Clare Johnson was resident in Canterbury. She is local and is studying at Christchurch University.
4. Finances- £5404 but after grants agreed today money drops to £4504.
5. Committee noted that TP had put in an amended District Designated Fund (DDF) Application of \$1,560 which, if successful, would produce \$5,720. We have already given Leuven Rotary Club E4,000 towards their Orthotics and Prosthetic Project and each Pentangular Club has to apply for DDF to make up the funding for this Congo Project to run. The District Funding Officer Ivan Chapman will consider the application which then has to go to America for approval so it will be some time before we know the result. The committee agreed that our club has to apply for external funding – the money is there and if we don't apply then other Rotary Clubs will.
6. Noted that the Kajokeji Educational Trusts's Apprentice Training Project is underway and, as part of getting a District Grant we have to report back to District on how the programme has gone.
7. Committee noted that the £1,000 cheque, payable to Salisbury Diocese, has been sent to Margaret Griffin and that the £500 to Aquabox has been gratefully received.
8. Ethiopian Midwifery Project run by the Health for All Charity. Members thought that Nicky Morgan gave a fascinating talk to the club about their work in Ethiopia. Agreed that we would give them £500 for the Midwifery Programme and also £250 towards the cost of mosquito nets for the children's wards at the local hospital. Action TP to get the cheques and send them to the charity.
9. Noted that the Micro Credit Programme in the Bihar region of India is going well.
10. Noted that TP had raised the issue of the Millennium Trust's unused interest with Club Council and that the Trust and the International Committee are dealing with similar groups of young people who want to do community work in the Third World. Club Council are looking into how often there has been unused interest and whether it is possible to have consistency in how both committees deal with funding requests and whether the club can increase their publicity to both UKC and Christchurch. Action Club Council will let International know of their decision.
11. Correspondence
 - a. Committee agreed to give help to the Bikes 4 Africa Charity. Operation Sunshine has an agreement with the Kent Police to collect bikes that have not been claimed by their owners and the charity take them to the Dover Immigration Centre for renovation before shipping them to Africa. BA has the phone number of Robin Lings the owner of a local waste metal company. Action TP to contact him and has permission to use the name of Ken Sargeant a member of Forest of Blean Rotary Club to see if Lings would allow us to collect any second hand bikes and also tools that we could use for the Tools for Self Reliance Charity.

- b. Noted that the cheque to Sharah Akiwuma has been return to the club's account (AS) because Sharah has moved to an unknown address.
- c. Tiegan Aitkin the promising tennis player had been given money from Community Service. International passed the request onto CS as it didn't fit our criteria.
- d. Noted that Chelsey Porter a local medical student wanting to go abroad as part of her medical training did not get any grant from Community Service. Agreed that International would pass on her request to the Millennium Trust as she appears to fit their criteria for funding. Action TP to contact Leslie Stephenson.
- e. Committee told of Alexandra Hartman's request for a holiday exchange for her son Ferdinand. She is a member of the Stuttgart Rotary Club. No takers.
- f. Discussed Clare Johnson's request for financial help with her trip to Uganda with the East African Playgroup Charity. Clare is local and has raised £550 herself towards the £700 she needs. Action TP to get cheque of £150.

12. AOB none

Next meeting May 13th 7.0 at the cricket ground before the 7.30 evening meeting.