

# Canterbury Rotary Club

June Minutes International Committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2014

1. Attendance Rtms B.Anderson, G.Colson, M.Griffin, A.Holmes , J.Harris, C.Lees, T.Pomeroy(Chairman), V.Pritchard.
2. Apologies none but committee had one minute silence in memory of Peter Sayer.
3. Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> May – MG said her piece about the Juba Educational Girls only Bursary was not in the Kentish Gazette or the Rotary South East Magazine and it was agreed that both TP and VP would contact Martin Ward to see if the press release could be sent to both publications.
4. Finance standing at £2954.
5. Correspondence
  - a. Noted the £750 sent to Aquabox- the committee is now up to date with the donations to the charity.
  - b. Noted the £350 sent to the Team Tanzania Charity and the receipt we had received. It marks our involvement in another Canterbury Rotary Club's overseas projects. Peter Warr of the Chestfield Rotary Club was grateful for Canterbury's financial help. Action - TP is looking to see if we could help with another such project.
  - c. Noted the receipt for the £500 and £250 we sent to the Ethiopian Midwifery Project. Nicky Morgan who is both a midwife and a trustee of the charity is investigating other work we might support. Action. For future funding.
  - d. Noted the contact TP had with Carl Nessons of the Leuven Rotary Club regarding our application for District Designated Funding (DDF) from Rotary International for the Prosthetic and Orthotics Educational project (JPP2) which starts in the Congo this year. AS has sent our E4,000 to Leaven and when, hopefully, we get the DDF that ends our funding commitment. Leuven is applying soon for a Rotary Global Grant and when that application has gone in Ivan Chapman District 1120 Funding Officer will activate our DDF application. It is valuable experience for when we start our own Pentangular Project in South Sudan in 2015/2016.
  - e. Noted the request from Richard Kemball –Cook for International to consider funding for the Nuevas Esperanzas Charity which operates in Nigeraqua. This charity started in 2006 and has UK charitable status – No 11116109. It has a co-operation agreement with the Nicaraguan Government. Example of their projects include water harvesting, storage tanks for water, prevention of forest fires and crop diversification. Action TP is in contact with their UK representative and will report back to the committee when he knows more about the charity. It isn't clear if there is a local connection and our own funding criteria might prove an obstacle to any funding.
  - f. MG's publicity about our Juba Educational Girls only Bursary came up at matters arising.
  - g. Update on the local Hospice- the decision to close the hospice has been reversed so the "Tools for Self Reliance – Canterbury" Charity can still use the two rooms at the hospice for their work. BA told us that he will be attending the AGM and will report back to the committee. His collection of second hand tools continues.

- h. Noted that TP has been in contact with the International Committee at the Forest of Blean Rotary Club and is aware that they are running a three year project in Swaziland. Action TP to gather more information.**
- 6. AOB General discussion on what charities we ought to be supporting as we have money available. MG knows of a Whitstable Charity who are involved with a feeding programme in Africa and will send TP details. The committee did fund a two year feeding programme with the Kajojeji Educational Trust a few years ago so it is an issue we have experience of. GC suggested we support eye surgery work in Africa. TP will investigate and report back. Any other ideas about charity work we can support please let TP know so that it can go on the July agenda.**

**Next meeting will be at 6.0 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Venue to be decided.**