

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2017

1. PRESENT: Sharon Jordan (President), Peter Hodge, Alan Mepstead, Martin Ward, Margaret Griffin, Wendy Jones, Bob Anderson, David Barton, Geoff Goodban, Brian Dobinson.
2. APOLOGIES: Robert Boyd Howell, Lewis Norris, Neil Fraser
3. MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th September were approved. BA pointed out that no meeting of the Millennium committee had taken place, and that no copy of the Trust Deed had been placed on the website. Further that Neil Fraser had not received an invitation to attend the JPP meeting to report on it. SJ undertook to expedite both outstanding matters.
4. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Website. Copies of an exchange of emails between CE and RBH had been circulated. These culminated in the resignation of CE, and a further email from DB was read out in which he also resigned. The substance of the dispute was that the Website committee comprised CE, DB and WJ, with RBH being seconded to it by Council to oversee matters on its behalf. In his initial email, RBH had stated that meetings of the committee had not taken place since July.
WJ confirmed that no agendas or minutes had been produced, with CE and DB dealing with things between themselves as they lived close to each other. She said that she and RBH were side-stepped, and when she told DB that she was not satisfied, he said that if the club had gone with his son's company, "Think", the situation would not have arisen. CE and DB had taken offence at RBH's email, and DB had also expressed other personal reasons for resigning.
ALL members of Council expressed regret at the resignations of 2 very able members. SJ had spoken to CE, but he remained adamant that he would not reconsider resigning. It was agreed that SJ and MG, as current leaders, should seek a meeting with DB and CE at the K & C club, as neutral ground, ensuring that the password was obtained. It was proposed by BA, and agreed, that in future Club Service should be responsible for the Website committee and that until a permanent replacement was found, MW should take on running the website itself.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT: A Summary of Funds prepared by LN was circulated. General Fund available, £736, Website £2324, Pentangular £880, Mini group exchange £1344. Dining ac £7923. Charity ac - Emergency reserve £1000, Voc Service £65, General ac £342, Comm Service £5193, International £4765 (these including £3000 each transferred from events a/c). AM pointed out that no new budget had been provided for Voc Serv in the current year and that £1,000 would be needed. BA pointed out that there would be a mini group study exchange in Canterbury in MG's year. As resort had been made to Pentangular account to part fund the MGS when last held here, he suggested re-visiting its funding from subs in the next year, but MW suggested the cost should come out of Charitable funds since education is within the charity remit. BA also felt that where the club raises funds on behalf of other charities (eg the League of Friends BBQ), the monies raised should be shown as coming into, and out of, our charity ac, rather than as a footnote.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a) Club Service: Minutes circulated. Possibility of accommodation for club archives at K & C Club which was to be discussed by GG with MR (for the K&C)
 - b) Community Service: Minutes circulated.
 - c) Voc service: Minutes circulated. Jo Nolan was a to have been doing "taster" service on the committee, but had left the club and new blood was a urgently needed on this committee.
 - d) Fund raising. Meeting had taken place the previous night. Income of £15000 had been the aim, but total would be likely to be no more than £11250, though there was a

possibility that the shortfall might be covered by a reduced form of musical event. It had been left for Council to decide whether that reduced sum would be acceptable in the circumstances. It was resolved that , for the time being , it would be accepted that there would be the lesser sum available.

e) Membership: Application by Kailash Maunick, accountant , approved . To be admitted 7th November

7. DISTRICT MATTERS: A list of 3 candidates for DG had been received and inadvertently packed in preparation for moving by PH, but there was no local candidate. Members were reminded that the District Conferenced was to be held in Canterbury at UKC in 2018, the Duck Raced being brought forward to 7th September so it could be showcased. Members to be reminded of this so that they could make provision to attend.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leave of absence for DC approved - 28/10 to 23/11/17

9. AOB:

a) BA : JPP committee minutes to be put on the members only section of the website. SJ undertook to see this was done.

b) PH: The Special General Meeting for the election of officers was to be held on 5th Dec..MW reminded the meeting that a Standing Order for Elections prepared by him had been approved by Council on 28/2/17, but it had been pointed out by PH that it did not comply with the Rotary Byelaws for elections. Accordingly he proposed that it be withdrawn, and a Motion in similar terms be approved which would supplement the Bylaws, the object being to take all steps to avoid the situation where a candidate was unaware he was being opposed. There followed a discussion about the election of vice presidents, and GG read a letter he had prepared about the 2016 election , when one candidate was 2nd vice president at the time, but was opposed. He maintained that was unfair, and that there was an understanding that the 2nd vice be promoted to first vice, unopposed, and proposed that the same member be unopposed in the forthcoming election. He was supported by DB, who suggested there be a committee which sorted out who should be future president on an unopposed basis. PH maintained that was wrong , and it was essential to have transparency. BD agreed , saying no member or group should have any more influence than any other in a democratic club.. It was announced that P Hermitage had submitted a nomination of the same member as 1st vice and MW said he had seconded that. MW's proposal was then put to the vote, and passed, 5 being in favour, 3 against, 2 abstaining. The overall effect of this is that the Secretary must give all members at least 7 days notice of all nominations for the post and, in addition comply with the Motion, which essentially requires him to telephone each candidate within 72 hours of the close of nominations, informing him of the other nominations etc, the full form of the Motion being attached to these minutes.

c) BA: Kennedys' advert was still on the website. MW confirmed he had asked for it to be removed but said he would follow this up. Also, requested that committees accept responsibility for checking their own section of the website each month and keeping it up to date.

d) Post of Secretary. SJ to enquire if NF would be prepared to take on the post.

10. DONM: Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 6.0pm K & C Club

MOTION

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Contested Elections

Motion

To ensure clear communication with candidates and the wider club where elections are contested - and in the spirit of the Rotary Four Way Test e.g.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

- the Secretary shall within 72hrs of the close of nominations:

1. Telephone each of the candidates to inform them of the contested election, to confirm the election process and the name(s) of the other candidates.
2. At the same time invite each of the candidates to prepare a short pitch promoting their candidacy for circulation amongst members. This résumé is to be available to the secretary no less than 72hrs before the election.
3. Immediately follow-up via email the substance of the telephone call with the same details.
4. The Secretary shall communicate to the whole club the full list of positions for which an election is being held in accordance with Rotary By-Laws.
5. Secretary to circulate candidates' résumés to club members no less than 48hrs before the election.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - October 2017

	Income	Expenditure	Allocated	Total	
GENERAL FUND					
100 Club	1241	175	1066	1066	
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	2942.23	1139.52		1802.71	
GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE				736.71	
WEBSITE	2324.52	0		2324.52	
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	598.54	400		198.54	
PENTANGULAR	2434.76	1554.36		880.4	
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	1631.1	287		1344.1	
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	4020.99	2010		2010.99	
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	804	804		0	
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				8561.26	
DINING ACCOUNT	19411.23	11487.5		7923.73	
CHARITY ACCOUNT					
Emergency Reserve	1000	0	1000	1000	
Vocational Services	65	0	65	65	
Foundation	989.86	989	0.86	0.86	Cheque sent to foundation
General Account	342.84			342.84	
Presidents Charities	506.37		506.37		
Weekly Raffle	367.9		367.9	367.9	
Wishing Well	948.34	500	448.34	448.34	
Available balance				342.84	
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	4220.31	1489	2388.47	2731.31	
COMMUNITY SERVICES	8663.15	3469.48		5193.67	£3000 transferred from Events Acc.
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	5865.85	1100		4765.85	£3000 transferred from Events Acc.
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				12690.83	
EVENTS ACCOUNT	12324.14	9774.21		2549.93	
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Investments	66092.78				
Total Funds Available	10142.68	618.01		9524.67	
TOTAL MILENNIUM FUND	76235.46	618.01		75617.45	
TOTAL CLUB ASSETS HELD				107343.2	
JPP Dollar Account	\$20259.33	\$5710.80		\$14548.53	\$2250 transferred to Juba. No indication as yet of receipt.