

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of Club Business Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd August 2021 at 1pm.

1. Welcome – President Stephen welcome both those attending lunch at the Cricket Ground and those joining by Zoom
2. Apologies – Maxine noted the apologies of PE Tony who is on holiday.
3. Correspondence
 - a. Email sent to Folkestone President offering condolences on the death of Treasurer Don Favley. Reply thanking the Club for this has been received.
 - b. Text received regarding memorial service for Marjorie Lyle (25th September) – Stephen to reply.
 - c. Rotary Widows list has been updated by Maxine. Once checked Maxine will send out calendar of dates and invitations to those on the list.
 - d. Past Members list. Stephen asks all members to let him have names and contact details for any ex-members that they are in contact with, so that they can be invited to events as per the Rotary Widows.
4. Almoner's Report – David Lewis updated the meeting on those members and their partners who are currently experiencing poor health. David thanked members for letting him know of those who are not well and asked that anyone hearing of members in such circumstances to let him know so that he can follow these up on behalf of the club.
5. Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 6th July 2021 were agreed by the meeting.
6. There were no matters arising from these minutes not covered elsewhere in the meeting.
7. Report from Club Council Meeting held on 26th July 2021
 - a. Peter Hermitage gave a short update on the new reporting structure noting:
 - i. smaller Club Council
 - ii. mix of fellowship and service activities
 - iii. development of hybrid (face to face and zoom) meetings.
 - b. Minutes, including VP and PE reports on website
 - c. Review of video conferencing – seems to be working well with a couple of adaptations
 - d. Attendance of carers are meetings (see below)
 - e. Vacancy for VP still unfilled
 - f. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Still some outstanding subscriptions – Maxine contacting members
 - ii. Dining Club account – 2020/2020 balance of £8500. PE Tony looking to contact members with balances to discuss options.
 - iii. Internet banking – Tony and Kailash working to establish internet banking protocols.
 - iv. Gift Aid – Richard to submit the claim.
 - g. New member recruitment
 - i. Rotary Club Friends – Stephen proposes to establish a Friends Forum for the friends of members who might be interested in joining the club so that they can also be invited to events.
 - ii. Dinners – Stephen and Tony are to hold an aperitif evening for ex Round Table and 41 Club members. Stephen and Peter are to hold similar event for members of Canterbury BID, with presentation about Rotary and the Club's activities.

- iii. Work Club – Stephen outlined a proposal to establish a Work Club to help those unemployed get back into work, with local professionals running sessions, who then might like to join Rotary.
- 8. Carers attendance at Club Meetings – the Club approved the attendance of carers at all meetings in support of members with health issues. The member will pay for the carer's meal.
- 9. Crocuses – Viv outlined the arrangements for the purchase of crocus bulbs in support of Polio Plus. The meeting agreed to the purchase of 5,000 bulbs costing £525 to be sold by members at £10 per bag of 25 bulbs. The meeting noted the generous offer by Bob Andersen to purchase bulbs for community organisations.
- 10. Dining Arrangements – Stephen outlined the current issues:
 - a. Members are asked to check their meal preferences on the EMS for lunch and dinners to see if they are correct. Martin and Raj are happy to help members with this.
 - b. Members are also requested to ensure that their standing orders for meals are set up for the new year (2021/2022).
 - c. And that the value of the standing orders is sufficient to cover the expected cost of meals. Stephen noted that to take all 10 meals per quarter should the standing orders need to be for £190.
- 11. 100 Club – Stephen noted that only 48 'numbers' have been sold to date. He encouraged those not yet members of the 100 to join. Graham can help with paperwork and any queries.
- 12. Alternative venues for September meetings. Members are asked to carefully check emails for meeting venues in September as these will NOT be at the Cricket Ground.
- 13. Reports from Committees
 - a. Fundraising: Brian – Race Night on 31st August & Duck Race on 19th September
 - b. Community Service: Richard reported that a meeting will be held at the the of August
 - c. Vocational: Mary –
 - i. Vocational community will help Bob Anderson to distribute 'community' allocation of crocuses
 - ii. Mary and Brian have visited Queen Elizabeth and Simon Langton Grammar School's to presented competition prizes.
 - iii. QEGS Formula 1 Team have reached the national finals.
- 14. Any Other Business
 - a. Philip Abbott promoted the meeting on 17th August which features Gerry Abrahams.
 - b. Philip asked for help looking after his guests at this lunch.
 - c. Philip also reminded members of the production of Macbeth taking place on 14th September in Nonington.

