

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Club Business Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 22

1. Welcome - Tony welcomed those present and those Zooming into the meeting.
2. Apologies, John Hill, Andrew Barchi, Rosemarie Morton
3. Almoner/Health Report – David
 - a. John Hill in WHH
 - b. Geoff Goodban still experiencing problems with his eyes
 - c. Margaret Harris has moved into a home. Tony looking at possibility of bringing John to meeting
 - d. Sidney was welcomed back after having had Covid
4. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on October 4th 2022, were agreed
 - a. Matters arising
 - i. Marie Curie Collection – Tony said thank you to those who took part.
5. Report on Club Council Meeting held on 31st October 2022

Tony reported:

- a. Pentangular Presidents Meeting: meeting on 5th November and Tony will update the club next week by email
- b. Santa Float- two static dates 11th and 18th December. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting.
- c. Club marketing Literature. At Duck Race it was evident that an update to our brochures and flyers is needed as well as banners etc for future events.
Brand 'Rotary in Canterbury'. – Sub Committee needed to look at this.
- d. Distribution of Club Funds. Tony reported back on Council Recommendation for Spending committees
Rationale for monies held in General account
£4600 – Spending Committees to receive £1000 each from Duck Race
£1600 – to be held in charity funds
Emergency Reserve- top back up to £750
Proposal to distribute as above was agreed.
Rosemary proposed that £1000 donation from a member to be divided £500 each to Kids Out and Sanctuary Supported Living.
Proposal to distribute this as above was agreed.
- e. VP Vacancy. Peter Hermitage spoke on the outcomes of the regeneration committee meeting.
 - i. Issue that we have a PE but no current volunteers for VP and future president which implies no leadership in 202024/5 and threat to possible existence of the Club.
 - ii. Need someone to take on Club President role.
 - iii. Options include ex-president to serve a second terms/ joint presidency/ sharing responsibilities. Rosemary to send out survey asking for help with her year and subsequent years.
 - iv. Membership is also an issue which remains of concern.
- f. The Point- ST to update the Club
 - i. Stephen Thompson made a presentation regarding the background, design, finance and status of the WBF/ The Point.
 - ii. Stephen noted issue regarding need for sublease for CCC and that the contract is being drawn up.
 - iii. Stephen requested for the Meeting to agree construction contracts given that all monies have been received and are held in RCC bank account

- i) LS asked about surplus – Stephen noted that it could be used for stone benches to complement the WBFP.
 - iv. Vote taken – all in favour of the Centenary Committee to sign construction contracts etc.
 - g. Xmas Dinner 17th December, Lower Hardres Village Hall – invitation out soon.
 - h. Poppy Collections - thanks to those who have volunteered.
- 6. Financial Update – Jim Gascoyne presented the current financial situation and accounts. Thanks were expressed to Jim and Graham for their work with the accounts
- 7. Membership Update- Martin Ward had advised Club Council that he is following up a couple of expressions of interest.
- 8. Update from Community Service, International and Vocational Committees
 - a. International – last meeting in October. Donations to Shelter Box, AquaBox, Eye Hospital Dhaka. Raj.
 - i. Planning sponsored walk next summer
 - ii. Investigating water purification pouches developed by Imperial College, London
 - iii. Investigating Cleft Palate repair project
 - iv. Investigating housing shelters in disaster area.
 - v. Language Care – donation of £40
 - b. Vocational Mary
 - i. 2nd Nov Mentoring at Canterbury College
 - ii. 5th Nov District Young Chef competition at Archbishops School
 - iii. Primary writing competition invitations have been sent out.
 - iv. QEGS – F1 Team Eclipse sponsorship continues with new donor
 - v. Dover Grammar asking for money for books and £400 (including £200 sponsorship). Also asking RC Dover for help.
 - vi. Innovation Competition in process of being organised with CCCU.
 - vii. Possible outing visit to Chelsea Hospital/Royal Courts of Justice
 - c. Community Services – Richard expressed the Committees concern at current economic situation and likely deprivation in parts of Canterbury. The Committee is working to strengthen contacts with PWYC, Rising Sun and Porchlight. New contacts with Thanington Resource Centre are being developed.
- 9. Foodbank Xmas collections 2 dates in December Canterbury West: 21st & 23rd; Canterbury East 22nd
- 10. November Programme – Tony’s email.
- 11. Date of next meeting will be the Special General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6th December 2022.