

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Business Meeting minutes

27th August 2019

1. Explanation of the accounts 1 pager (President standing in for Stephen Thompson)

Each table was given a draft summary of the accounts and what each line meant. This will be discussed at Club Council this evening. The proposal is to give all Members greater clarity of the meaning of each line of the accounts, where the funds come from and what is their intended purpose.

2. Honey Bears nursery (Community Service represented by Bob Anderson and Deborah Connelly)

A brief presentation was made to the Club on the Honey Bears Nursery. The proposal is to get Club Council agreement to ring fence £1000 for the charity. Community Service wants to focus on a larger sum for this charity this year. There will also be a \$1000 application for a District Grant. There are also attempts to get the Cluster Clubs to join in with us and make some contributions.

3. Cost of meetings at the Kent and Canterbury Club (Alan Mepstead)

AM has had discussions with the Kent and Canterbury Club and they are adamant that they require £25 per hour for the upstairs room, with £10 per hour for the downstairs room (as long as there is a 2-week notice period). No fees were levied last year, and the K&C Club have explained that they have spent a considerable sum on refurbishment recently. The cost of meetings could result in annual costs of at least £600 which would impact the Rotary accounts. Club Council to discuss this evening.

4. Importance of the Duck Race 15th September

This is our major fund raising event for the year and all Members are requested to assist as much as they can in the event and raising funds.

5. Art and Craft Day 8th September 1130hrs-1400hrs

It was agreed that this event would be advertised to the public.

6. Secretary post (Margaret Griffin).

MG expressed the concern that the current lack of a Secretary was placing an unacceptable load on the President, who is also doing the Secretary role. Previous attempts to encourage members to be the Secretary have been unsuccessful, and MG was going to try again contacting members. A potential shared role between Members could be considered.

The issue would also be discussed at Club Council this evening.

Engage conference 6th-8th September

The President has been phoned by the District Governor to encourage an increased number of Club Members to attend the Conference. At present level of bookings, the event could be heading for a major loss.