

Canterbury Rotary Club

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4th May 2021 - 1300hrs (via Zoom)

1. **JPP4**

The President gave a brief presentation which will be run by R C St Quentin in conjunction with RC Chisnau, Moldova. The project, to improve the diagnostics and treatment of hearing loss in neonatal and young children, will start on approval of the awarding of the Global Grant.

2. **Transfer of money within the Club Account**

Stephen Thompson asked the Club that, in order to meet the increase in the cost of the Pentagular next year, money needed to be transferred to meet the estimated shortfall of £1,400. As this increase could partly be met by the reduced costs in the Centenary Celebration budget, the proposal therefore was to transfer balance of the money from the General Budget and the 100 Club. The proposal by Stephen and seconded by Philip Abbott was carried unanimously.

3. **Future format of Club Meetings**

Peter Hermitage gave a comprehensive presentation on the various ways that future meetings could be held post the Covid 19 restrictions. After some positive debate it was proposed that various styles of meetings would be carried out especially in regard to the next year's varied Club programme.

4. **Future of 100 Club**

Stephen Thompson proposed the future of the 100 Club needed to be looked at especially in view of the reduction in numbers of participants. A small sub-committee comprising of Graham Bough, John Hill and Robert Yonge was appointed to look into the matter.

5. **District Grant**

Whitstable Rotary Club had been successful in getting a District grant to provide additional funding for children's safety gates to be installed at the new Rising Sun project in Wincheap. The money has now been received into the Club account.

6. **Vacancy for the post Vice President**

The Club was reminded that the post for Vice President was now vacant and that Members needed to look seriously at filling the vacancy

7. **Resumption of meetings at the Cricket Ground**

Raj Dasan announced that the meetings at the Cricket Ground will commence on the 22nd June providing that the roadmap out of the present lockdown was on track. The cost of meals will increase to £15.95 and the first meal proposed was a cold buffet. After some discussion, Raj stated that he would approach the catering staff for alternatives and brief the Club at some future meeting.

8. **£20,000 excess in District Reserves**

A discussion took place on the District Treasurers proposal to transfer £20,000 of District funds to Foundation. This was carried unanimously.

9. **Budget for Rotary year 2021/22**

The Treasurer presented the rationale for the Members subscriptions for the coming year. The subscriptions would remain at £175 with a voluntary £15 to go to Foundation.

The meeting closed at 1415.