

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of Club Business Meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at the Cricket Ground

1. Apologies received from: Maxine Blades, Nan Miller
2. Almoner/Health Report – The death of Harry Cragg was noted with sadness, and an update was given on the health of Andrew Barchi, Gill Dixon and Mike Bridgeford
3. Minutes of last Business Meeting – 4th July 2023 – agreed.
 - a. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below –
Visit by St Quentin – Stephen Thompson briefed members on the proposed visit by St Quentin Club members to Canterbury in October – 13th-15th October.
4. President's Matters
 - a. MGSE – two candidates have been selected to represent the Club in Leuven and one of them, Emma Wilson, was present and introduced to members by Martin Ward.
 - b. Cooperation with local Clubs:
 - i. President Rosemary had visited the Sunrise Club for breakfast two weeks ago.
 - ii. Forest of Blean is organising Bat and Trap – booking arrangements were explained by Mike Talbot
 - iii. Interact Club – September start with Sixth Form at Archbishops School.
 - c. District update: President Rosemary, Roger Hickman and Irina Marta were booked to go to the Rotary Conference in Eastbourne
 - d. The Point – Stephen Thompson had nothing new to report.
 - e. MSTF- Graham Bough (administrator) gave an update on interim arrangements and called for an organiser to arrange candidate interviews. Andrew Clague expressed an interest in the role. Julie Reza will publicise MSTF on social media.
 - f. Duck Race arrangements – Neil Fraser reported on current progress and asked for duck sheets to be returned to him soon. Raj Dasan reported that 'counting-out' would take place the following Wednesday, 9th August
 - g. Club Council membership – Neil Fraser has been appointed to serve on Club Council
 - h. President Rosemary has contacted Jean-Luc Leclercq, co-ordinator of the Pentangular Group, requesting information about the JPP5 project in Surinam
 - i. Robert Yonge asked whether recruitment of new members had been discussed, and was assured that there had been a lengthy discussion and ideas were being considered.
5. Treasurer's Report- Jim Gascoyne
 - a. Subscription payments are nearly all in, and Club Directories have almost all been distributed.
6. Committee Updates
 - a. Community & Vocational – in the absence of Richard Kemball-Cook, Brian Dobinson commented on the situation of the Umbrella Centre and suggested a meeting with all three Rotary Clubs at the Umbrella Centre to discuss possible assistance.
 - b. International – Raj noted that International Service Committee had held its first meeting that morning and they had a number of schemes in mind to support.