

## **CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING**

**on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6pm at Kent Cricket Club.**

Present: The President: Neil Fraser (NF). Rotarians: V Pritchard (VP), A Mepstead (AM), D Barton (DB), S Thompson (ST), M McGeary (MMcG), M Griffin (MG), L Norris (LN), B Anderson (BA), T Loughran (TL). R Clarke (RC).

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: P Hermitage (PH)

Minutes of the Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019: Approved.

#### 1. Matters Arising:

Mini Group Exchange Funding to be discussed later in meeting when R Clarke present.

#### 2. President's Business:

NF reported that the JPP4 fund has been found to be short of money. Apparently 2000 Euros should have been allocated for JPP4 in our club funds last year.

ST queried this amount, as our club has never been asked for this money by St Quentin. LN confirmed that when he was treasurer this money had not been requested and he thought it had been delayed.

ST summarised that £3500 is needed to make the payment to JPP4. He proposes to add £342 from the Charity Emergency Reserve and £1200 from the Events Account to the current £2000 JPP4 accrual: and this was agreed by Council. Action: ST.

However, ST is concerned that enough money is kept in the Events account to buffer any future events.

AM confirmed that the JPP4 project proposed by St Quentin is a project in Moldova to improve the screening, healthcare and schooling for children with hearing defects. The project has applied for a Global Grant, and has not been started.

It was suggested that JPP4 funding should be confirmed in writing.

Action: NF agreed to contact Eric Vanderlinden in the Leuven Club to find out about the JPP4 payment.

#### 3. Financial Report:

ST distributed and discussed the November Summary of Club funds.

It was again agreed that Members should be encouraged to increase their Dining Account standing orders

Action: AM to send letters to all club members.

#### 4. Matters arising from Committees:

##### a) Fund Raising Committee:

TL reported on lack of response from members asked to volunteer for collection at Morrisons supermarket on 6<sup>th</sup> December. It appears that not all members of the club had been receiving the e mails from TL.

Boxing match with Prince of Wales YC will be held next year but no date set.

Discussed possible future fund raising events. TL suggested an Auction of Promises, as had been successful in the past. Agreed that this event could be organised for March 2020. Action: TL and FR committee.

TL also will investigate obtaining smoked salmon to be sold at a profit to friends and family at Christmas, as this has been done successfully by St Quentin club. Action: TL to meet suppliers .

Other ideas: Donating antiques to be auctioned and profits to be donated to the club, a Barn Dance, a Race Night. A Boot Fair is being planned in AM's Presidential year.

b) Club Service:

Roles and Responsibilities of Club Service were discussed. AM stated that in his view Club Service should stay the same, and was working well in its present format. It was agreed that Club Service is operational and Club Council is strategic.

Committee Meeting Minutes are available on the website and should be read by Council members before the meeting. Any important spending issues from Committees should still be discussed in Club Council meetings. DB said that in his view Club Service would benefit from a longer term for the Chairman to give continuity.

5. Mini Group Exchange Funding:

Roger Clarke was present for this part of the meeting.

ST discussed the concerns raised about future funding for the exchange programme.

RC has reviewed the gift aid on charitable donations. He advised that:

a) Any charitable donations to the Club should be made payable to the Canterbury Rotary Club Charity Account in order to claim gift aid.

b) The gift aid declaration signed was specifically for Rotary Foundation and so a new gift aid declaration would need to be signed by members. Action: RC and ST.

It was agreed that the Juba Account should be left as it is.

ST will move Raffle Account to the Events Account. Action: ST.

Consideration to move the Mini Group Study Exchange to the Charity Account would be delayed until the next Council meeting. BA suggested that club subscriptions could be increased in order to cover the Mini group Exchange funds. It was agreed that this would be finally agreed when MW is present at next Council meeting.

6. Secretaries Announcements:

LN reported that a Special General Meeting is being held on 3rd December to elect the President Elect, Treasurer and Secretary.

VP proposed and MMcG seconded Stephen Thompson as President Elect.

AM proposed and ST seconded Lewis Norris as Secretary.

No Treasurer has been proposed yet.

Christmas dinner costs are to be confirmed Action: RD and AM.

Council agreed that all members and guests should pay the same amount for the Dinner. Raffle Prizes are requested.

6. AOB:

ST applauded the new venue for Club Council meetings, which is much cheaper and convenient.

ST asked if a new microphone could be found for the Club Meetings as sound very poor.

BA asked for Pentangular Meeting minutes to be put on website. Action: NF.

NF confirmed that at recent Pentangular meeting the Leiden club are still not keen on participating in some future events, but do wish to be involved with Mini Group Exchange. NF also confirmed that other Pentangular clubs are keen to support a possible Global Grant application for the Rising Sun Charity, but only after a draft proposal is studied. Action: NF and R. Kemball Cook.

LN and BA raised concerns about the lack of funds to match any Global Grant at the present time. It was agreed that no further action can be taken until money is available.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 6pm, at Committee Room, Kent Cricket Club.