MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club, Old Dover Road, Canterbury

Present: The President: Dr M Griffin (MG); Rotarians: V Pritchard (VP), J Hill (JH), Neil

Fraser (NF), R Yonge (RY), L Norris (LN), A Mepstead (AM)

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: S Jordan (SJ), T Loughran (TL), R Boyd- Howell (RBH)

Minutes of the Meeting of 18th March 2019: Approved.

Matters Arising: None

Presidents Business:

The Centenary Year Project has not progressed. MG will talk to other Club members, and explore further the idea of supporting Medical Students in financial difficulties.

Update on Juba has been circulated at Club meeting. MG reports that the school is doing very well, and there is enough money to fund the third year of bursaries. The Headmaster is still trying to move to a house nearer the school. MG may visit Juba again in late September/October.

NF has drafted a presentation on Juba Project Funding which will be presented at the Pentangular Meeting in St Quentin. It was agreed that this presentation would be sent to the Pentangular in advance.

MG reported that 11 members of the club were attending the District meeting in Cambridge. MG was delighted that Philip Abbott had asked to re-join the club.

The Honorary Membership agreed for R. Tyndale-Biscoe was discussed. VP has visited Roddy and told him the news. It was agreed that Roddy should be given a lifetime Honorary Membership of the club from 1st July.

Health and Safety:

NF reported that the Events Committee is making sure there is a site visit and risk assessment before all events.

Mini Group Exchange:

Not discussed.

Financial Report:

Summary of Funds for April 2019 circulated, and discussed by LN in detail.

The Club Funds look healthy.

Gift Aid has been claimed and £1,492 received.

£1,000 has been transferred to each of the committees.

RY reported that the Wishing Well is in Tesco now and is still being successful.

Next years budget was discussed. LN informed Council that the Pentangular has a 50 year Anniversary in the same year as our club centenary, and so extra funds will need to be raised.

Council members agreed that expenditure for future Pentangular meetings needs to be kept to an agreed budget.

There was a discussion about the benefits of a small increase in the Club Annual Subscription for next year, especially as there had been no increase for 10 years. It was unanimously agreed that the subscription would be increased by £10, in order to cover the events in the next few years.

Committee Reports:

Community Service:

DB not present. Nothing to report.

International:

VP reported recent donations.

£300 to Rotary Club of Dakar for hygiene kits for girls.

£486 for a refrigeration unit for midwives in Ethiopia.

£500 for a New Life charity to support children in Kenya.

A street collection raised enough money for 3 Shelter boxes, and the committee will make up any shortfall.

Millennium Trust Committee:

No report.

Vocational Service:

AM reported that minutes not available as meeting held this afternoon.

The Innovation Competition has had entries from 8 schools.

The Post Office visit will go ahead this week.

No interest in concert.

Maxine gave an excellent presentation about mentoring and training. The committee will consider future possibilities for the club.

Club Service:

NF would like stewards to set up the microphone and computer in future.

This is to be raised at the Business meeting.

No luck in finding a volunteer for role of speaker secretary yet.

Fund Raising:

TL not present. Report from TL advised that the Duck Race would be held on 15Th September this year. The Bull and Bush evening had been successful.

Foundation:

No report.

Communications: No report.

Membership:

RY discussed mentoring new members and helping them rotate through all committees in first year. RY will be meeting new members to find out how they are getting on in Rotary.

Secretary's Announcements:

Agenda items for Business Meeting agreed:

- 1. Financial Presentation on Juba funding to date to be made by NF.
- 2. Juba Presentation
- 3. Larger pool of volunteers in club needed
- 4. Dignity Policy Presentation
- 5. Subscription for next year.

<u>Any Other Business:</u> 46 Rotarians have indicated that they will attend Sheila Boyd-Howells funeral.

<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club.