

CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB
MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 11:45 am by Zoom

Present: The President: Neil Fraser (NF). Rotarians: A Mepstead (AM), V Pritchard (VP), S Thompson (ST), M Griffin (MG), L Norris (LN), B Anderson (BA), P Hermitage (PH), M Ward (MW), T Loughran (TL), D Barton (DL), M McGeary (MMcG).

In Attendance: D Connolly (DC) (Taking Minutes), R Kemball- Cook (RKC) (assisting with Zoom), C Lees.

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting of 21st April 2020: Approved.

1. Matters Arising: None

2. Rotary Club Subscriptions 2020/ 2021, and transfer of £2000 from Dining Account:

ST discussed his proposed financial plan, already emailed to Council members for their approval. He has suggested that the annual subs are increased to £175, and has set out the reasons for the proposed increase. It was pointed out that subs have not been increased for the last 6 years or more. The Mini Group Exchange to St Quentin will not happen this year, but next year subs will need to be increased again by £18 per member approx. to cover this expense.

ST suggests continuing to assume that there will be 55 Club members in the next year for calculation purposes.

ST also asked for agreement that £2000 of surplus money in the Dining A/C to the Pentangular A/C. Members will still receive a credit or debit balance for their dining bill, as usual.

The Treasurers recommendations about an increase in Club subs and transfer of money from the Dining Account were agreed by Council. Members will all be e mailed details of the proposals and will be asked to vote accordingly. Action: ST and LN.

3 AGM Preparations:

The AGM will be held on Zoom on Tuesday 19th May.

LN confirmed that he had received all the necessary reports, and these would be circulated to members. To date no-one has objected to any of the new elected members.

The council members will remain much the same. Caroline Lees has kindly agreed to be minute taker from July. MW confirmed the Rotary rules about Council membership, and this was discussed further.

PH suggested that the Council members should be voted in at the AGM, and then AM, as new President, can co-opt further members at a later date. This was agreed by Council.

4. Membership:

MW has written to various members who have been 'absent' in recent months. GG and SJ have replied and confirmed they wish to remain members of the club.

3 other members have not yet replied to the letter.

It was agreed that members of the Council would phone each of the 3 members to ascertain how they were and their future intentions about membership. Action: MW, DC, MG.

5. Honorary Members:

NF has invited Honorary Member, JW, to attend Rotary meetings/ events, but he has declined. Other Honorary members have also not been in contact for long periods. Following a discussion it was decided not to re-elect these Honorary Members this year.

Council agreed that The Lord Mayor of Canterbury would be re-elected as an Honorary Member. Action: AM

6. Fundraising for Dhaka Rotary Club:

VP reported that Julie R. had suggested trying to raise funds by raffling some artworks. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Council would support this initiative.

Agreed that Julie will be asked to present her proposals to club members to get agreement for this fundraising idea. Action: VP and JR.

7. AOB:

NF asked AM to stand in for him at Club Zoom meeting today, and this was agreed.

AM suggested a 'buddy' system whereby a Council member phones a club member weekly who is not taking part in Zoom club meetings, in order to keep them involved and encourage use of Zoom if possible. This was agreed and various Council members volunteered.

BA asked the Awards Committee to recognise Ken Beere's long service to Rotary. It was agreed to contact KB and refer this to Awards Committee. Action: MW.

BA asked for clarification about what will be done about Members dining subs from 1st July, as Club will not be meeting in person. Agreed that members may be advised to cancel their standing orders for dining, but this would be discussed at AGM next week

Date of Next Meeting: Date to be confirmed. Meeting by Zoom.