

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Club Council

23.1.18

Minutes

1. **Present** – Sharon Jordan (President), Robert Boyd-Howell, Wendy Jones, Lewis Norris, David Barton, Bob Anderson, Alan Mepstead, Margaret Griffin, Neil Fraser, Martin Ward, Geoff Goodban, John Hill (up to end of section 3) and Tony Pomeroy (up to the end of section 5).
2. **Apologies** – Brian Dobinson
3. **Presentation by John Hill on Widows**
 - JH discussed how best to communicate to the 19 widows that are associated with the Club. Some widows may prefer a letter, but it was concluded that we will use e mail where we can, as that is the normal method of communication.
 - Club Council concluded that we need to ensure that there is an appropriate handover to the new President Elect (PE), so that that PE is briefed on who to communicate to in sufficient time before the Christmas meal.
 - WJ to issue a list of widows to Club Council for reference.
 - Club Council agreed that this subject should be discussed at the next Club Council.
4. **Minutes of 21.11.18**
 - Club Council agreed that they were a fair record.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - President to write to members seeking views on Centennial Year
 - President has sent an e mail to the Club; only 4 responses to date. It was felt that the subject area needs additional assistance and the **President will contact Harry Cragg** to suggest that a brainstorming team be set up to discuss the matter. RBH felt that we should maintain the Club's priority to raise money for charity, and MW was keen that the celebration be used create events to raise money for charity whilst also celebrating the actual event.
 - Juba
 - TP updated Club Council on the progress of the Global Grant. We continue to have delays, many of which relate to Juba Rotary Club. The second school year has now been delayed to early March, due to national exams and this gives us more time. The original Grant (arranged by Wassau in the USA in 2014) would now appear to be re-starting and this will clear the way for our Grant to be approved. RBH/NF to prepare a note to our Pentangular colleagues (with TP and MG to approve) to update them on progress in the event we have to seek their assistance if the Global Grant is not forthcoming.
 - We have sight of all receipts of payments made to date and also how the original Grant is in Juba's bank account waiting start of their original Grant (for well drilling).
 - We have funds until June 2018.

- The Final report for the well drilling Grant was issued by Juba Rotary in December 2017. District 9212 (local) has requested an accountant to do a review of the Juba accounts prior to our Grant being processed. Harry Mugo (local District) has still to sign approval of our Grant.
 - The President thanked TP for his continual efforts.
- Millennium Fund
 - Trust Deed is on the website.
 - Peer le Fleming currently on holiday, but is arranging a meeting shortly for the Trustees to discuss the status of the Fund. Trustees are President, President Elect, Secretary, P Le F, Treasurer and Past President Martin Ward.
 - Club Council agreed with new Members taking up the posts, there needs to be a good handover.
- Setting of the Business Meeting Agenda by Council
 - During this meeting the Club Council will be setting the agenda for the next Business Meeting on 6th February 2018, see item 12.
- 6. Presidents Business**
 - Website now fully operational since October 2017
 - NF to be briefed by MW on uploading minutes on 25.1.18.
- 7. Financial Report**
 - Accounts were presented and discussed by LN
 - £34.52 left in the website accounts and we now need to pay the £900 that is the 25% retention for the work on the website.
 - Wishing Well and Christmas collections went well and we will get gift aid on these sums. It was proposed and agreed that this sum would be put in the Juba account.
 - **Robert Yonge to be contacted to confirm** that the 50:50 arrangement with the Tesco Wishing Well.
 - £281 Leuven costs to be taken from the Juba account.
 - A discussion on Subs will be made in the next Club Council meeting.
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - Club service
 - Buddy System proposed for new members
 - Dress code questionnaire to be issued at the next Business Meeting
 - Need to increase focus on succession planning and handover for new roles
 - Community Service
 - It was agreed that we should donate £1250 to part fund a room at Craddock House
 - International
 - RBH to act as Administrator for the Lend with Care activity and he will thank Ciolin Sayer for his work.
 - Vocational service
 - Good progress on Innovation.
 - Progress being made on children's writing competition.
 - Ian Wright planning a visit to Dover Transport Museum on 18.4.18
 - Foundation
 - No report this month.
 - Fundraising
 - £7259 profit on duck race. 8th September is year's date.

- Boxing night (either 25th or 26th May) and Wheelchair Rugby (6th, 13th or 14th April events being progressed
- Membership
 - Robert Temple to be inducted at the Business Meeting on 6th February 2018
 - Two potential new members. The website is generating an increasing number of enquiries.

9. District Matters

- No report this month

10. Secretary's Report

- Leave of absence Robert Yonge 14.1.18 to 8.2.18 and for Martin Ward between 11.2.18 and 18.3.18.
- Nominations for Club Officers
 - Secretary required for 2018/2019
 - Fundraising chair required for 2018/2019

11. AOB

- Dining Costs
 - In 2017 WJ was informed by the Cricket Club that the meal costs would be initially £14.50 rising to £15.00 sometime in the Autumn. We have been correctly charging £15.50 to cover our costs. In the event the Cricket Club continued to charge £13.50 for the whole of 2017. It was discussed and agreed that the costs should remain at £15.50 per meal. The £3600 surplus should be used for payment of the £900 outstanding for the website renewal with the remainder to stay in the Dining Account for future use.
 - All thanked WJ for her efforts and updating Club Council.
- The content of Brian Dobinson e mail of 18th January 2018 was discussed at Club Council and it was agreed that the **President would discuss the matters raised with BD.**

12. Agenda for Business Meeting on 6th February 2018

- Centenary Year brainstorming.
- Secretary and Fundraising posts for 2018/2019
- Dress Code questionnaire
- Juba update
- Millennium fund update