

**MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 6pm
at Kent and Canterbury Club, Old Dover Road, Canterbury**

Present: The President: Dr M Griffin (MG); Rotarians: R Boyd-Howell (RBH), D Barton (DB), 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), V Pritchard (VP)

Minutes of the Meeting of 29th January 2019: Approved.

Matters Arising: None

Presidents Business:

MG asked if people had been circulated after talk by Dean of new Medical School, with suggestion that the 3 Canterbury Rotary Clubs could consider sponsoring a medical student for the 5-year course.

JH said he supported the idea but wondered if this could be a centenary commitment to provide a bursary to support a Medical Student finish their course in cases of hardship.

LN stressed that charity funds could not be used to support Millennium scholarship students.

DB asked if this could be discussed with Club Members, and this was agreed.

MG had received a complaint about advertising leaflets being distributed at a recent meeting, as not about a charity. RBH suggested that the secretary should be informed in writing about any leaflets a week prior to a meeting, and the President should give consent.

There have been problems with the Minutes of Business Meetings not being put on the website. NF used to put brief minutes on website, but not for last year. It was agreed that some members do not look at website regularly, and some help may be needed.

NF will help LN to take over putting minutes on the website in future.

MG hoped more club members would attend the Pentangular at St Quentin in May. There may be a problem arranging transport. RBH will send another reminder.

Agreed that Club Assembly would be held on 4th June 2019.

Health and Safety:

The Health and Safety Policy, 2019 -2020, was discussed. It needs to be signed by MG as President and the Club Safety Officer, R. Dasan.

NF asked for Health and Safety to be an agenda item at Club Council meetings in future.

NF also stated that there should be a 1-page generic Rotary Risk Assessment form, and he will request one.

Mini Group Exchange:

Not discussed.

Juba Joint Pentangular Report:

LN reported on funding required for next 2 years, and the funds are likely to be available.

LN had various suggestions that should make the continued funding for Juba manageable.

It was agreed that the Matrix will be shared with other Pentangular Clubs in advance of the Pentangular in May.

Financial Report:

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

The Club Funds look healthy at present.

RY reported that the Wishing well had not been as profitable at Sainsburys. It would be moved back to Tesco Metro on 9th March.

RY will investigate why the £750 cheque for Tesco's nominated charity had not been cashed yet.

Millennium Scholarships have been agreed for 4 students.

LN discussed his proposal to keep the annual club subscription the same at £140. LN is suggesting that the General Fund portion is reduced to £15, and the Pentangular Fund portion increased to £30. This would not change the amount paid by members.

NF asked that this is presented to the Club before the end of the Rotary year.

Committee Reports:

Community Service:

DB reported that the Committee Minutes had been circulated.

Nothing further to discuss.

International:

VP not present.

Nothing further to report.

Millennium Trust Committee:

4 students have been awarded scholarships.

Vocational Service:

AM reported that minutes not on website yet as meeting only just happened.

Innovation Competition and writing competition both going well.

Mock interviews at Abbey and Spires schools went well, and good feedback received.

Pilgrims Way School would like a night camera to study animals, and have agreed to fund.

The QE Grammar school F1 team was sponsored, and are now through to the final.

There have not been many people interested in Salvation army visit yet.

Post Office Mount Pleasant Visit has also been arranged.

Club Service:

NF will brief Club Council about plans for his Presidential year at next meeting, and then will present this to the Club at Club Assembly on 7th May.

Fund Raising:

TL not present. Report from TL advised that next meeting would be 14th March, when the Duck Race 2019 would be confirmed. He awaits final confirmation of money raised at the Bull and Bush Evening when S Thompson returns from holiday.

Foundation:

A Scott is attending meeting on 21st March about Foundation and he will then feedback to President.

Communications: No report.

MG had received a thank you note from a student funded by the Millennium Fund.

Membership:

Jennifer Brown, new member, to be inducted at next meeting.

Discussed Corporate Membership, and very mixed views have been expressed by members.

MG reported that the Universities may be interested in student membership, and possibly a Rotaract club.

Secretary's Announcements:

Leave of absence:

Robert Yonge – 16th March to 6th April

Margaret Griffin- 26th March to 3rd April, as visiting Juba.

It was agreed to award PP R.Tyndale-Biscoe with Honorary Club Membership for 1 year initially.

Agenda items for Business Meeting on 5th March agreed. There will be vote for President Elect, and so far only one nomination received.

Protocol for leaflets at meetings to be discussed.

Roger Power to report on Millennium Committee.

LN to speak about Juba funding.

DB to discuss Safari Supper, and ask members for ideas about form of SS this June.

Any Other Business:

JH raised length of speakers talks, and it was agreed that speakers need to be asked in advance to keep talks short, and to draw to a close when President stands up.

LN asked for date of District Assembly.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club.

Note- Meeting being held early because MG is away.