

MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday 28th May 2019

At the 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), D Barton (DB), T Laughran (TL), R Boyd-Howell (RB-H)

In Attendance: Stephen Thompson (ST)

Apologies: S Jordan, D Connolly.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd April 2019: Approved

2. Matters Arising: None

3. Presidents Business:

There was a discussion on the options for working with the other local Rotary clubs to support the new Medical School, particularly with sponsorship for students who are struggling financially. There was some concern whether it would be permissible to use charitable funds for this. There was also a difference of opinion on whether we could justify financial support for medical students only. It was agreed that the President should establish the views of the other clubs on this matter and put forward a suggestion that sponsorship should be directed specifically for “elective” work undertaken in developing countries. MG to report back.

MG outlined the discussions held at the Pentangular Presidents meeting at Saint Quentin. She confirmed that the other clubs have agreed to pass on their 2019 pentangular contribution to support JPP3 – The Juba Project. The indications are that, with this contribution, the total 4 year funding for the project has now been secured.

NF to check the plans for and details of JPP4. NF also to contact Erik van der Linden on expected contributions from Canterbury in 2019.

The Pentangular Presidents had also asked whether photos of members could be sent to be inserted on the pentangular website. This has been a sensitive issue for some members and the request will be discussed again at a forthcoming club meeting.

4. Mini Group Study Exchange

MG confirmed that interviews had been held to select two students to represent Canterbury at the MGSE at Leiden in August. They will be invited to a club meeting shortly before they go and, hopefully, the meeting will be attended by our representatives last year.

5. Financial Report

LN had presented the accounts to the Annual meeting at lunchtime. Generally, the accounts are in good order. There is currently £1026 balance in the Community Service Committee, £2144 in International and about £700 in Vocational. No further significant funds can be added until after the Duck Race. However, it may be possible to redirect small amounts from other pots.

LN advised that a total of £3400 had been claimed in Gift Aid in the year.

The proposed increase in annual subscription had been approved at the AGM without any adverse comments.

ST to take over as Treasurer from 1st July and subs cheques for the new year will need to be passed on to him.

6. Committee Reports – see reports on website

International – VP will pass on revised terms of reference of the committee to Martin Ward to be posted on the website.

There was a discussion on problem of transfer of money to charities based abroad. LN confirmed that the club will retain a US\$ account after completion of the Juba Project. LN and ST to discuss with Kailash the use of TransferWise.

Vocational – AM advised that coaching sessions for mentors were to be set up. Also, QE School in Faversham had approached him regarding financial support towards travel costs to attend the F1 finals in Dubai. Agreed £300 donation.

Fundraising – TL has completed arrangements with City Council for the Duck Race. Time agreed ie 11.00 – 2.00 on 15th September. Duck selling at Whitefriars – dates to be agreed. TL is discussing with Tim Brett possible continued sponsorship by Gallaghers.

Peter Hermitage has confirmed with the Prince of Wales Club that the next Boxing Night will be in November and our club will remain involved in the organisation.

7. Secretary's Announcements

Philip Abbott has agreed to take on the role of Speakers Secretary with assistance from Jenny Brown.

8. AOB

Board for advertising events – VP suggested that a pin board could be made available to allow members to place posters advertising external concerts or events, which could be of

interest to members. This could obviate the dilemma of whether or not to allow announcements at meetings. There was no agreement on this.

VP will pass on details to NF of District/ RIBI requirement to confirm compliance with Rotary procedures.

DB suggested that some older members may need help with transport to attend meetings. It was decided to refer this matter to Club Service Committee.

9. Date of Next Meeting

18th June 2019 at 6.00pm at MG's house. Partners invited.