

CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB
MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 11:15 am at Kent Cricket Club.

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

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: T Loughran (TL)

Minutes of the Meeting of 1st October 2019: Approved.

1. Matters Arising:

- Two club members have now paid their annual subscriptions. It has been difficult to contact GC, who is ill, so no further chasing to be made at this stage.
- Club Service will start implementing a procedure to encourage Members who regularly attend to increase their quarterly dining payments from £95 to £130.
- Raj Dasan has arranged for Club Council evening meetings to be held at the Cricket Club from 1800hrs to 2000hrs for the cost of £30 per meeting, which is cheaper than holding such meetings at the Kent and Canterbury Club. NF would confirm with the Cricket Club management that the next Club Council meeting (19th November 2019) will be held at the Cricket Club and sign the appropriate form. It is understood that Martin Ward is in discussion with Christchurch University for the provision of a suitable room.

2. Club Service:

AM reported that the arrangements for Christmas Dinner need to be finalised. NF confirmed the deposit had been paid and the date would be 14th December. Club Service to be involved with David Barton and Raj Dasan in the arrangements for the Christmas Dinner.

3. Polio Plus:

BA asked the Club to consider a future strategy for continued support of Polio Plus. It was agreed that it was important to continue to fund an annual contribution to Polio Plus. VP stated that this was part of Foundation. It was agreed that Polio Plus could be funded by money raised from Sailor Ted, the Caption Competition, and the raffle at the Christmas Dinner. This will be discussed at the next Business Meeting.

NF confirmed that amounts donated by the club to Foundation and Polio Plus are required for both District and Global Grants.

MG suggested that the Foundation Committee may benefit from more members. PH also suggested a review to consider the future direction and focus of Foundation could be considered.

It was suggested that Richard Kemball – Cook could do a brief presentation on Polio at the Christmas meal to highlight why we are using the raffle money for this purpose.

4. Financial Update:

ST distributed and discussed the October Summary of Club funds.

He informed council that 2 members had now paid their annual subs. The Foundation donations from the Club would soon be paid to District.

Crimefighters are no longer advertising on website, so it would be good to find another advertiser.

ST suggested that any overpaid gift aid to JPP3 could be moved into the emergency reserve, and this was agreed by council.

5. Juba Funding:

ST and VP have produced a brief report on JPP3 project and funding, and NF will present this on visit to Leuven to other Pentangular partners.

There was also a discussion about what should happen to any possible surplus of money in JPP3. It was agreed to wait and decide this at the end of the year.

6. Membership Update:

Not discussed as MW not present at that time.

7. Matters Arising from International and Community Service Committees:

VP reported that the money from the weekly raffle had been donated, as previously agreed by members, as follows:

£590 to Shelter Box

£400 to Water Aid

£450 to Aqua Box

DB reported that the funding available was very low. ST again stressed that another large fundraising event annually was needed. NF agreed to contact TL and for this to be discussed at next meeting.

DB also raised the issue of further support for members of the club who required help to get to meetings. AM agreed this would be put on the agenda of next Club Service meeting, and they would identify members who may need extra help. NF suggested a 'buddy' system could be considered by the Club.

8. Mini Group Exchange Funding:

MW had written a discussion paper on the funding issues. He stressed his concern about clarifying how funding should be allocated from the Club in future years.

There was discussion about whether the mini group exchange should be funded as a charitable activity in the future, and this was agreed by council.

ST stated that at present £8 out of each member subs was allocated to fund the mini group exchange, but this amount was not enough, and should be increased.

Various options about funding were discussed in detail. It was proposed that members could make a voluntary donation of £15, as part of their annual subs, and this could be gift aided. This should not increase the annual subscriptions. NF agreed that this could be summarised and presented for discussion and approval at the next Business Meeting.

Issues to discuss at next Business Meeting:

- Polio Plus Funding by sailor Ted, Caption competition and the Christmas Raffle.
- Juba Update
- Funding proposal for Mini Group Exchange.

10. AOB:

Philip Abbott has requested leave of absence from January to July 2020.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 6pm, at Committee Room, Canterbury Cricket Club.