

CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB

MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 6pm at Kent Cricket Club.

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

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: A Mepstead (AM), T Loughran (TL).

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

1. Matters Arising: None

2. President's Business:

NF has invited Justin Welby, an Honorary Member of the club, to attend one of our club meetings, but he has declined as too busy at present. There was a discussion about the role of Honorary Membership in the future, and whether this form of membership should continue. However, MG reported that she has been invited to meet Justin Welby to discuss Juba after her next visit there.

There are 4 Pentangular contacts in the club, and NF asked how regular contact was being maintained between the clubs. MMcG suggested it would be helpful to have e mail contact. BA stressed that Pentangular was a bigger issue in the club. NF suggested occasional contact via email or WhatsApp would be helpful to maintain closer relationships in Pentangular.

3. Financial Report:

ST distributed and discussed the February 2020 Summary of Club funds.

ST confirmed that club funds are very low at present, but money has been accrued to support Mini Group Exchange, EMS, and Pentangular 2022. Charity accounts were also clarified and discussed.

Money from the Quiz Night held in January had been very confused, as people had paid by a mixture of cash, cheques, and on EMS. Council members agreed that future events should be paid for only by cash or cheque.

£314 of profit from the Quiz Night was in the dining account, and ST suggested this money should be moved to JPP4. This was agreed by council.

ST raised concerns about the funding for JPP4 in future years. He thinks that the club will need to pay 2,000 Euros as a JPP4 contribution to St Quentin by July 2020. ST asked for clarification about when future payments for JPP4 and JPP5 will be required. Action: NF agreed to clarify payment schedules with Eric Vanderlinden.

ST reported that there are 5 members in the club who need to be contacted about whether they will continue their club membership and pay the subs for next year. MMcG suggested that the chair of Membership Committee should contact the 5 members before end of May. Action: MW and MMcG.

4. Matters arising from Committees:

a) Fund Raising Committee:

TL not present. Auction of Promises will now be delayed, until possibly end of May. Action: TL to confirm new date.

b. Community Service Committee:

BA discussed future fund raising for Honey Bears Nursery. BA is keen to set up a Just Giving Charity site for donations to Honey Bears, which would be linked to our Rotary website. The Council has agreed to this idea. It will need to also be agreed by managers at East Kent Hospitals trust, and DC has already contacted Rupert Williamson but not yet received a reply. MW said he will need the unique code to put on our website, and the treasurer will also need to be kept informed. Action: BA, DC, and Julie Reza.

5. Discussion on Regeneration:

PH gave a presentation to highlight issues related to regeneration of the club, and how to stimulate discussion and ideas about the future direction of the club.

BA gave an analysis of what other local Rotary clubs have done to change, modernise, and encourage new members.

There followed a long discussion and brainstorming session about various possible ideas. It was agreed that encouraging younger members, diversity and networking was vital.

MW said that Christchurch University has already suggested links with Rotary and possibly Corporate membership. Similar discussions have started with the University of Kent.

Action: it was agreed that PH would give a brief PowerPoint presentation on regeneration at the start of the next Business Meeting on 3rd March, and there would be a further discussion after the lunch. It was agreed to start the meeting early, 12.15 for 12.30. Action: PH and MW.

6. AOB:

ST asked who would be attending the Global Grants meeting. It was confirmed that Maxine Blades had agreed to attend.

LN asked who would deal with the Duck Race enquiry from another Rotary Club.

TL to rearrange date of Auction of Promises and inform club members.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 6pm, at Committee Room, Kent Cricket Club.