

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Meeting of the Club Council to be held on Monday, 30th January 2023 at Tony's home at

17:00

Agenda

1. Attending – Tony Loughran, Rosemary Doyle, Stephen Thompson, Martin Ward, Jim Gascoyne, Brian Dobinson, Peter Hermitage and Maxine Blades
2. Apologies - none
3. Minutes of meeting held on 28th November were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 - I. Meeting with Canterbury BID – carried forwarded.
 - II. Meeting with committee chairs re definition of charitable giving – carried forward.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List -Maxine to chase outstanding correspondence.
5. President's Business
 - a. The Point (WBFP) – Stephen reported meeting with CCC is scheduled for Thursday, 2nd Feb to be held on-line.
 - b. Xmas Party/Dinner – Tony reported that this was very enjoyable. The 2023 Xmas Dinner has been provisionally scheduled at The Granville, Lower Hardres for 16th December.
 - c. SGM -held and officers agreed.
 - d. Succession planning and regeneration – meeting held on 12th December and members of the committee are following up various points.
 - e. District Meeting held 14th January in Aylesford – Tony reported that he attended and will circulate the minutes. Subs will increase by £4 pa due to cost of magazine and subsidy for conference 20-22nd October in Eastbourne.
 - f. Pentangular 2023 planning – Tony noted that he was awaiting information from Liden, and when asked for show of hands possibly 20/25 members from Canterbury. Tony to write out to members to confirm those interested.
 - g. Dining Review – Tony briefed the Council on the County Cricket Ground proposals regarding catering following meeting with Matt & Colleague which have been confirmed in an email from Matt who has confirmed a price rise £5 per head per meal.
 - I. Peter asked that any new agreement stressed that a high quality and consistency of food needed.
 - II. Jim noted that there is a substantial balance in Dining Account General brought/forward Fund (£2.8K), It was confirmed that this money is to be used when needed for speakers/special events subject to the advance agreement of the Club President.
 - III. Peter and Stephen noted money will be needed this year for special speakers and Xmas tip.
 - IV. Stephen also noted that current agreement was from July so only 9 months rather than anticipated 12 months.
 - V. Stephen also noted that the induction loop not working,
 - VI. Martin also noted microphone not working properly. Tony will raise the issues of the loop and microphone with Matt.
 - VII. Rosemary noted that she was starting to plan meetings for new Rotary Year. Jim noted that we should consider for future dining numbers should joint meetings with Sunrise occur.

Peter noted that subsidy for St Patrick' Night at the PWYC would be needed to help pay for the band – agreed.

Tony will to bring price increase to Business Meeting for consideration by members, and if agreed the price of meals to be changed at £23 from April. If agreed Tony will then confirm with cricket ground.

- h. Trust Fund Charity Account – actions needed as identified by Graham and Jim including the details of Trustees for bank and Charity Commission Tony to action with JG & GB.

Jim discussed a possible move from Nat West of the Trust account in the longer term. It was noted that any such move would need the Trust Deed updating. It was agreed that no move would be considered whilst there are monies for The Point in the account.

Financial Review as per summary report

- I. Stephen noted that JPP5 money needs to go back to Charity Account – Tony to action
- II. TL withdrawing monies from Dining Account as above.

6. Cooperation with Local Clubs –

- a. The Santa Float campaign was successful raising c £5.5K – 50% to Foodbank, some to each club who manned the sleigh.
- b. Tony noted that meeting to be held with Sunrise, although date still to be agreed.

7. President Elect Report – Rosemary

- a. Community Service – Minutes of January meeting had been received.
 - I. Rosemary to research a list for small donations. Tony has St VDP list and will send to Rosemary.
- b. International – main contacts – Pakistan & Mauritius
- c. Vocational- Brian noted Primary Writing Competition & QEGS F1.
- d. Rosemary asked if that alternative venues (Pubs) were ok to schedule – agreed.
- e. Jim asked about feedback on Ukrainian issues – any need for further funds? Maxine is to visit the Umbrella Centre and will enquire.

8. Fundraising for 2022-223

- a. 2023- ideas for event in Spring to top up funds - carried forward.

9. Treasurer's Report - Graham

- a. Finance report – balances as per spread sheet.
 - I. Stephen asked for note 4 on Charity Account be deleted before posting on website.
 - II. PH asked about MSND £260 accrued – could this be used for play in September – agreed to b/f.
 - III. Donation for speaker 112 Charity from Charity General agreed at £100.
- b. Bank Mandate update
- c. EMS and Dining account - summary sheet provided.

10. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations - none.
- b. Prospective members: Irina & Roger in pipe line, visiting on 14th February.

11. Update of marketing/membership materials – carry forward.

12. Club Programme Update – none

13. AOB

- a. Email Management – report from Martin regarding changes advised by ExtraDigital.
 - i. Martin proposed that we use Mailman at £38 per year (Members, friend and supporters email lists) plus individual email addresses – Total £250 pa. This was agreed.
- b. Possible event to mark coronation – Jim asks what we could do to help promote volunteering on Monday through Rotary. TL to talk to Sunrise and Forrest of Blean about possible activity on BH Monday after coronation.
- c. Potential Interact Club at Archbishops School – Maxine reported on visit with Jarle – hopefully some feedback from School by end of February/
- d. Peter noted that Valentine's night activities are being prepared.
- e. Jim & Brian both expressed concerns regarding member engagement, especially percentage of those members coming to meetings and participating in events. It was noted that 60% attendance requirement had been dropped by RGB&I.