

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 24th July at Rosemary's home starting at 17:00

Minutes

1. Present: Rosemary Doyle (President), Tony Loughran, Neil Fraser, Jim Gascoyne and Peter Hermitage
2. Apologies: Maxine Blades, Brian Dobinson and Martin Ward
3. Neil Fraser was welcomed as a new member of Club Council.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th May were approved and adopted.

Matters arising:

- i. Pentangular Visit to Leiden – it was noted that no information on JPP5 in Surinam had been received. RD to contact Jean-Luc Leclercq, co-ordinator of the Pentangular group.
 - ii. MGSE – in the absence of MW, RD reported that two candidates had now been selected to travel to Leuven in September, and travel arrangements had been made.
 - iii. At the 27 June 2023 business meeting, it had been proposed, approved and adopted that, in future, Mini Group Study Exchange (MGSE) costs would be charged to the RCC Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund.
 - iv. Graham Bough had prioritized the completion of the 2022/23 Club and Trust Accounts in readiness for Independent Examination. He would submit a review of the Trust Deed and report to the Trust Fund trustees in due course.
5. Correspondence
The list was read out and noted.
6. Secretary's Business –
- a. Adoption of updated RGB&I BI Laws – PH is to go through them and report back.
 - b. RGB&I database showing 47 members & 2 honorary members.
 - c. Adding leavers to Friends and Supporters list has been approved.

7. President's Business

a. The Point update:

At the 18 July 2023 meeting, noting that the proposal was not for the relief of poverty, it was proposed, approved and adopted that the RCC Trust Fund trustees may pay £7,200 to Messrs CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP as a pre-payment for legal/professional fees in establishing both the Canterbury City Council's sub lease and the club's Licence to Carry out Works for the Drinking Water Filling Point.

The RCC Trust Fund trustees have asked that Stephen Thompson provide a detailed forecast of anticipated future expenditure on the Point project.

The Council has requested that the Point subcommittee provide a written record of each of their meetings. RD to speak with Stephen Thompson.

- b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 - i. Sunrise - RD had attended the breakfast meeting at Sunrise the previous week.
 - ii. Forest of Blean- programme received, and Bat & Trap evening, 21st August had been advertised to members to book via EMS.
 - iii. Inner Wheel – draft programme received.
 - c. Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund – need for organiser. RD to ask Julie Reza to publicise via social media.
 - d. Duck race arrangements update – NF detailed progress to date, and TL to manage while NF on holiday from 5th September.
8. President Elect Report – Maxine
- a. Combined Community & Vocational Committee – minutes of 1st meeting on 4th July were received.
 - b. International - yet to meet.
9. Treasurer's Report - Jim
- a. It was proposed and approved that the draft Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2023 be adopted subject to their examination by Richard Kemball-Cook and Robert Yonge.
 - b. Bank Mandate update - NatWest Bank may require amendments regarding bank mandates to be made online. An additional resolution may be required before further progress can be made.
 - c. Ten subscriptions remained unpaid on 9th July 2023. On receipt of up-to-date bank statements, a third and final request for payment would be sent to the persons concerned.
 - d. Regarding the identification of trustees of 'other bodies' (as in Club directory), the meeting perceived no conflicts of interest.
 - e. In anticipation of the independent examination of the Trust Fund accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023, Richard Kemball-Cook, chair of the Community Service Committee, had been asked to clarify the purpose of 2 donations in July 2022.
 - f. The club accounts to 20 July, having been circulated in advance of the meeting, were noted. RD raised the issue of crocuses for Polio+ (Events Account). It was agreed not to participate in the scheme this year.
10. Club Regeneration Strategy/Plans
- a. Including review of new RGB&I By Laws/Governance Documents – PH to prepare a paper regarding options for the future of the Club.
11. Recruitment – MW. In his absence it was noted:
- a. Resignations: Roger Power, Geoff Goodban, Sharon Jordan and Crispin Rampling
 - b. New Members – Irina Marta, Roger Hickman & Andrew Clague (re-admission). These were admitted as members by RD on 4th July.
12. Club Programme Updates – speakers were being sought for a number of dates. NF raised the possibility of having meetings with a speaker but no food for fundraising.
13. AOB - PH mentioned two possible fundraising matters.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.