

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 25th September 2023
at Rosemary's home starting at 17:00

1. Present: Rosemary Doyle, Neil Fraser, Jim Gascoyne, Maxine Blades & Viv Pritchard (attending part of the meeting).
2. Apologies: Tony Loughran, Brian Dobinson, Martin Ward & Peter Hermitage
3. Duck Race 2023
 - a. Duck Race report -Viv Pritchard joined the meeting to help with review of this year's Duck race.
 - i. Overall, it was agreed that the Duck race was a very enjoyable event. Sunday's weather was ideal and the crowd, although possibly smaller than last year, clearly enjoyed themselves.
 - ii. Thanks to Canterbury Sunrise who helped with duck transport – Rosemary to write and thank the Tatts for their help.
 - iii. Concerns:
 - I. The problem with the punt coming to the bridge at the end of the race. This caused a number of ducks to go off downstream, with a member going after them, neither of which should have happened. Punt Company will be asked to avoid this stretch of river during the 30 minutes of the race. CCC also to be asked if they can help to make it clear to punts not to use the river at this time.
 - II. Feedback from some helpers that the organisation and roles not as clear as possibly should be. A review of procedures and training of helpers on the day to be put in place prior to the next race.
 - III. Whilst it was helpful to have Whitefriars supply a gazebo, table, and chairs during the public sales, it was agreed that the Club should look at higher profile branding to maximise the impact of our stand.
 - IV. It was suggested that we analyse the ticket sales from the different slots to see if these can be more effectively timed.
 - iv. Planning for 2024 – The October Business Meeting to be asked to confirm members' commitment to holding next year's race and support needed.
 - v. Neil is to look at key roles and to have these in place when/if application for 2024 race is made in February.
 - vi. Jim reported that income from the race is £4900, so after expenses, profit around £4500.
 - vii. Viv left the meeting.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 28th August were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 - i. Graham's review of Trust Deed and report to Trustees is on-going.
 - ii. Archive review on-going.
 - iii. Trust Deed – original still missing. Neil noted that Alan Forrest had looked for the Deed a couple of years ago and couldn't find it. Rosemary to contact Peer Le Fleming to see if he knows of the whereabouts of the Deed. Jim noted that it may be necessary to have our copy certified via affidavit if original not found.

- iv. Social Enterprise Kent (SEK) contact – Maxine has spoken with SEK team. They run similar competitions to us – Big STEM Competition, Young Cooks and a writing competition, but these are Kent wide. Maxine to talk to Richard about possible partnership, but we also need to wait until CCCU STEM arrangements are confirmed.
- v. Xmas Calendar
 - I. Roger Hickman and Neil working on calendar which is to be sponsored by local businesses.
 - II. Meeting asked about sales of calendar – suggested that members sell to friends and family.
 - III. Also, it was suggested that future calendars could be produced jointly with FOB and Sunrise clubs.

5. Correspondence

- a. Maxine's list to follow – nothing urgent at present.

6. Secretary's Business –

- a. RGB&I database showing 46 active members & 1 honorary members as of end of August 2023 as, following his death, Jake Davies has been removed from both the Club's database and RGBI's DMS system. Philippa has been added to Friends and Supporters mailing list.
- b. Xmas Dinner – Confirmed for The Granville, Street End, 16th December 7pm for 7.30pm £32pp for 60 people. Rosemary is to invite Lord & Lady Major, & Lord and Lady Carey at club's expense. Maxine was thanked for her efforts to find a suitable venue.
- c. Planning for SGM – Officer roles for 2024/5: Maxine to stand as President, Jim as Treasurer, so we need new Secretary and President Elect. Rosemary is looking for volunteers.

7. President's Business

- a. The Point update – Rosemary noted Stephen Thompson has reported that licence agreement in preparation.
- b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 - i. Sunrise - Maxine & Nan participated in Quiz on 14/9
 - ii. Forest of Blean -Jim met with David Millham for informal discussion/
 - iii. Inner Wheel
 - iv. Rosemary to attend District Cluster meeting on 28th September.

8. President Elect Report – Maxine

- a. Combined Community & Vocational Committee met 4th September (minutes attached)
- b. International - meeting was not held this month.
- c. Review of Strategy/ToR's/and spending rules for Spending Committees ongoing.

9. Treasurer's Report - Jim

- a. Finance report August 2023
 - i. Jim noted that there is a combined value of £10K in Charity and Events Accounts. From September he is drawing cheques for purposes 'in relief of poverty' from the Charity Account, and other items from the spending committees will be from the event account.
 - ii. Dining account – Jim reported that this is in good order.
- b. Bank Mandate update

- c. Even though the club is not a charity, the Council authorized the Treasurer to re-apply to NatWest to update our banking signatories, declaring that The Rotary Club of Canterbury is a charitable organisation as, it seems, that is acceptable to NatWest and has been done by club Treasurers over past years.
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- i.
 - ii. Rosemary confirmed that she has signed the new mandate.
- b. Circulation of surplus Club Directories 30 spare copies. Club Council reiterated that due to GDPR Directories are only available to members.
Jim to post outstanding Directories to members.
11. Club Regeneration Strategy/Plans
- a. Including review of new RGB&I By Laws/Governance Documents is ongoing.
 - b. Peter & Neil reviewing options & opportunities.
12. Recruitment – Martin
- a. Resignations/leavers
 - i. Jake Davies deceased.
 - b. New Members – Rosemary in correspondence with Ann Walker Parry and will invite her to October's Quiz on 10th.
 - c. Discussion about membership committee be more proactive, encouraging attendance of current members as well as recruitment.
 - d. Rosemary to seek interim replacement committee chair.
13. Club Programme Updates – Maxine to update Club Calendar (Events List) and send out to members.
14. 10th November Neil outlined fund raising 'curry night' at Kingston Village Hall.
15. AOB
- a. RYLA update – District to confirm that weekend now to be held in April 2024
 - b. RYLA – Maxine proposed that funding for RYLA to be moved into MSTF. This was considered to be a useful suggestion and it was agreed that the Council will request that the Trustees of the RCC Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to consider meeting the costs of participants at Rotary Young Leader Awards events. Maxine to add to agenda of the next meeting of MSTF.
 - c. STEM at CCCU – club advised that this may change.
 - d. Vote for District Treasurer – it was agreed to allocate our four votes to Irina.

