

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 30th October 2023 at Rosemary's home starting at 17:00

1. Attending: Rosemary Doyle (President), Tony Loughran (PP), Maxine Blades (Secretary), Peter Hermitage, Neil Fraser, Brian Dobinson, and Martin Ward.
2. Apologies: Jim Gascoyne who is unwell.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th September were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 - i. Details of Club Programme – Rosemary gave programme updates and will copy CC members asap.
 - ii. Graham's review of MSTF Trust Deed and report to Trustees – Martin noted that original Trust Deed was completed by Chris Byrnes at Girlings, so the original may be there. MB noted that Graham has sent off returns to Charity Commission and fund holders.
 - iii. Archive review – awaiting Jim's return to health.
 - iv. Social Enterprise Kent – Maxine has met with Jo Holmes from SEK and discussed each other's programmes. SEK operate similar youth competitions but are County wide rather than Canterbury focused. Maxine recommended that we keep in touch with SEK as their community-based activities are developing and we could work with them in the future.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List – highlighted were:
 - i. Simon Burhill – Kent & Medway Grammar School Music Group piano competition
 - ii. St Nicholas School request for grant for DoE project.
5. Secretary's Business –
 - a. RGB&I database showing 46 active members & 1 honorary members as of end of October 2023
 - b. Xmas Dinner – The Granville, Street End, 16th December 7pm for 7.30pm £35pp for 60 people. Invites out end of October.
 - i. Help needed with collating menu choices & table planning.
 - I. Rosemary for returns/Brian table planning
 - ii. Entertainment
 - I. Robin Vickers/Community Carols
 - II. Peter offered Father Xmas/Quiz/Games
 - c. Pentangular Zoom Carols – Rosemary to check.
 - d. Planning for SGM – New club officers.
 - i. President – Maxine
 - ii. PE needed.
 - iii. Treasurer - Jim
 - iv. Secretary needed.
 - v. Archivist needed.
 - e. Maxine noted that EMS fully operational.

6. President's Business

- a. The Point update – Rosemary noted that Stephen reported that licence agreement was in progress. Rosemary has been contacted by a member of the new City Council Executive to ask about funding and progress of the project. Rosemary has referred her to Stephen Thompson.
- b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 - i. Sunrise
 - I. World Polio Day 24th October and Quiz Evening attended by members.
 - II. Santa's Sleigh volunteer list sent out to members.
 - ii. Forest of Blean -Rosemary met with their President at the Eastbourne conference.
 - iii. Inner Wheel
 - iv. Interclub bridge competition – Rosemary looking at developing this.
 - v. Cluster meeting held on 28th September.
 - I. Rosemary attended and reported on our activities.
 - vi. Tri -District Conference
 - I. Rosemary, Roger & Irina attended. Roger has prepared report for website.
- c. Issues with dining arrangements.
 - i. Graham has asked that Rosemary re-emphasise the booking protocol to members – pre booking meals via EMS.
 - ii. Brian asked if Maxine could confirm members 'default' options - Maxine to prepare a list.
 - iii. Maxine suggested the need for training sessions for members. Dates to be agreed.

7. President Elect Report – Maxine

- a. Combined Community & Vocational Committee met 7th October – minutes attached.
- b. International meet 10th October – minutes attached.

8. Future Development

- a. Brian expressed his concerns as to future of Club given falling membership and small number of members regularly engaging with activities. A discussion followed looking at how the need to balance fellowship and service.
- b. It was agreed to hold a special meeting of Club Council to look at what developments could be made – Peter and Neil to arrange.

9. Treasurer's Report - Jim

- a. Finance report for October 2023 circulated to Club Council Members.
- b. Bank Mandate update - tba
- c. Duck Race receipts & allocation of new funds to Committees and JPP projects.
 - i. Allocations made:
 - I. Rotary Kids Out Christmas Toy Box appeal - agreed £500 as per previous years contribution from RCTF as in relief of poverty.
 - II. JPP Projects Fund - £1850
 - III. Community & Vocational Committee: £2500
 - IV. Kerry Boyle/Peter Hermitage – Canterbury Vocals Scholarship Fund Choir Competition £500

- ii. Request from Kent & Medway Grammar School Music Group piano competition/Simon Burvill at Simon Langton GS,
 - I. Agreed £300 but payable next year. Peter to contact Simon and advise grant.

10 Fundraising - Neil

- d. 10th November – Neil noted that the David Tadd Talk on 10th November is fully booked with 26 members/34 guests. David has asked where the fund raised will go:
 - i. Thanington Resource Centre/PWYC/Competitions
 - ii. Raffle prizes are needed.
- e. RC Canterbury Calendars – Recent information on the unit cost of calendars (£2.50 each), and the need to order at least 750, or even 1000, to make it reasonable for the sponsors, introduces a significant risk to the Club if many calendars are not sold. Clearly the £1500 sponsorship to date would be warmly welcomed and Rtn. R Hickman must be praised for his efforts. However, the £1500 sponsorship could be significantly diluted if many calendars are unsold.
Club Council discussed the likely numbers of calendars that could be sold and after discussion, it was agreed for Neil to ask Roger to cancel the full calendar and look for a one-page format which could be distributed FOC on the Santa Sleigh runs.
- f. 2024 Duck Race – Possible link with Stour Festival - Tony to follow up with organisers.

10. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations/leavers
- b. New Members – expressions of interest from three people which are being followed up by Stephen and Peter.

11. Club Programme Updates – meeting list October/December sent out to members.

- a. Rosemary is developing programme for 2024 – copy to Maxine for circulation/EMS.
- b. Brian noted that the Young Chef Competition probably not taking place in November due to issues with half-term holiday dates and is to be rearranged if possible.

12. AOB

- a. Maxine noted that the Interact Club at Archbishops is up and running.
- b. Maxine will progress the uploading of minutes onto the website asap.

