

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND AUGUST 2017

1. PRESENT: Sharon Jordan , President, David Barton, Peter Hodge, Lewis Norris, Wendy Jones
Bob Anderson, Geoff Goodban, Neil Fraser, Robert Boyd Howell, Bian Dobinson, Alan
Mepstead
- 2 APOLOGIES: Charles Evans, Margaret Griffin, Martin Ward
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2017 were
approved with addition to item 6.k) that a cheque sent to Dacca for £500, which had not then
arrived, had done so.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
Item 5 d). HC had been unable to attend the present meeting but was being invited to the
following Council meeting to discuss the Centenary arrangements

Item 7 i) b): WJ reported that the caterers had accepted the principle set out in the minute and
contracts covering the period to end of October (save for the 31st , venue for which was not yet
fixed,) were being printed out

Item 8 i): the local authority had subsequently discovered that the Club had been registered
under the Gaming Act for some years, the renewal fees having been referred to in the Club's
accounts as for a music licence and the monies for registration etc had been recovered

Item 8 iii) : After the meeting BA had sent an email to ST and MG about dissemination of
information.
5. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Only 5 people including members and partners were attending
District Conference, which was disappointing.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT:
LN produced the financial report for August and commented:
a) General funds available £872
b) Pentangular £1119. However, he had received notification from Ludenscheid that Eu220 was
due for payment by the Club in respect of the "Penta-row" website which had been formed
to circulate Pentangular information. This and an annual maintenance fee, the amount of which
he did not know, would have to come from the Pentangular funds
c) RIBI and District subs were up to date
d) The Emergency Fund, shown as £500 in the summary had since been raised to £1000
by transfer of £500 from the Wishing Well
e) The President's charities item had been affected by £342 from the previous year
f) The Wishing Well, still in Tesco's , was taking about £40 pw. No payment had yet been made
to Tesco for their charities. Although RY had suggested re-negotiating the arrangements
with Tesco to give them 30%, after discussion the Council agreed that we should maintain
a 50/50 division
g) The up to date Events figure was £2922 , inc eluding some funds from the current Duck Race
h) LN and Council members were very concerned that the £500 sent to Juba and mentioned
at item 6k of the previous minutes had still not arrived. LN said the £500 drawn from the JPP ac
was sent to the Salisbury Diocese account at Kenya National Bank in Nairobi , the Bank
having a small branch in Juba to which it was supposed to have sent the money for
collection by the headmaster of the school. TP had sent the headmaster an authority to
collect the money which was needed for bursaries. MG had said she did not wish to deal

with the finances, but is our only contact with on the ground knowledge. TP was trying to resolve the matter and it was agreed that no more funds were to be sent until that was done. It was felt very unlikely that any other Pentangular club would try to sent funds direct, but agreed that unless the matter had been resolved satisfactorily within the next month, all clubs were to be informed. It was not known what effect the absence of the funds was having on the holders of the bursaries. BA pointed out that the funding arrangements provided for the travel expenses of MG, or other representative of the Club, plus those of a member of the Diocese, to be paid for annual trips to Juba. It was agreed that TP be asked to attend the next Council meeting to explain the position.

h) The balance in Website account was £2284. At the Council meeting on 25/4/17, MW presented a paper on the website in which he recommended the acceptance of a quote from Extra-Digital for changing the website for £3,000 plus VAT which was to be paid as to 25% at the outset, 25% after 5 weeks, 25% on completion and the balance on sign off. Some work had been done, but by no means was it complete, but LN had received an invoice for the whole £3600, which CE said he had signed off. It was agreed that SJ should email CE and MW to clarify the matter and that ED asked to withdraw the invoice, which was not due. WJ reported that a number of members had complained they were not receiving messages from the Events Managing system ED had submitted a quote for £750 plus VAT for overhauling that, but it had not been accepted.

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the website funds available were insufficient to pay these costs, and this had been acknowledged by MW in presenting his paper, but , at the time, he had said it would be tight but he thought it could be managed..

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Club Service - minutes circulated.
- b) Community Service - minutes circulated
- c) International - no meeting in August
- d) Vocational service - no meeting but one would take place in September.
- e) Foundation - no meeting
- f) Fundraising- a meeting had taken place on 14th August and copious notes were taken by ST, but not put on the website or circulated. Apart from the Duck Race, main item was about the proposed Boxing match. Essentially, the Canterbury Boxing Club had split with the Prince of Wales Youth Club . CBC had relocated to Simon Langton Boys' School, where it was prepared to run the match in the large school hall, the school being prepared to run the catering. However, this would not benefit POWYC. . The alternative was to hold an event at POWYC where Joey Wicks was working on a proposal, but it was unclear whether sufficient boxers would be raised. Event might take place in November, or more likely 2018. PH and Tony Loughran working on a proposal
- g) Membership - no meeting but apparently one applicant was in the pipeline and was about to be interviewed, however the applicant lacked a proposer, having written direct . One other thought to be interested , but had submitted no application. RBH very concerned that delay in processing applications and particularly interviewing was affecting the Club's reputation. Agreed it was essential that a report be made for all Council meetings and whether or not committee meeting had taken place
- h) Hundredth anniversary - no report - HC to attend next meeting

8. DISTRICT MATTERS:

Election of officers for 2018 /9 being considered. No applicant from the Club but RKC mentioned as possibly interested.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Leave of absence approved as follows:

- a) Graham Bough - 18/9 - 11/10 2017
- b) Caroline Lees - until Mid November due to work commitments
- c) Charles Evans – until the end of September visiting family in Portugal

11. AOB:

- a) PH - reported that IW very concerned that there should always be 2 people on fundraising duties in case of complaints by members of the public as a health and safety matter. Council accepted that 2 were desirable, but in view of the difficulties in recruiting sufficient collectors, were unable to see that this was mandatory where the collections were in public and in well lit and very busy areas, such as supermarkets. Agreed the matter be referred to Fundraising .
- b) Election of officers for Rotary Year 2018/9 - reminder to consider candidates for the meeting on 5th December
- c) Committee reports - agreed that all committees should either provide the secretary with minutes of a meeting which had taken place within the month preceding the Council meeting or a written report of the up to date position of the committee in time for circulation to Council members.
- d) BA - concerned about use of the Millennium Fund. Some members felt this was due to obscure wording of the Trust Deed making it unclear if capital could be used so that some members were taking the view this was not the case. Possibly a definitive opinion should be taken on this and the matter was to be considered at the next business meeting.
- e) LN -members intending to hold meetings at K & C Club were still not always telling him (and K & C) in advance. All members reminded that this is essential
- f) WJ - repeated that lots of troubles with EMS. David Bailey was working on this .

DONM - Tuesday 26th September 2017 6.0pm at K & C Club

It was also agreed that the October Council meeting be on Tuesday 17th and not 24th to enable CE to take over as secretary before PH leaves the area, which is likely to be in the following week, but thought will have to be given to committee reports