

MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 6pm
at Kent and Canterbury Club, Old Dover Road, Canterbury

Present: The President: Dr M Griffin (MG); Rotarians: R Boyd-Howell (RBH), D Barton (DB), S Jordan (SJ), J Hill (JH), Neil Fraser (NF), Tony Loughran (TL), V Pritchard (VP), R Yonge (RY)

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: A. Mepstead (AM), L. Norris (LN)

Minutes of the Meeting of 27th November 2018: Approved.

Matters Arising: None

Presidents Business:

MG discussed a Golf Competition to be held jointly with Sunrise Club on May 10th at Boughton Golf Club. VP thought a team of 4 would be available. Would be a good joint venture, and could possibly be a dinner in the evening.

Centenary arrangements were discussed, and agreed it was urgent to progress as soon as possible. Suggestions for a lasting legacy were discussed, such as tree planting, water fountains etc. It was agreed that Stephen Thompson, as President in that year, would be asked to Chair and form a committee to work on Centenary celebrations. The Pentangular will be in the same year.

Rotary Plaque at Juba school- RBH has found a suitable inexpensive plaque which can be engraved and presented by Margaret to the school.

Another plaque at the Cricket Ground is also required.

Weekly Raffle Prize- Stewards will be asked to take the raffle prize bottle of wine to the winner at their table in future. Stewards will also be asked to give a table number to members as they arrive in future, to encourage members to mix more. These changes will be announced at the next Business Meeting.

Mini Group Exchange-

Needs to be arranged for this year. Leiden will be hosts. A. Scott will organise.

Financial Report:

LN absent but Summary of Funds for January 2019 circulated.

The Club Funds look healthy at present.

Committee Reports:

Community Service:

DB reported that the Committee Minutes had been circulated.

The minutes were discussed.

£250 donated to Serv Kent for breast milk collections.

£250 to Prince of Wales YC for Christmas lunch for elderly.

£460 for a dehumidifier for storing bicycles for Wheel Potential Charity for disabled.

£500 for Parkinsons UK to support Physio sessions.

Portable air filtration unit for Tools for Self-Reliance at hospice.

Looking at other possible local charities to support, such as Music4Wellbeing for dementia clients.

NF has been asked to report how much money has been donated to charities who are tackling loneliness in the community.

International:

VP discussed recent donations.

£300 to Child Aid in Eastern Europe.

£500 to Marys Meals, matched by government.

£500 to top up Lend with Care Account.

VP is trying to find a suitable charity that supports Rohingya Refugees.

Auction of Rotarian Raffle Picture was discussed. Agreed RBH would bring picture to Valentines dinner to try to auction. Money raised will be donated to Juba.

Millennium Trust Committee:

Clause 1B will be raised at next Business Meeting. It is hoped to be able to fund 3 students at Spires Academy to attend mock interviews at Oxford University.

It was agreed that we recommend that funds are also used to promote education trips within the UK for Canterbury-based youth clubs etc.

NF attended Cluster Meeting and hopes that a candidate for a Millennium Scholarship has been found.

Vocational Service:

AM not present. Minutes been sent.

Innovation Competition will be going ahead as planned.

Club Service:

NF asked RY to discuss possible Corporate Membership.

NF reported that stats show about 15 members attend less than 50% of meetings. Agreed to e mail these members to encourage attendance, and Vice President could make a personal approach.

Discussed whether to invite Widows of Rotarians to more events. Agreed that widows would be invited to next Valentine's Day Dinner. NF has list on database.

Fund Raising:

TL reported that he will be going to Sandwich Rotary Club to look at how they run their successful Annual Duck Race, and see if we could improve our Duck Race.

The Bull and Bush Musical Evening on Sat 2nd February is in profit, but about 100 tickets not yet sold.

Foundation: No report.

Communications: No report.

Membership:

RY reported that new member, Maxine, had been inducted but needed help and support from a mentor, as A. Barchi not available at present.

Another person is interested in joining the club.

Secretary's Announcements:

Leave of absence:

Rosemary Doyle from 23/01/19 to 11/02/19

Deborah Connolly from 11/03/19 to 12/04/19

Sharon Jordan for 3 months but she will try to attend evening meetings.

Agenda for Business Meeting discussed. President to discuss Juba Plaque, Centenary Committee, Millennium Fund, Stewards duties and raffle prize.

VP to present International Committee work.

Any Other Business:

JH asked why a Club Assembly had not been arranged. It should be held in May and District Governor invited. RBH agreed to arrange the Club Assembly at Business Meeting in May. RY suggested that Trevor Wilmott, Bishop of Dover, should be invited to speak to club, as he is soon retiring.

NF asked for suggestions for a Speaker Secretary for next year.

TL asked for the Pentangular Meeting at St Quentin in May to be raised at the club meetings, to encourage people to attend.

VP raised organising Honorary Membership for certain Rotarians who have retired from the club. Agreed this should be agreed at next Business Meeting.

SJ is arranging for Hearing Loop to be adjusted as not working very well.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club.