

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 27th September 2021 at 18:00 Hours

Present: S. Thompson (ST), M. Ward (MW), M. Blades (MB), K. Maunick (KM), A. Loughran (AL), Brian Dobinson (BD)

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking minutes

Apologies: P. Hermitage (PH), R. Doyle (RD), A. Mepstead (AM).

Minutes of the meeting of 30th August: Approved

1. Matters Arising

Video Conferencing system upgrade costs and video conference booking systems will be provided by MW at the next meeting.

All Rotary widows have been sent a letter from the President, a copy of the directory and a calendar of club guest events. MB has created version 2 of the Rotary Widows directory.

ST thanked AL for assisting in clarifying the current status of dining payments surpluses. AL will write to members with a positive balance offering a choice of a refund or donation of their surplus to the club charity account. A few members have asked for their balance to be used to pay their subscription for 2021-2022. KM has this in hand.

ST welcomed BD to council. He has replaced Bob Anderson as the members representative.

2. President's Business

a) Correspondence

Rotary Christmas cards will be available from October. ST will raise this at the next Business meeting.

Request for Leave of Absence received from Mike Talbot for 6 months and Robert Yonge for 3 months from October 2021. Approved by Club Council.

Two donations to Canterbury Rotary Club received in memory of Bob Anderson. MB has written and thanked the donors.

b) Pentangular Christmas Event

ST suggested holding a Christmas Zoom meeting with the Pentangular clubs. The purpose would be to share Christmas messages and to sing carols. This was supported by Club Council and will be put to members at the next Business meeting.

c) Rotary Work Club

ST will arrange a meeting to discuss the Rotary Work Club in the next couple of weeks. This is ongoing.

d) World Polio Day

ST discussed lighting up a building in purple to commemorate the day. He will contact the cluster clubs to see if it is something that can be done together. He will also investigate suitable venues such as St. Dunstan's church

e) Report on District Council Meeting

ST confirmed that the proposals for an Environmental grant and launch of district magazine were accepted.

f) Awards Committee Recommendations

The Awards Committee proposed Roger Bickerton and Ken Beere to be made Honorary Life Members of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. This was approved by Council. ST will seek confirmation at the Business meeting. If approved, this will be confirmed in writing to Roger and Ken.

g) Co-operation with other Rotary Clubs

Work underway with other local clubs to increase co-operation and joint participation in events. ST will arrange a meeting between AL and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the three Canterbury clubs to discuss options.

3. President Elect Report

AL provided the following summary of the activities of Community Service, International and Vocational Committees. Full details can be found in the Committee reports on the club website.

Community Service (CS)

No meeting this month.

International

a) Future of Joint Pentangular Projects

Committee agreed that Pentangular organisation was beneficial. Management and communication of Joint Pentangular Projects (JPP's) will be improved to ensure members fully informed of developments and progress. Suggested reduction of annual contribution from €2k to €1k.

b) Progress on current projects

- i. Juba Bursary Project – JPP3-£1,024 is to be transferred to Salisbury Diocese to provide future bursaries to the Juba School.
- ii. Juba District Grant Project – the project is complete. The scientific textbooks have been purchased and five bursaries have been awarded for final year students. Viv Pritchard to prepare the final report to District.
- iii. Dhaka Global Grant Project – Julie Reza to report to the next International committee meeting.

c) Lend with Care

Proposed increase in amount available for individual loans to £30. After repayment received and new payments made the account balance is £814.49 and the total number of loans made is 224.

d) International Disaster Response

Proposed donation of one box to Shelterbox in aid of Haiti earthquake subject to approval from International committee members at next meeting.

e) District Disaster Fund

Suggestion from District to create a centralised international disaster relief fund. View of those present was that Canterbury Rotary should not support a district fund and believe that the response to disasters will be better left to individual clubs.

f) Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus

Suggestions for potential new projects after Polio Plus is completed might include Malaria eradication and clean water for all.

Vocational Service

Competitions- planning in place for the Innovation (IC), Senior writing competition (SWC) and Primary writing competition. (PWC) Contact to be made with schools over coming weeks

BD to canvas teachers on moving Senior writing competition to Michaelmas term with entries by 15th January 2022.

Innovation deadline is 31st March 2022

Rationale for this was a better balance for students all agreed by all. Prizes for IC and SWR have been set and sponsorship will be sought.

Crocuses

2,000 crocuses due. Agreed 6,000 would be donated to school at a cost of £85 to Rotary. Bob Anderson has already paid for 4,000 crocuses.

6,000 crocuses to be distributed to members. £5 a bag of £25. Therefore max fund raise is £1,025

(£1,2k- minus cost £175). With Gates uplift this will be £3,075 for Polio Plus

Vocational Committee will seek schools to donate crocuses once received and fulfill wish of Bob Anderson.

4. Vice President Report

RD provided the following report

- i. Duck Race -Successful raising around £5k (final figure yet to be confirmed).
- ii. 100 Club-61 members. Next draw on 5th October 2021.

5. Financial Report

KM presented the accounts (now posted on the club website).

a) General

RIBI and District Subscriptions will be sent in September.

KM to ask Julie Reza to provide the account details for the Rotary Club of Dhaka to enable transfer of money for Covid project.

Wishing Well provision of 50% of income payable to Tesco's charity.

Application for Internet banking unsuccessful due to club being registered as a Trust. KM and ST to reapply.

b) Horse Race

KM confirmed £342.15 will be transferred to the Water Fountain budget.

c) Gift Aid

KM confirmed total £2384 will be distributed as follows

£242-Foundation, £71 Polio+, £155 Dhaka, £75 Juba, £10 Fountain

Balance of £1831 to be distributed as follows

£850 Community Service, £400 International, £581 Vocational.

d) Duck Race

From the income reserves of £1850 for JPP and £750 district grant will be made. Balance to be transferred to the Charity account for spending committees. Held in abeyance until all income received.

e) Subscriptions

A total of 55 subscriptions received.

f) Dining

Members to be asked to review their standing orders to reflect recent increases in meals. RD to be asked to co-ordinate review with her team.

Vacancy for dining account scrutineer to replace Roger Power.

6. Recruitment

MW reported two potential new members, Jim Gascoyne is in the process of completing the paperwork. A second potential member would like to visit the club. BD agreed to host.

ST and AL to host a buffet for potential new members from the Round Table. Ongoing.

7. Business Meeting Agenda Items

The following subjects will be included at the next meeting

- Summary of key points of Club Council Meeting
- Rotary Christmas Cards
- Pentangular Christmas Carol Event
- Distribution of monies from the Duck Race
- Vacancy for account scrutineer.

8. Club Programme

MW to obtain quotes to set up group email addresses for friends of Rotary so that they are alerted by the EMS (Event Management System) for guest events.

9. Any Other Business

MW suggested setting up a fellowship event where an informal picnic or BBQ could be held thank people who helped at the Duck race.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th October 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom
