

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Caroline Lees, Rosemary Doyle, Julie Reza, Michael Leadbeater, Graham Bough, Gill Dixon, Leonard Rea, Kailash Maunick, Robin Vickers.

1. Apologies received from - Jan Bobba, Dee Mepstead
2. Minutes of last meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 agreed after correction item 3c – replace “..donation of £300..” with “..donation of £480..”
3. Matters arising
  - a. RC Dhaka – JR has discussed with the Treasurer the arrangements for making a payment as agreed at the last meeting. She is also in contact with RC Dakha to establish their preferred currency but is waiting for a response. VP has proposed that, if there are significant bank charges then our donation should be increased up to £350 to cover all costs. This was confirmed by the committee. There was a discussion on the best currency for international transactions and whether the Club should retain a dollar account when the Juba project is completed. Also, KM pointed out that he makes regular bank transfers to India through Transferwise, with very low charges. VP will make these points to the current and new Treasurers.
  - b. Healthcare Ethiopia Partnership – Donation of £486 made.
  - c. New Life Nyambene – Cheque for £500 donation sent
  - d. Shelterbox – Cheque sent by the Treasurer for a further three shelterboxes. It was noted that Mozambique has suffered a second serious cyclone this year.
4. Juba Bursary Project
  - a. Update – A report has been prepared for the Pentangular Presidents and this has been emailed to each club. The report was also copied to committee members for information. Margaret will make a brief presentation to all delegates during the pentangular weekend.
5. Lend with Care – The current account total is now £2,050. KM has made further loans and the credit balance now stands at £657. It is hoped, at the next meeting, to show the website to the committee to explain how the system works and how the club’s involvement has benefited new enterprises worldwide.
6. Budget – Before the meeting, the funding available to the committee was £2,175.
7. Ideas for new donations
  - a. Save the Children - VP had spoken again to Richard K-C who suggested another project supporting abandoned children in Bhutan. VP hopes to pursue this with the local Save the Children coordinator.
  - b. Health for All – VP had passed on information to committee about project in Bihar. Request made for provision of medical equipment for clinics in rural villages in this very poor state of India. **Committee agreed donation of £400 to Health for All.** Query on

whether there are Rotary rules regarding purchase of pharmaceutical products. In this case, part of donation is to provide iron tablets for new mothers. VP will investigate.

- c. Environmental projects – a number of options were considered
  - Seeds for Africa
  - Environmental education in Zambia – VP to contact Imogen Sayer
  - Other Inner Wheel project, involving Eileen Waghett
- d. Cyclone Fani in India – there appears to be no coordinated international appeal for this disaster.

8. Any other business - none

9. Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at 6.00pm