

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Graham Bough, Bob Anderson, Gill Dixon, Kailash Maunick.

1. Apologies – Robin Vickers, Rosemary Doyle, Julie Reza, Michael Leadbeater.
2. Minutes of last meeting of 13th August 2019 - agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Chipembele – BA has circulated details ahead of the meeting following his and GD's attendance at an Inner Wheel presentation in August. As the IW will be fundraising throughout the year for the Night Nature programme, it was agreed that it would be more appropriate for our donation to focus on a different area. **It was agreed that a donation of £500 will be made to Chipembele.**
Post meeting – BA has agreed with Anna Tolan that our donation should fund three mobile education unit visits to remote communities. Three members of staff (two Conservation Educators and a driver/logistics officer) drive to very remote rural communities and deliver conservation education sessions in schools and community groups over 3 days. They camp out. Funds are needed for diesel, food, educational materials, overnight allowances for the staff etc.
 - b. Seeds for Africa – VP has contacted the Soroptimist Club of Canterbury for further information on their project with Seeds for Africa/ Child.Org. Awaiting a response.
4. Role of the committee – the Club has agreed that the proceeds of the weekly raffle will be shared between Shelterbox, Aqua Box and Water Aid. The decision on allocation of funds is delegated to the International Committee
 - a. Confirm donation of £590 for one Shelterbox to the Bahamas Disaster appeal, following unanimous agreement by members via email.
 - b. **It was agreed that the remaining balance (about £900 for the 2018/19 year, after donation to Shelterbox) should be allocated without delay. VP will arrange payment to Aqua Box and Water Aid.**
5. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Update – Application for district grant has been amended to include information on contributions from pentangular partners.
MG will not be visiting Juba, as planned, in the near future due to security concerns.
6. Lend with Care – The login details have been amended:
Email: Km13ykk@gmail.com
Password: Rotary1922
The current account total is £2,050. Up to now, 136 loans have been made worth a total of £4951. The credit balance now stands at £497.
7. Budget – no further information

8. Ideas for new donations –
 - a. Kodeni School, Burkino Faso – no further information
 - b. Map Action – Information received from Alan Forrest about this charity, following a presentation to District Conference. Its role is to establish an early presence in disaster areas to produce maps to help agencies to identify critical action areas and distribute aid more efficiently. It was agreed that VP would contact the Speakers Secretary to arrange a presentation at a future meeting.**

9. Any other business
 - a. A donation for Shelterbox has been received from former member Henry Killinger

10. Date of next meeting – 8th October 2019 at 6.00PM