

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019

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

1. Apologies – Graham Bough, Bob Anderson, Kailash Maunick
2. Minutes of last meeting of 24th September 2019 - agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Chipembele – VP donation of £500 has been sent to Chipembele.
BA had 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 been contacted by the Soroptimist Club of Canterbury giving details of their Meru Gardens Project with Seeds for Africa/ Child.Org. A member of the Soroptimists has offered to come and speak to the committee about the project. **It was agreed that VP should invite her to attend a future meeting.**
 - c. Weekly raffle – VP confirmed that he had arranged with the Treasurer to make payment of £450 to Aqua Box (3 boxes at £150 each) and £400 to Water Aid. This leaves a small balance.
 - d. Shelterbox – VP informed the committee that there had been a hitch with the club's donation to Shelterbox for the Cyclone Idai appeal in April. The cheque sent by the treasurer had not been cashed. VP had contacted Shelterbox to clarify this and was advised that the letter attached to the cheque had specified that the donation was to go towards their relief work in Mozambique. However, Shelterbox's efforts were focussed on Malawi. They had sent an email to seek confirmation that we were happy to continue with the donation, but the treasurer did not receive the email and had been unaware of the problem. VP to liaise with the new treasurer to confirm the donation.
 - e. Map Action – VP yet to arrange for presentation at a future club meeting.
4. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Update – MG briefed the committee on current activity at the Juba school. The girls' boarding house is being expanded, also a new clinic rest room is being built. Teacher training workshops are being arranged.
 - b. Budget – no information yet on application for Year 4 district grant. An interim report is being prepared for district on the Year 3 project. VP and MG are working with the Treasurer to prepare a financial summary of JPP3 for the pentangular presidents meeting in November.
5. Lend with Care – The login details are:
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 £664. No new loans since the last meeting.

6. Budget – £1500 has been added to the committee funds following the duck race.
7. Ideas for new donations –
 - a. Koden School, Burkino Faso – This school has been supported by BT staff and a school at Folkestone. She will make further enquiries.
 - b. RC Dhaka – JR briefed the committee on project in Bangladesh to provide hygiene kits for girls. The club has already supported RC Dhaka's work and previous efforts to supply kits have been very successful. The next kit distribution will be in Srimangal in Dec or Jan, there is a chance that JR may be in the country at that time and may be able to help with the distribution. Information on the work undertaken so far can be found on <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/bangladesh-hygiene-kit-update.html>
It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to RC Dhaka for this project.
8. Any other business - none
9. Date of next meeting – 19th November 2019 at 11.45AM to be confirmed