

**MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 27th November 2018 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), L Norris (LN), S Jordan (SJ), J Hill (JH), Neil Fraser (NF).

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: V. Pritchard, R. Yonge, A. Mepstead, T Loughran.

Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd October 2018: Approved.

Matters Arising: LN would like the other Council members to see the draft minutes after club Council, and before they are finalised for all business meetings.
DC stated that she sent minutes to President and Secretary first for checking and the Secretary would then send to other Council members.

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of 6th November 2018: Approved.

Matters Arising: RBH was concerned that some of the matters discussed in the meeting were not confidential. It was stressed again that matters discussed should be kept confidential in future.

Presidents Business:

MG stated that she had received comments from several members saying that the atmosphere had improved in the club in recent weeks.

MG is keen to encourage more new members. Several people attending as guests have expressed an interest.

Alan Forrest attended a seminar at Rotary Conference discussing how a business could join as a corporate member and allow different employees to attend Rotary meetings each week. MG also has met with Directors of local Universities, and they are keen for students to be involved. A possible Rotaract could be set up with the University of Kent it was suggested.

Message from Viv Pritchard: VP has suggested ways of improving harmony and good relationships within the club. It was agreed that new members should have a better induction. R. Yonge has agreed to involve the Membership Committee and look at mentoring for new members.

JH suggested that the club may need to be more selective about new members in future. Brian Dobinson has also suggested that a Conciliation Officer could be appointed to resolve any grievances between members. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. NF also suggested arranging a club meeting to present and discuss the Rotary Dignity Policy. This was agreed for 2019.

Rotary Plaque for Juba School: This was discussed and agreed. RBH and SJ will investigate the cost of a suitable plaque.

Financial Report:

LN presented the Summary of Funds for November.

A recent fraud of the Events Account has been investigated by Nat West Bank, and resolved. The money scammed has been returned.

LN reported a recent mistake to have 7 signatories required for the Juba Account has delayed the last payment of money to Juba. This will be changed to 2 signatories soon, and then money will be sent.

A gift aid payment has been received and LN suggests that £840 from the General Account should be transferred to the Juba Account. This was agreed.

To Date £5,276 has been raised from the Charity Boxing Match. The final amount will be divided equally between the Prince of Wales Youth club and Rotary, as agreed.

The Juba Funds required for next year were discussed, and any possible support from other Pentangular Clubs to support the project.

Committee Reports:

Community Service:

DB reported that the Committee Minutes had been circulated.

The minutes were discussed.

A Primary School Reading Scheme is being investigated by Harry Cragg, in order to find a suitable local school.

It was agreed to continue to support RYLA twice a year as very worthwhile.

DB and The President will be presenting a £350 cheque to Prince of Wales YC to pay for a lunch for elderly people, and hope this will be done next week.

International:

No Report.

Vocational Service:

No Report.

Club Service:

NF discussed attendance of members, at present about 30% of members have less than 50% attendance.

It was agreed that NF would investigate the attendance data and look at how to encourage members to attend more regularly.

The Website Committee needs to resume meeting again. It was agreed that other members need to be trained to use the website, and how to set up laptop.

SJ reported that a lower quote for the Hearing Loop has been received via The Cricket Club.

SJ will ask the Cricket club if they will pay a contribution of the cost, as it will benefit other groups using the room.

Fund Raising: RBH has not yet circulated the Minutes.

BD has suggested a different Safari Supper should be considered. Leamington Spa RC circulate to different Restaurants and this could be fun and raise more money.

RBH agreed to contact Leamington Spa RC and report back at next meeting.

Foundation: No report.

Communications: No report.

Membership:

Nothing else to report.

Secretary's Announcements:

RBH reported the nominations received for various vacant posts, and will be discussed at Business Meeting on 4th December 2018.

No nominations for Dining Secretary or Treasurer yet.

DB will takeover as Events Secretary from New Year.

Agenda for Business Meeting agreed.

Michael Leadbetter has requested leave of absence from January 2nd 2019 for 12 weeks.

Any Other Business:

Discussed how to encourage members to volunteer for vacant post in the Club, and how to support members better in new roles.

JH raised concerns that some widows of previous Rotarians who have been invited to the Christmas Dinner, were upset to see the cost on the invitation. SB confirmed that the invite did state that widows and VIPs would not be charged.

The President has sent a Christmas card and a personal invitation to the Christmas Dinner to the widows, and this was appreciated.

It was agreed to continue to send flowers, or wine, to the widows who cannot come to the dinner.

There was discussion about whether members who win a bottle of wine in the weekly raffle should feel they ought to give it to the speaker. It was suggested the bottle could be taken to the winning member at their table in future.

The Council members all wished to record and give thanks to Geoff Goodban for all his generosity in donating wine for the raffle over the last few years.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club.