

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th March 2015

1. Present: Viv Pritchard (President), Martin Ward, Harry Cragg, Alan Mepstead, Lewis Norris, Peter Hermitage, Brian Dobinson. Peter Hodge as proposed next Secretary was also in attendance and was welcomed by VP.
2. Apologies: Peer LeFleming, David Barton, Robert Yonge, Geoff Goodban, Robert Boyd Howell.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on 23rd February 2015, were approved save that in para. 7 the total assets of the Millennium Fund should have read £71470.08. The total assets of the Club, including the Millennium Fund, were £103599.82.

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting were amended as described, and formally approved.

4. Matters arising (by reference to the paragraphs in the minutes):-

Paragraph 4 item:-

5c) Membership: PH and MW had been to a very good conference on membership (see report on website). There were lots of ideas including satellite clubs, corporate members and associate membership. Motivation to join included inviting people to take part in project based schemes designed to help people. HC asked if there was an optimum size for a club. Those present felt that the present number of 62 was probably large enough; the question is whether enough members are active and able to undertake key tasks and responsibilities. Average age of all Rotarians in RIBI was 70, and rising. All clubs were having difficulty in attracting younger members, but even if they did join, there was difficulty in getting the age groups to work together and in retaining younger members; 2 younger male members having left our club last year. One solution would be to accept that we should be an elderly club, primarily focused on fellowship. Some members present felt that this would not meet their needs to serve the community. PH believed that a radical approach was needed. PH will consider the problem further and make a presentation to the May business meeting. VP thanked PH for raising the matter.

5d) Awards committee. PH had met the committee and prepared a paper on the form and working of the committee (see copy on website). The proposals allow for any member to nominate someone for an award. During discussions some Council members sought reassurance that all nominations should be fully considered by the whole Committee. HC confirmed that the new guidelines should ensure that the initial the citation will be circulated to all the members of the Award Committee, as well as the President.

Resolved: That Council approved the paper on the future role of the Awards Committee.

6. Foundation - RKC was to make a presentation to the Club in April on Foundation

Paragraph 5 item:-

5c) Millennium Fund - LS had confirmed there would be minuted meetings and the date of the Annual General Meeting would be fixed as soon as the Fund's accounts are available for approval.

5. President's business:-

a) SLGS Interact Club - VP and BD had had a friendly meeting with the Head Teacher and chairman of the Board of Governors of the School in which they acknowledged that a mistake had been made over the winding up of the Interact club and distribution of its assets (to the Charity Interact of Chelmsford) . Given that the charity, which was for the support of disabled children, is of the type that one to which the SLGS Interact club might well have donated its funds, it was agreed to appoint new members of the

Interact club for the purpose of approving that donation and formally winding up. A draft letter setting out the procedure for doing this, and appointing named students as Interact members had been circulated to all members of Council, approved by them and despatched. It was intended to deal with the formal meetings as soon as a suitable date reply is received by the school.

b) A letter had been circulated concerning the appeal following the storm disaster in Vanuatu. Former member Henry Killender had sent a cheque for £600 which was to be used to pay towards a Shelter Box for relief. The International Committee have matched this donation and a cheque for £1200 has been sent to Shelterbox.

c) Visit by RIBI President to Sittingbourne and Milton Club - 5th May . An invitation had been received to attend this event and circulated to all members. VP and a number of other Council members would be on holiday then and unable to attend.

d) i) An invitation to attend an away day week end in London with the District Governor had been circulated to all members

ii) A request for Leave of Absence by Ken Beere from 4th April to 12th May was approved. Ken had also applied for the benefit of Rule 85. This too was approved.

Resolved: That leave of absence be approved for Ken Beere and that, in future, his attendance he will be subject to the 85 year rule.

6. Financial Report:

LN produced a summary of funds as at March 2015. This showed £2191.99 available General Funds. £250 from the 100 Club had been transferred to the Pentangular fund. Other allocations are set out in the financial summary attached.

The Charity Account shows that there had been banking error in closing some unnecessary accounts leading to an adjustment of £1165 in the Club's favour.

Current figures for available funds and not yet allocated were £700 for Vocational Service, £1413 for Foundation, £2725 for Comm Serve, £4622 for International.

For the Millennium Scholarship Fund, there has been an increased number of applications for the Fund, and it is important to track the value of the investments. This is currently difficult as LN is still not an authorized signatory for the CCLA Account. He is hoping that this will be resolved soon.

7. Committee reports

a) Community service - minutes of March meeting circulated and on website

b) International - minutes of March meeting circulated and on website

c) Club service - PH reported there had been 80 people already booked for the guest night. The speakers programme had been completed. A Newsletter was being prepared by RD who would appreciate a very short report - only a line to two - from each of the main committees

d) Foundation - no meeting but RKC is to address the club - see above

e) Fundraising - no meeting

f) Publicity - no meeting

g) Vocational Service - minutes circulated and on web. AM reported that the Brett Cup for the public speaking competition was still being sought. The schools appeared negative in their attitude to another photographic competition. Closing date for the Innovation competition was 31st March: no entries had actually been received but at least 2 of the schools had indicated they would

be entering.

8. Secretary's report :-

None in the absence of the Secretary

9. Any Other Business

a) AM - Geoff Howarth, who was a known to a number of the Council members, had retired from Christchurch and might be a great help in arranging proactive events with schools. Agreed AM should contact him and report.

b) AM - about 17 members were to attend the visit to the British Legion factory at Aylesford, for which there was no charge

Resolved: that a donation of £100 from the Voc Serv allocation be made to the British Legion

c) VP - 100 Club draws

Resolved: that of the £336 available for prizes, about half should be drawn by the end of March and the rest by the end of the Rotary year.

d) VP - an invitation had been received to the AGM of the Canterbury and District Recorder (the speaking newspaper) on 9th May - VP was unable to attend but other members may wish to do so

e) MW - being pressed for the ages of members by District, but no one seems to have a list. Communications - he urged all members to read the email sent out about TCK which used Mail Chimp, a simple app that provided an easy link (to the booking office in this case) and could be used for other communications.

f) P Hodge reminded members that nominations for Club officers would be needed in good time for the AGM. VP will make announcements during meetings in April.

10 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st April 6.00pm at K & C Club

ACTION PLAN

Item	Action	Action by
4.4.5c	Debate on membership and retention for May Business Meeting	PH, MW
4.6.5c	Fix meeting of AGM for MS trustees to approve accounts	VP, PLF, LS
5a	Complete formal winding up of SLGS Interact Club	VP, BD
5b	President to write letter of thanks to Henry Killender	VP
6	Treasurer to formalize change of signatories for CCLA Account	LN
7c	All committee chairs to submit very short summaries for Newsletter	AM, DB, VP
9a	Approach Geoff Haworth for assistance in contacting schools	AM
9d	Seek representative to attend District Recorder AGM	VP/DB
9e	Seek information on members dates of birth for District returns	MW
	Further report on Wishing Well	RY
	Further report on future funding of website	MW, LN
	Discussion on priorities for 2015/16 Presidential Year	PH

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - April 2015

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND	5198.5	2689.2		
Members Debentures (Ringfenced)	1900		1900	
100 Club	1268	650	618	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	8366.5	3574.51	2518	4791.99
GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE				2273.99
WEBSITE	3300	3119		181
PENTANGULAR	3177	870.51		
Members cheques for Leuvan	2760	2760		
Total	5937	3630.51	2306.49	2306.49
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	915	695	220	220
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	4708.46	4580.23	128.23	128.23
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				7627.71
DINING ACCOUNT				3602.47
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve			3000	
Vocational Service		100	600	
Foundation	2313	900	1413	
Bank reconcilliation	1165.57			
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	19390.57	12244.89	5013	7145.68
TOTAL AVAILABLE				2132.68
COMMUNITY SERVICE	8145.84	6019.92		2125.92
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	9031	6086.71		2944.29
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				12215.89
EVENTS ACCOUNT				
TOTAL	19932.56	11154.57		8777.99
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments (at end Mar)	64549.96			64549.96
CCLA Bank Account (at end Mar)	7595.22			7595.22
Natwest Bank Account	3176.54			3176.54
Sponsorship to Students		400		
Sponsorship promised		1000		
Total Funds Available	3176.54	1400		1776.54
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND				73921.72
TOTAL ASSETS HELD				106145.78