

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at the Cricket Ground at 1pm.

1. Apologies received from: Rosemary Doyle, John Hill, Roger Hackman, Irina Marta, Julie Reza and Viv Pritchard.
2. In Rosemary's absence PE Maxine Blades chaired the meeting.
3. Almoner/Health Report – David noted that unfortunately John Hill has had a fall but is home and recovering.
4. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 9th January were agreed.
5. Cheque presentation – Philip presented the Club with a cheque for £650 from PP Henry Killender to purchase a ShelterBox. Henry had previously sent a £50 donation to last year's Duck Race. Maxine to write and thank him.
6. Presidents' Matters
 - a. Report from District Council Meeting – Maxine will send out the minutes when confirmed.
 - b. Report from Cluster Meeting – Maxine attended this meeting on Rosemary's behalf. District have set up a 'Hub' for the new route of Rotary Direct Members which is proving to be popular with forty people now signed up, many of whom are in work and in the 40/50 year age group. Maxine noted that we should keep these members in mind for street collections, Duck Race and other fundraising events.
 - c. The Point – Stephen updated members on the remaining issues which relate to Rotary Insurance and final agreements on the license.
 - d. Brian asked if any members were able to help with the Forest of Blean Mock Interviews at Canterbury Academy to contact him asap.
 - e. Maxine noted that the Presidential chair had been repaired and asked Andrew Clague to thank James Wood and Eric Colman of Colman Contractors for undertaking the repairs free of charge. Maxine to write to thank them formally.
 - f. Maxine thanked Mary for her work in producing the certificates and gift vouchers for the winners of the Primary School Writing Competition in time for half-term.
 - g. Other points from Club Council meeting on 15th January 2024
 - i. Volunteers still need for Treasurer/Finance Manager & Dining Secretary for 2024/5.
 - ii. Xmas Dinner 2024 – Maxine confirmed that the Xmas dinner has been booked for 14th Decembara in the Pavilion Room at the Cricket Ground.
 - iii. Fundraising - 2024 Duck Race Planning meeting to be held after Business Meeting in Oriel Café

- iv. Review of MSTF Trust Deed (for information only). Maxine reported that the Trustees had met to review the Trust Deed and had concluded that the deed is still appropriate for making grants to young people, including those travelling in the UK and abroad. The Trustees are also exploring opportunities to work with the POWYC in supporting children from 'less well-off families' to go on trips such as DoE Award scheme or similar.

7. Regeneration Committee – Proposals for Club Development (paper attached).

A wide-ranging discussion of the proposals presented by the Regeneration Committee was facilitated by Peter and Maxine. Peter will re-draft the proposals in line with the discussions for a review by the Regeneration Committee, before resubmitting them to Club Council on 19th February, for a formal vote by club members at the March Business Meeting.

Items 8 – 10. Due to the above discussion the remaining items on the agenda were held over until the March meeting.

8. Treasurers' report

9. Archive review and storage.

10. Committee Updates and reviews of 2023 and looking forward to 2024.

11. Updated Club programme on EMS:

- i. 13th February – Franciscan Gardens Talk 7pm for 7.30p Guests welcome.

12. AOB

- a. Philip noted that he had attended the funeral of PP David Riceman.

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