

SI Cockermonth and District

Business meeting September 7th 2023 Veeva

Present: T.Juurmaa, C.Blake, T.Burgess, D.Bertram, J.McCulloch, J.Hetherington, J.Davison, L.Maxwell, M.Dewis, R.Earthy, H.Lord, B.Williams, C.Rawlinson

Apologies: A.Winkworth, J.Spencer, S.Mendus, H.Potts, J.Shaw, L.Edmiston, D.Smith

1. President's remarks

TJ welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

We agreed that we will review the new 'board style' seating arrangements in a few months. These were introduced to improve the acoustics of our meeting.

A one-minute silence was held for Guida Bass who recently died. Guida was a long serving member until recently, who held various officer roles during her time with our club and gave good service to soroptimism.

TJ said that during the summer we had some lovely social events, including boat and theatre trips. Thanks to those members who organised them.

TJ reported that Gareth is leaving Veeva, to pursue an alternative career. We wish him well, he leaves in early October so we will see him at the first meeting in October, ***we are thinking of some way to mark his leaving, so please come with ideas to the next meeting in September.*** A new manager has been appointed; Gareth will discuss with her about whether she is prepared to continue with the arrangement we have for meeting at Veeva.

2. Treasurers report:

Bank balances at 31.8.23 were

Charity £276.18
Admin £209.67
Subs £2242.07

3. SIGBI

Ballot papers were previously circulated to members for the following proposals.

- SIGBI 2022 minutes of general meeting
- SIGBI 2023 Annual report
- SIGBI general meeting rules for conduct

Members voted in favour of all proposals.

SIGBI Modernisation paper has been circulated to members, we need to discuss the implications of this at the next meeting and send our views to SIGBI. **PLEASE CAN ALL of US, READ IT BEFORE THE MEETING.** It is on the Hub if you can't find the email.

4. Programme Action

Violence against women; 16 days of action is from 25/11, we are considering the following activities:

- Event at St Bees, date tbc.
- a walk from Keswick to Threlkeld on 26/11 wearing orange with a stop for refreshments at cafe in Threlkeld. Members interested do not have to do all the walk. RE to contact rotary about joining us.
- Orange cafe -CR suggested we could move our usual date for coffee from second Monday to the first Monday in December (it the falls within the 16 days) and wear orange etc.
- CR has spoken to Police lead for violence against women and he will be the speaker at the 16/11 meeting.
- individual orange teddies with slogan in shop windows-we agreed to plan for this at the next meeting.

Social event with Ukrainian women refugees- TJ to speak with Refugee network regarding what type of event would work best, one idea is a beetle drive.

CR reported that we have been nominated for the regional Reach for the Skies award for our work with Every Life Matters boxes. At the next regional meeting we will give a presentation about this, CR to finalise with DB and LE who will give it.

5. Fundraising

Afternoon teas at CB and HB homes raised £240 for Beep Drs.

Wild swimming by DB and CB raised £400 for Calvert Trust bedlinen.

Future events

Quiz night at Cricket club, LE and husband are running the quiz. HP, CB and DB are checking out the kitchen at the club, but we will probably have pies and puddings as we did at the quiz night last year. TJ to nominate charity to benefit.

6. Membership

DB reported no change, but reminded us all to continue to promote our club to potential new members.

7. Communication and website:

We need to identify one or more members to take on these roles.
TJ to email members asking us to consider if we can step forward.

RE to continue as link to the media, we are reminded to send her information and photos of anything we do as a club which is good publicity.

8. Development plan

Nothing to report.

9. Welfare

JS and JD have both recently had injuries to wrists during cruise holidays. We wish them both speedy recoveries and maybe advise them to avoid boats for the foreseeable!

10. Friendship links:

LM has a potential new link to a club in Canada. She will follow this up and advise MD.

11. AOB

16/9 is Whitehaven Pride event 10am-7pm. Members interested in participating for a couple of hours to indicate via the club WhatsApp group.

Calvert Trust bedmaking-BW said that 15/9 is the last slot, at present there are only 4 members going, please can any other members available let BW know as there will be 50 beds to make.

12. Future Dates

- Sat 16 Sept Whitehaven Pride March - Whitehaven Harbour
- Thurs 21 Sept Speaker Meeting - Kelly Pearce from Anti Racist Cumbria
- Sat 23rd Sept Regional meeting
- Fri 17th Nov Quiz night - details to be confirmed.
- Sun 26th Nov VAWG walk - Keswick to Threlkeld (during 10 days of action)- details to follow

Organisation	Website	Member's area log in details
SI Cockermouth and District (Club)	https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/	https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/members-area/ Password: Veeva
SI Northern England (Region)	https://sigbi.org/northern-england/	https://sigbi.org/northern-england/members-area/ Password: sine999
SIGBI website (National)	https://sigbi.org/	https://sigbi.org/members/ own username and password for the hub

Soroptimist International (International)	https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/	
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Bank Details

Bank Account	Sort Code	Account Number	Use
Subscription Account	16-52-21	54232193	Subs payment
Admin Account	16-52-21	54232185	Dinners; RC meeting etc
Charity Account	16-52-21	54232213	Charity Donations

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