

SI Cockermouth and District

Business meeting
February 1st 2024
Hundith Hill

Present

T.Juurmaa, J.Hetherington, J.Shaw, D.Betram, C.Blake, T.Burgess, H.Tinnion, A.Winkworth, H.Potts, M.Dewis, S.Mendus, J.Davidson, C.Rawlinson, L.Maxwell.

Apologies: J.Spencer, H.Lord, L.Edmiston, J.McCulloch, R.Earthy.

1.Minutes of the previous meeting (2/11/23)

These were accepted as a true record. No matters arising that are not included in the agenda.

2.Presidents Remarks

TJ welcomed members to Hundith Hill as the current venue for our meetings. The plan for the club for 2024/5 has been circulated by email to all members.

The year is divided into 3 segments, with a team of 3 taking responsibility for coordinating the programme for each period. We still need a team to lead the segment from September to December. **TJ asked members to consider stepping forward.**

3.Treasurers report

JS presented her report (see report at end of the minutes). There has been some very successful fundraising including the Quiz evening and most recently the coffee morning hosted by JH in aid of Cockermouth Foodbank where £210 was raised (thanks to JH and

all those who attended and donated money, also thanks to a couple of members who were unable to attend but gave donations anyway). JH asked if the club charity account could round up the amount raised. After discussion, it was agreed to donate and additional £100 (this money was collected at Guida's funeral and was felt a fitting tribute to the service Guida gave to soroptimism. JH thanked the club for this decision, which will benefit up to 31 families who will each receive a £10 voucher to be spent on groceries or meat.

JS reminded members who wish to attend the next regional meeting on 16/3 to let her know by the 7/3 at the latest so she can book places. So far, DB, MD, CR, LE are attending. **TJ will ask LE to circulate details of the meeting to all members.**

4. Programme Action

RUWON update(rural womens network Nepal) CR reported that the network has requested that we send some of the money we have raised for the project, in advance so that they can start the first section of the course for up to 14 women. CR recommended that this was a good idea. CR proposed the action, HT seconded it, a vote was taken and all members present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. JS and CR will now check out the safest way of transferring the money to the project.

CR is having a fundraising event for the project on 8/3 at her house. It will be soup and bread, with those attending being asked to make a voluntary donation. All welcome, CR will circulate more details. CR is also planning to give a presentation about the project and her own experience in Nepal (similar to the one she gave to us) at Cockermouth ECO centre. This will be opened up to other local organisations and groups. More details to follow.

SIGBI theme for International Women's day on 8/3: clubs are asked to take photos outside municipal buildings to mark the day. **CR asked for members to think of ideas of how/ when to do this. Please email her with ideas.**

Club meeting 7/3 CR advised us that this meeting will be used to plan how to take forward our PA work, once she steps down in April. So far we do not have a PA officer to replace CR.

Finally, CR reported that 3.5 kg of ring pulls have been recently sent to PCF, that's fantastic!

5. Fundraising

We had already noted the recent successes of the quiz night and coffee morning.

TB talked about the super Christmas party in December for refugee families which where we provided food and gifts for 42 children and parents and helpers. Well done to TB for coordinating our role, she worked very hard to ensure it was successful. Also, thanks to all those who helped on the day and also those members who contributed food.

CR reminded all leaders of each of the events, to complete PA reports on the hub. CR will help anyone who is unsure how to do this.

6.Membership

DB reported that Joan Markwell has resigned, although we are sad to see her leave, it is understandable as her new home is near to Carlisle. She hopes to support us by attending some of our events and activities. We have up to 4 possible new members; Mandy and

Penny Lloyd Martin, Susie Davies and Catherine Hetherington. All of them have recently attended meetings or events. DB has suggested to them that they come to as many meetings before April as they can, before deciding whether to join us.

In order to ensure that long serving members are acknowledged, LE will email all members to ask us to let DB know how many years we have been members.

7.Regional meeting 18/11

MD gave a short precis of the meeting (this information has already been circulated by email to us). CR gave her presentation on RUWON and Nepal which was well received.

Some of those attending this meeting apparently raised concerns about the venue and food quality (it was at Hexham Abbey). MD reported that 8 out of 12 clubs would prefer to meet for all meetings, at the Auctioneer in Carlisle or Scotch Corner.

MD reiterated the action points for clubs from this meeting (these have been previously emailed to all). These include:

- 1PA report each month,
- increasing membership annually,
- all members registered on the Hub.
 - CR offered to help any member not registered, to do so.

MD reported that for the regional meeting in March, each club is being asked to talk for a few minutes about a prominent women born in our area

8. SIGBI

Recently on the hub it was reported that 3 members have become honorary members (none from our club) One of those is Pat Black who was a member of the Penrith club and well known to some of us. MD has sent her our congratulations.

9.Communications and Website

We still need to identify a Communications officer for next year, this role is principally about publicity for our club. CR will be looking after Facebook and website. Please will members think about whether they could take on the role.

10.Other officer roles needed for next year

PA coordinator, this is a mandatory role for our club, so we do need a named person. It is a coordinating role and relatively easy to fulfil. Please will members consider whether they could take this on.

11.Welfare

Dorothy Jackson who was an active member of our club for many years and who is now an honorary member, is in hospital.

12.Foodbank supermarket collection

17/2 at Tesco Whitehaven.

JH asked members to consider offering an hour or two of time to help with this. She will ask LE to circulate details.

13.AGM and meal 18/4 at Hundith Hill

DB is coordinating this. The cost is £25 including tip for a two course meal. DB will bring menu to the next meetings, anyone wishing to attend to let her know.

14. Club meeting on 4/4

This will be held at the Vicky in Cockermouth (High Sand Lane, CA13 9NA) at the usual time. We agreed after discussion to try this as an alternative to HH (we are booked with the hotel until April) JH offered to ask RE to book the Vicky as she has a link with them. There is a small hire cost involved, we think £15, but this includes access to free tea and coffee.

12. Future Dates

Date	Topic
Thur 15 Feb Hundith Hill	Speaker Meeting- Lynsey from Dandelion coaching.
Thur 7 March Hundith Hill	PA meeting. Claire will facilitate and groups will work on our PA topics
Thur 21 March Hundith Hill	Speaker Meeting- Clare Francis, Cumbria family support
Thur 4 April The Vicky (High Sand Lane, CA13 9NA	TBC
Thur 18 April Hundith Hill	AGM and two course meal at HH

Organisation	Website	Member's area log in details
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SI Cocker mouth 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/	

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

Please include your own name as reference and email Jane Shaw as Treasurer when you make a payment.

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Treasurer's report for Business Meeting 1.2.2024

Charity Account

Adjusted Balance at 31.1.2024 £2179.31

£141.18 carried forward and £109.50 from collection at Guida Bass's funeral to allocate

Total to allocate £250.68

£90 due to SIGBI Foundation – collected at Christmas meal – any more donations in lieu of Christmas Cards?

£1938.63 Re Claire's Nepal charity (direct and via her GoFundMe site)

Since last meeting have paid out

£19.13 to Water Aid from coins collection

£609 to WC Refugee Network from Quiz night

Admin Account

Adjusted balance at 31.1.2024 £149.20

Have paid out

- Wreath for Remembrance Sunday £25

- Christmas cash for Christmas party £200

- SIGBI leaflets £24.49

Regional meeting Saturday 16th March -cost £22.50

– Payment from Lindsay -Anyone else?

- Food similar to June conference mixed salad or veggie choice of Mushroom Tagliatelle or Veg Lasagne

Subs Account

Balance at 31.1.2024 £1461.82