

## **Soroptimist International Cockermouth & District**

Minutes of the meeting held at VeeVa –18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 8pm

President Helen welcomed ten members (Guida Bass, Doreen Bertram, Chris Blake, Martha Dewis, Lindsay Edmiston, Jane Inman, Hazel Potts, Claire Rawlinson, Helen Tinnion, Barbara Williams) and guest Tellervo Juurmaa .

Apologies from Mhairi Angus, Tricia Burgess, Ros Earthy, Katherine Eilbeck, Maureen Foy, Joan Hetherington, Sue Mendus, Lynette Norris, Judith Spencer, Angela Winkworth

Minutes The minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated and amended so were accepted and signed.

Matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda

### President's remarks.

Helen thanked Lindsay for organising the trip to Rosehill which had been fantastic. (Anyone who still owes Lindsay for payment please see her ASAP).

Helen, Martha and Maureen had attended an entertaining Darlington dinner. HL & MD had a somewhat epic return trip home.

Laughing Yoga had been thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

11<sup>th</sup> November was Remembrance Sunday and Helen would attend with Trisha but others were welcome.

Brain Tumour Research- Andrea would be in the Lakes Foyer on 3-4 November but had not given times as yet.

There was a Christmas Proms Carol Concert £18 at Theatre by the Lake. Contact CB by 26<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to go.

Mhairi had decided not to renew her membership because of her commitments.

### Treasurers report

JH was away but there were no issues arising. We would know what would happen with subscriptions after the Federation General Meeting.

### PA

CB had attended an Alzheimers Society Meeting and a group had been set up for Adult Counselling, Qwell, and for Young Children, Kooth.

Nothing had been heard about the Charity Market Stall on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> 9-4pm in Keswick to give out Orange Ribbons and advocate support for Handicap International. Sunday would be the Victorian Fair. If there was enough support available, we would be walking around and distributing leaflets.

Jane reported that she had been unable to contact Peter McCall about the White Ribbon campaign but it was reported that Sarah Bromily was now working with him. Cumbria was the only Police Force not involved in the Northern Region.

Jane was meeting DI Craig Smith with Moira on 30<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the supply of 'Grab bags' and an open meeting in April 2019.

Rachel Holliday had received support for her Women Out West project. Jane had dropped off prizes for the fundraiser Party that night.

16 Days of Action for Action against Violence against Women would commence on 25<sup>th</sup> November and it was proposed to give out Orange Ribbons and leaflets.

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### Fund Raising

The Flower Arranging fundraiser on 1<sup>st</sup> November would be serving Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. There would be a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October to go through the arrangements. Ros would sort out glasses

### Friendship Links

The Certificate of the Friendship Link to SI Murau had arrived and Jane needed a photo of Helen signing the certificate. SI Murau were now collecting ringpulls.

JI suggested that we might consider a meet up in Crete in October 2019.

3<sup>rd</sup> October was Friendship Day.

We hoped to meet up with Northallerton at the Conference stall on the Saturday and undoubtedly we would see Pat Black from Edinburgh Club.

We had a mention in the last magazine for the beach Clean with a SI Murau member in Crete.

JI had sent information in to 'Membership Matters'.

### Federation

Margaret Clark was our new Federation Consultative Councillor.

It was unanimously agreed to vote for Margaret Clark as Director of Programme. The other nominees were Rayner Rees and Kay Richmond.

The nomination of Carol Infanti as APD Economic Empowerment was agreed.

Programme Resolution 1. All clubs should lobby their Government to support initiatives to address climate change and its impact on their respective countries. It was agreed that MD should vote to support this.

Programme Resolution 2. Clubs to lobby government to review financing for Caribbean Small Island Development Sites. It was agreed that MD should hear the evidence and decide accordingly.

Sigbi Project. After much consideration as members liked the Women into STEM project It was decided to Vote for the Think Pink Sri Lanka as it might produce more benefit for its cost. The others were for increasing opportunities for adolescent mothers in Uganda and to educate and train trafficked girls in Nepal.

GM Resolution 1 to adopt the changes in byelaws, including the selection of two sigbi members to serve on the SI board by the board rather than the President selecting two members of FMB to serve on the SI board. It was decided that arguments should be heard before a decision by MD.

GM Resolution 2 was a change in wording to change Linked membership may be granted ..... into Linked membership is available ..... MD to consider any a points raised.

GM Resolution 3 was to raise dues for bands 1,2 & 3. Agreed.

GM resolution 4 was to raise dues for band 4. Agreed.

MD was reminded to pick up 4 diaries.

### Region

Christine Lumsdon was elected as SINE Vice President.

JI reported that Penrith had taken the decision to close after their AGM in April.

It was hoped Penrith might consider starting a school club.

There were concerns that this left our Club isolated and raised questions about the Region's viability.

### Membership

There were some prospective new members. Judy Davison, Ruth Williams, Marion Fitzgerald,

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Jan Johnson, Iris Bice. Members should contact those they had met and invite them to the next meeting. Debra Rowlinson cannot join at present.  
Xmas Party 6<sup>th</sup> December will be £18. Wear ORANGE!! The time will be 7pm for 7.30pm. Money to Doreen by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be a hot main course. Bring a friend.  
The Cockermouth Post would require a photo.  
John Dempster was OK and had booked a Cruise to the Caribbean for Christmas and the New Year

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The meeting closed at 21.20.

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