

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Wed 7th April, 2004

PRESENT: -

K.Ivey(Chairman) R. Harker (Treasurer),B. Playford (Sec) R.Thornton,
T.Smith, A Hickman, T. Pilbeam, J. Wood, Don Newick, Phil Bond

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- None

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

The previous minutes were accepted and duly signed as a true record.

ANY MATTERS ARISING:-

As we have heard nothing from the council regarding our choice of trees for the front of the club, our Secretary will contact them as we would like to complete this as soon as possible. Rod has made a smaller version of our Benefactor's painting and this will be framed and hung in the near future. Andy and Rod cleared every run of the drains, which had become badly blocked and in an effort to keep them free, intend to pressure wash the system every two months. The repair work on the snooker table is to be carried out in the next day or so.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The Teston Parish Council wrote to the Committee regarding the upkeep of the memorial troughs. They suggest paying the club £40 per year for our gardeners to carry out the replanting and upkeep. This was accepted and a letter to this effect will be sent shortly.

A letter was received from a member complaining of the fact that we allow members to smoke on the premises, and requesting that the club be made non-smoking. Whilst there is every possibility that in the future a law may be made regarding non-smoking in public places, until that time the Committee felt that we could not comply with this person's request. It will be made clear to our member, that some 40% of lounge users and perhaps more in the games room are smokers and the banning of smoking is not something we could happily enforce.

FINANCE:-

Our Treasurer's Monthly Income Comparison shows a slight drop in bar

takings, a considerable drop in takings from fruit machines and games on last year, whilst the lotto machine is doing well. It is intended to make a marked increase in the price of beer next week. This is considered necessary after the budget increases and increases in the cost to us.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There are five new members this month and four members rejoined after missing our deadline for paying subs.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Nothing to report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

It was agreed that in our effort to rectify our ventilation problem in the games room, Rod will fit a new extractor fan where the present one is at a cost of approximately £385. We will then monitor the effect of this and should this not be successful will decide whether to fit an extra fan in the north facing window.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

The last two functions were well attended and enjoyed by all. The group Don't Fret were good and everyone had a good evening. The Irish night with Barleymix went down well, as did the Guinness! and the dance troupe were super in their pretty costumes. After their performance we showed how much we enjoyed their dancing by raising some £80 towards props.

Our next function will be a Race night on 17th April, a video has been booked and Terry and Bob will officiate.

There is a possibility that we will celebrate St. George's Day, Friday 23rd April, if anyone has any ideas please speak to Jim.

CLUB GAMES:-

Bob will be organising the Spring Games, watch this space.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Our expenditure for the coming year was discussed, as Bob would like to draw up a budget. It is hoped that expenditure can be kept as low as possible and it is envisaged that our outgoings will be minimal this year with only two things planned at this juncture, namely the extractor fan and some new furniture for the games room. Some ideas for our

Tapestry piece this month, Bank Holiday lunch time opening and Spring Games to name but two. Bob will re-arrange the large notice board which has become very untidy. Rod will refurbish the table notices, which incidentally we all agreed were very good and enabled our members to see what was happening in the club without even getting out of their chairs! Phil will update our website incorporating these minutes and other news.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

K Ivey Chairman.