

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on 6th April 2009

PRESENT:-

J. Wood (Chair), R. Harker (Treas), K. Worcester (Sec), R. Thornton, N. Wood, T. Vince, S. Worcester, T. Smith, R. Pullen & K. Loughlin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

P. Bond

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING:-

It was felt to be beneficial to hold the committee meetings on a Monday evening from now on. Jim will speak to Bob Underhay regarding the cricket club and corporate membership as there is still some confusion. Rick is doing really well behind the bar and Debbie and Tim have offered to help out when they can.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A receipt was received from the Kent Association of Working Men's Clubs.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There were a total of 10 new members for March, namely: - Paul Bettles, Michael Farrell, Peter Mannering, Steven Muchall, Gillian O'toole, Vincent O'toole and Henry Kriese. The remaining 3 were: - Simon Warren, Jerry Snaith and Peter Webley, who are committee members from Teston Cricket Club.

This equates to 10 more new members for 2009 (until March) than did not renew for this year. Membership now stands at 244 + 24 Life Members (= 268 Members)

FINANCE:-

The audit has been approved. Last year the club was running at a small loss. Things are, however, doing well for this year. It was decided that the fruit machines are costing too much money and therefore one should be removed. A new lottery machine will be looked into to replace the machine. Rod offered to organise a chat with Lottery King to see if they would be any cheaper. Bob emphasised that the club is still very reliant on volunteers and appreciates all the help that they give.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Ronnie introduced some crisps for the committee to consider buying in. A trial period was suggested. Terry will speak to Willie regarding this. There will be no change to the Friday Bank Holiday opening hours, but the club will be open 12pm to 5pm on bank holiday Monday. It was decided that Steve would come off of the

House Committee and be split between Bar and Finance, but will continue to help Rod when need be.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

Rod has changed three light bulbs. Rod suggested replacing the bulbs around the lounge with low energy bulbs and this was agreed. Rod has also been talking with Peter Cooling with regard to making the building a charity. The original idea behind this was to gain rate relief, however this is unlikely to happen and it was decided that it would be a conflict of interest in setting up a trust. It was therefore decided that it is not appropriate at this time and will be revisited in six months or so. Thanks go to Rod for doing the work behind this.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

The Race Night was a great success. The Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Sunday, which Nicky will take care of. Ronnie is planning some barbecues for the summertime.

CLUB GAMES:-

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Ronnie suggested smartening up the table area at the front of the club, as well as two new tables. This was agreed and quotes will be obtained from Terry. Steve informed the committee that a member had suggested chains between the posts in the front to prevent children from running into the road. It was decided that it was unnecessary and may pose more of a risk than before. Ronnie informed that the floor in the bar will need looking at soon. This will be done when the club is making enough money to cover the cost. Rod suggested that the snooker table be replaced with a pool table, which could be moved for function evenings. He also informed the committee that the table is not being covered up when it is not in use. It was decided that Jim would speak to Phil about updating the website. Steve requested notices to go up advertising the Champions League and the FA Cup. Karen will do this. Trevor requested a new darts board on behalf of the darts team and it was suggested that the Brewery may supply one. Jim suggested the renewal of the membership draw. This was thought to be a good idea. Trevor to action.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

J. Wood, Chairman