

## Teston Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

**PRESENT:-**

S Worcester (Acting Chair) **SW** B Harker (Treas) **RH**  
R Thornton (**RT**) T Smith (**TS**) B Harris (**BH**) P Bettles (**PB**)  
T. Ayling (**TA**) Cate Whitlock (**CW**) C Roser (**CR**)

**Apologies for absence:**

G Wollen (Sec) **GW**

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-**

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

Proposed by (**TS**) Seconded by (**BH**)

	Subject	Action
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Any Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The reinstatement of a mural was considered following several comments received by the committee. It would appear that this was a much loved feature of the club and installing a replacement hasn't been ruled out. BH suggested that we look at printing on canvas which is cost effective. The type and style of any images that could replace the previous ones remain undecided.</p> <p>The clock was also discussed following mostly unfavourably comments as well as many other comments that have been received from the members. They will all be fully explored once the overall refurbishing have been finished and then seen in context. It was felt that we should wait until the decorating and refurbishments had been complete before we take any view.</p> <p>The Parish Council had asked Teston Club if we would be prepared to display council notices in the club. There were practicalities raised and very little support for this. (Only one committee member voted to support the council with their request).</p> <p>The club thought that it was appropriate to retain and develop a "history corner" and this is where potentially the caricatures of members past and present could be redisplayed following requests to consider reinstalling them.</p> <p>An incident involving a member of the bar staff who took offence to insensitive remarks from another member was mentioned. This was not taken any further as an apology has been given and accepted. The committee though did discuss general behaviour in the club as well as bad language. Members are reminded that it is incumbent upon us all as to make other members aware when they are crossing the line.</p> <p>CR asked why the money wasn't checked after each shift. TS replied that not everyone liked to. This wasn't considered an issue and there were sufficient checks in place to satisfy BH. (Club Treasurer).</p> <p>TA asked that we ensure there is sufficient beer for the Max's forthcoming "Bike" event. TS assured TA that there would be and that the club also had in place contingency plans.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open Item</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GW to write a sorry letter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open Item</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All.</p>

	<p>TA raised a question about the “Bike” event asking the club to consider where the bikes should be displayed. The general consensus was that the car park should be used and reserved solely for the bikes. Grass isn’t suitable for bikes.</p> <p>PB asked if the Club could accommodate the anticipated attendance of the newly formed darts team on alternative Wednesday evenings. This would entail Kate and her club colleagues moving from their usual place. Kate graciously agreed to accommodate this request. We later learnt though that the darts club would meet on a Tuesday evening so a clash would be averted.</p> <p><b>Furnishings:</b></p> <p>BH gave details of the quote for carpets and fitting:</p> <p>A vote took place regarding the proposal to fit carpet around where currently the wooden floor meets the wall (600mm wide strip). The vote was carried 5 to 4 in favour of the carpet.</p> <p>While it had been minuted in the previous minutes that the generally view was for the disposal of the pews, BH suggested that we should consider re-upholstering the pews.</p> <p>Willy still awaiting a sample chair. This chair would be considered.</p> <p>Felt protective patches for chairs can be obtained from Pound Land.</p>	<p>CW to talk to Max</p> <p>Thanks CW</p> <p>Thanks BH</p> <p>Open Item</p> <p>Open Item</p>
2	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>T Ingram</b> requested some pictures or some decoration in the sports bar. This request was echoed by other members including <b>Ronnie Pullan, Barry Marshall, Mick Pullen, Steve Pascoe and Alan Clarke</b> . <b>Bon</b> requested having the caricatures back up, while <b>David Playford</b> requested that the committee consider reproducing the mural. The clock was a contentious issue with members including <b>Bon Playford</b> saying that the clock was not in keeping with the club, this was supported with views from <b>Barbara Hazelwood</b> who also asked the committee to re-consider the mural.</p>	<p><b>GW</b> to write an open reply to thank members for their comments and to inform them that these comments will be-revisited when the furniture and carpets are in place to complete the “look”</p>
3.	<p><b>New Members</b></p> <p>There were four applications for membership:</p> <p><b>Rebecca Wade, David Thomas, Rita Mary Cracknell, Michael Whittle.</b></p> <p>All four applicants were duly proposed and accepted.</p>	<p><b>GW</b> to take forward.</p>
4.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>R.H. informed the Committee that the turnover year to date had increased by £5000. Snooker revenue was up and the Lotto which cost the club nothing to run was down by <b>£1400.</b></p> <p>The key times for the club remain early evenings and Saturday afternoons.</p>	<p>Thanks RH.</p>

5	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Bar</b></p> <p>The club received several complaints about the club shutting early on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. TS reported that Willy had taken a view, due to the club being empty of members and had gone home.</p> <p>Looking forward, George had offered to cover from 6pm.</p>	<p>TS to have a word with Willy.</p> <p>Thanks GW</p>
7.	<p><b>House</b></p> <p>The broadband would now not go to Sky but instead to the Utility Warehouse. The cost would be £25 per month for phones and broadband. The router would take 1 to 2 weeks to have installed.</p> <p>The Club's postcode as shown on our web site and letter head has for some time been wrong and had gone unnoticed. However it has now been corrected and for future reference is <b>ME18 5AG</b></p> <p>No issues reported on the new Alarm system</p> <p>CW raised concerns about the current sound system and asked that any solution has a speaker unit that we could take outside. A Brennan hard drive system was going to be explored with built in amp and input for mike etc. Permission to purchase was approved by RH.</p> <p>BH to look at the current system in the interim.</p>	<p>Thanks RT</p> <p>Phil to change digital version.</p> <p>Thanks RT</p> <p><b>RT</b></p> <p>Thanks BH</p>
8.	<p><b>Entertainments</b></p> <p>The Committee were very appreciative of the efforts that Cate, in particular, had put into ensuring that the Fire Dancing event was a successful event.</p> <p>The next event is the Reggae night 5<sup>th</sup> August. BH to investigate putting some suitable music on a disc. Preparations well advance. Food had been generously donated by club members. Various raffle prizes discussed. There will be a raffle.</p> <p>Max's Bike Event will be 20<sup>th</sup> August. The club looks forward to this event and also the BBQ which will be on the grass by the back door.</p> <p>The bikers will be collecting for Help the Heroes with members and guest putting money in the pot of their favourite bike.</p> <p>RT asked why there were events on Fridays. These were additional events. He also suggested that the flags should come down as they loose their effect. This was agreed.</p> <p>CW asked that we look into outdoor speaker(s) for the outdoor events.</p>	<p>Thanks CW</p> <p>All to support.</p> <p>Open Item</p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>RT/BH</b></p>

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>TS suggested that the club subscription fee should be reduced proportionately for the time elapsed. Thus if half the year had elapsed then half the subscription was required. There would be 4 qualifying periods (quarterly periods). The joining fee would remain unchanged. This was accepted by all.</p> <p>Three bids for the cast iron Tables were received. A decision will be made when the refurbishments have been completed.</p> <p>CW asked if it was acceptable to offer a drink to club supporters who had been of particular assistance or had offered support for an event. She asked what the protocol should be. RH said that a “thank you” drink is paid for from petty cash using the established practise.</p>	<p>Open Item</p>
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There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.15.

S Worcester, Acting Chairman .....