

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Wed. 6th August 2003

PRESENT: -

K.Ivey (Chairman), R. Harker Treasurer, B. Playford (Sec)
R. Thornton, J. Wood, T. Smith,
E. Knagg, T. Pilbeam, D. Newick.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- A. Hickman

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING:- None

CORRESPONDENCE:- A note has been received from a member regarding the caricatures. He feels that the latest ones do not bear enough resemblance to the subject. Of course, we are reminded that these drawings are in the mind's eye of the artist, who is drawing from photographs. Although, regarding the fact that several people could not recognise the person being drawn, brings into question the point of commissioning them at all. The cost of the drawings is £25., not a vast amount and it is supposed to be a fun thing, a thing of interest and talking point. A decision will be made as to whether we have further pictures done once the current one is completed.

A note was received from the catering ladies, who require ginger beer to be on offer. Unfortunately we have been unable to acquire this from cash and carry for a while but will do our best to get some in.

FINANCE:- Good news again, we are still on an upward trend and quite a lot up on last year's figures across the board.

NEW MEMBERS:- There are two new members this month.

BAR COMMITTEE:- We now have jugs for beer available as requested. The cooler is working but concern was raised regarding the temperature of the lager. It was considered to be not cool enough compared with the bitter, which is fine. This will be closely monitored. We received good service from the Coca Cola

maintenance department, they came out on Sunday to attend to a fault on the machine.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:- A problem has occurred regarding the payphone. Apparently when a call is received behind the bar for a customer, it can not be transferred to the payphone. Therefore a digital phone has been bought for use behind the bar, with a detachable hand set. This has solved the problem.

Work on the alarm system is progressing and new codes are being keyed in, this should be completed soon.

The outside decorations are on schedule and we need to replace the door from the lounge bar to the car park, which is quite rotten. Rod has acquired three quotes, two for plastic at £950 and £990, and one wooden at £450. It was agreed that plastic would be the choice, in a wood effect finish. Ken also acquired a quote of £790 for a plastic door. Rod will get the companies concerned to visit and give a firm quotation, after which he will commission the work to commence, bearing in mind that the decorators are progressing and we need this job to be done simultaneously. We will be painting the shed door black. Volunteers put themselves forward for clearing out the cellar on Sunday this week in readiness for the painting to be commenced. The racking will be agreed upon and purchased when the painting has been completed. Rod will also put a 6" extractor fan in the wall of the cellar. The down pipe outside is broken and Rod will be fixing this very soon. A price of £350 including VAT for the red and white Christmas lights has been secured, this includes the channelling needed to fix them properly. There was a badly blocked drain in the ladies toilets last weekend, Rod attended and fixed the problem and will be sending his account for services rendered.

ENTERTAINMENTS:- The Bingo night was enjoyed, but poorly attended and not very profitable. We shall continue to have Bingo nights as in the past they have been quite popular, it was felt that the low attendance was the result of people on holiday and conflicting functions elsewhere.

The next event will be David Dean, a singer, on 23rd August.

CLUB GAMES :- The results of the Games Finals are :-

Snooker Winner - Simon Morgan, Runner Up - Phil Bond
Billiards Winner - Phil Bond, Runner Up - John Moore
Darts Winner - Paul Maitland, Runner Up - Martin Morgan

Thanks to Jim for scoring the whole competition and thanks again to Bob for organising it. The Winter League Competition will be announced on the board soon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS :- Our Secretary has been in contact with Peter Edwards - our Insurance Broker - regarding the claim for damage to the car park back in October last year. The hold-up has been because the Insurance Company repudiated liability, saying the car park was not insured under our policy. Our Broker insisted that our premium was such that it should be covered. The upshot was that the Insurance Company has agreed to allow us a refund of premium in the amount of £200, which actually amounts to the same as our claim, of £400 less an excess of £200. Also the Insurance Company has agreed that in future the car park will be covered under the policy. It was agreed that we ask for a cheque to be forwarded to the club rather than leave us in credit with the Broker.

During the course of gardening activities, it has been found that the two ornamental cherry trees at the front of the club have spread roots across the front lawn and up close to the surrounding path. It was generally agreed that Gary's Landscapes be approached for a price for felling said trees.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

K Ivey Chairman.