

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds. 7th December, 2005

### **PRESENT: -**

J. Wood (Chair), R. Harker (Treas), B. Playford (Sec), R.Thornton,  
T.Smith, P. Bond, V. Williams, R. Pullen.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

### **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-**

The Secretary pointed out that there was an error in November's Minutes under Any Other Business, which had been corrected in the file copy and also in the copy on display in the Games Room. The previous minutes were then accepted and duly signed as a true record.

### **ANY MATTERS ARISING**

The Flowers Original is still proving popular and flowing well. Dave's impromptu Karaoke evening was a success. The club interior has been decorated beautifully for Christmas thanks to several Committee members. Rod wished to thank Dave who helped him decorate the outside of the club, which looks great. It is to be noted that the lights will go on each evening at 4.30 p.m. The reason for this is firstly, 4.30 p.m. is the approximate lighting up time, and secondly it advertises the club and makes it stand out. Thanks also to Terry for organising the tree. Rod has installed a C.D. rack, and has moved the key hooks to a more convenient position.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

None

### **FINANCE:-**

The financial situation is much the same of last month, not great.

### **NEW MEMBERS:-**

There are four new members this month.

### **BAR COMMITTEE:-**

The Christmas opening hours will be displayed on the notice board and also will appear on our web site.

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:-**

Rod has repaired the leak in the gents toilet and sorted the car park door lock. Rod has altered the fans in the bars. It was noted that there have been complaints about the temperature, especially in the lounge bar, since the weather has been so cold. Rod will initially try blocking the fan, providing it is unblocked when there are more than a few smokers in the bar. Also the settee will be moved away from the radiator. If there is little improvement, the curtains may be shortened

and inset onto the window sill to improve heat circulation.

### **ENTERTAINMENTS:-**

Quiz night was the best ever with the most teams present. Thanks to Phil for the super posters especially the one noting our Christmas Draw Night with Toni Lee. The raffle prizes for Draw Night have been purchased and include for first prize – a large hamper. Other prizes, to name but a few are a D.V.D. player, champagne, gin, whiskey etc, etc. Thanks to Vicki, Ronnie and Terry for their hard work in this department. Please note - there are still raffle tickets available. The entertainment has been organised for 2006 and will incorporate more, less expensive events. Thus making a saving on 2005. For those people who were interested in the Dog racing event advertised, this has been postponed until February next year when new notices will be displayed.

### **CLUB GAMES:-**

The darts final has been played, at last, and John Moore was the winner.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

Bon pointed out that she has been in the position of Secretary to the club for three years at February 2006 and would like a rest and possibly do the job again at some point in the future. Therefore providing a replacement can be found between now and the A.G.M. she would be happy to stand down. If anyone would like to have a go please speak with Bon or our Chairman Jim.

Rod made several cost cutting suggestions as follows:-

Question – Do we really need an ice making machine, could we not revert to the old way of making ice in the freezer compartment in trays?

Answer - from Bar committee generally, yes we do need a machine.

Question – Do we need two bottle coolers?

Answer - from Bar committee, emphatically yes.

Question - Shall we stop the one free drink for Committee when it meets once a month?

Answer - Most members agreed this could be stopped but no definite decision was reached.

Question - Could we not swap the snooker table for a pool table or incorporate a pool table somewhere?

Answer - We have discussed this issue before and it was agreed that the pool table would encourage the younger members, but since the refurbishment of the lounge bar this is not a possibility. To swap the snooker table would be a retrograde step, as it was felt that the snooker players outnumbered any probable pool players.

Rod pointed out the necessity of promoting Sport on TV. This was taken on board and an effort will be made to advertise any forthcoming events. Also a notice will be displayed reminding everyone of this facility. Rod also put forward an idea to make hot prepared food available for sale. This would be made possible by initially renting a Lazer oven, which enables wrapped food to be taken straight from the fridge to the oven for heating. The committee felt it was worth investigating this idea further and Rod will invite the Representative to call when the bar staff can be available. Rod has been very busy this month! and his last suggestion was to put a circular in every household in the village, reminding everyone that there is a social club in Teston and inviting anyone to call with their circular to collect their first drink free. Generally it was agreed this was a good idea and Rod will bring his suggested circular to the next meeting. It was also agreed to organise another open evening early next year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

J. Wood - Chairman

