

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on 7th December 2009.

PRESENT:-

R. Harker (Treas), K. Worcester (Sec), R. Thornton, T. Vince, S. Worcester, P. Bond, R. Pullen & K. Loughlin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

T. Smith, J. Wood (Chair), N. Wood

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING:-

The hours agreed in the last meeting, have been advertised by posters around the club. Ronnie has spoken to the volunteer cleaners and this is all covered over Christmas. Ronnie and Nicky will clear up after Christmas Eve. Ronnie has given each of the cleaners a Christmas card and a bottle of wine on behalf of the committee. On New Year's Day, we will require cleaners. It was decided that the committee will cover this as some people are going to be in the club anyway. Thanks went to those who did the Christmas decorations this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A request was received from Mick in the suggestions box, he requested that the ash trays be cleaned and also queried whether anything could be done to improve the smoking area. Bob advised that we would need planning permission in order to build any permanent structures and it is unlikely that this will be granted as the club is in a conservation area for buildings, and any structure would only be able to have two sides, by law. Mick also suggested that the pensioner membership be reduced back to nothing, now that the club is making money. Bob advised that we are making some money, but need to remain cautious as other places are re-opening and we will be competing for trade. It was agreed that this is something which may be considered in the future, but there are other expenditures which need to be considered first. Rod requested that we confirm the charges for late joining. It was agreed that if a member has not re-joined by the end of January, they are subject to the full £27.05 joining fee.

NEW MEMBERS:-

New Members: - Dec 2009

There are a total of 11 new members for this period, namely: -
John Childs, Kenneth Wright, Daniel Parham, John Thompson, John Butler,

Gail Revell, Derek Draper, Lee Stevens, Lynn Bennett, Roger Haw & Clive Munn.

The Membership for 2009 now stands at **341**.

This comprises of **314** Senior and Full members, **4** Country members and **23** Life members.

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| For 2009 we had a total new membership of | 101 |
| Full members who did not renew in 2009 stands at | 32 |
| Senior members who did not renew in 2009 stands at | 25 |
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| Total number of members who did not renew | 57 |
| Giving the club a net gain, of new members, of | 44 |

FINANCE:-

Bob advised the committee that the club is making a profit on the bar, as well as on subs, lotto and games. There is no profit on the fruit machines at the moment, but it is likely that this will go up before the end of the year. He advised that the licence renewal is due in May. There may also be a cheaper alternative to the current waste disposal company that we currently use. This will be investigated further to clarify the size of the bins and also whether we are currently tied to a contract.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Steve reported that the Guest Ales are going really well and are proving to be very successful. Rod provided some information regarding the possibility of serving pies etc. It was decided that further investigation was required into this before making a decision. Terry will look into this further to discover whether we may be able to get a cabinet from the pie suppliers and also discover how long the pies take to warm up. It was also confirmed that we require a new ice machine as this is essential over the Christmas period. Terry or Steve will get a price for a new one.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

Rod has adjusted the wiring on the TV sets so that they go off with the lights. There are no Carbon Trust options available to us with regards to the lighting, but these have been mostly replaced now. The door frame out the back of the bar is going rotten and will either need repairing or replacing. Trevor, Steve and Rod will get some quotes for this.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

Ronnie advised that there will no entertainment on Christmas Eve, as there is so much going on over the following week. A board will be going up outside the club specifically to advertise the football games and events. Phil will check the

legislation regarding signs at the roadside. Karen would like some help with football advertisements, as there are so many and she is not aware of every one. Steve will help with this. Ronnie confirmed that she has purchased everything for the draw night.

CLUB GAMES:-

The draws for the Snooker/Billiards competition are now up on the notice board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Ronnie will be giving up entertainments. Thanks went to Ronnie for all the hard work she has put in. Replacement will need to be found at the AGM. It was agreed that the bar staff should also receive thank you gifts. It was also agreed that we like to encourage members of the club to hold parties on the premises, however would request that these are brought to the committee before they are advertised within the club. Steve advised that a photo of Reader Brothers has been donated. It was agreed that a space will be found to put the picture up in the club. Bob and Rod will be looking at new furniture and it was agreed that dogs should not be allowed on this furniture.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

P Bond, Vice Chairman