

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds 6th January, 2009

PRESENT: -

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: NIL

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: -

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING

The meeting with the Parish Council set for 19th January is confirmed. Those attending – Bob, Jim, Ronnie, Rod and Bon. Bob will have the relevant financial information available for discussion at the meeting. All agreed that the Christmas opening hours worked well. The £20 membership offer will run for the whole of January.

CORRESPONDENCE: -

A note was received from Peter Butchers enclosing a generous donation to the club. Bob will speak with Peter and the necessary paperwork will be forwarded to the Cricket Club. Bon will send a letter of thanks to Peter. A request was received from Cate Whitlock regarding the use of the club for a small group of people to meet regularly for two hours on a Wednesday evening to socialise and play board games. The Committee thought this would be a good idea and a letter will be sent to Cate.

NEW MEMBERS: -

There were twenty new members this month, a record, namely:- Maxine Goldstone, Patricia Sheaff, Annette Friend, Janet Chittenden, Maurice Chittenden, Dennis Friend, Michael Cayzer, Peter Farr, Neil Jeffrey, Tina Burgeon, Paul Norris, Michael Dodds, Tony Garrett, Karl Smith, Alan Button, David Davies, Barry Marshall, Anthony Ingram, Derek Burleigh, George Wollen. The question of country membership fees was raised and it was confirmed that the amount should stand at £20.00 initially and £10.00 for subsequent years. Nicky suggested that new members be made aware of the fact that parties can be held in the club during opening hours with the usual provisos and Bon will incorporate this in the welcome letter that is sent to all new members.

FINANCE: -

Once again the comparison figures do not look encouraging, but we have not needed to use the deposit account funds and the club is holding its own at the moment. Bob feels that the cost cutting is kicking in and together with our entertainments cut to the bone we could possibly break even at the end of 2008. The Committee are considering reducing the fruit machines to just one in the games room, doing away with the one in the lounge bar. Could we have feedback from those members who use the machines as to their thoughts on this idea. Bob informed the Committee that the brewery have increased their prices and we would have to pass this on to our members. Our increase will be approximately 5% which reflects the brewery's increase, less the reduction in VAT. Bob assured the Committee that our prices will still be competitive with pub prices. The question of the price of cups of coffee arose, and after much discussion it was decided that Ronnie would purchase some coffee mugs, in order to offer a slightly larger cup of coffee at a slightly higher price.

Tony Edwards and Trevor Sidley have carried out an audit of the 2007 books but require some more information from Bob. Bob will furnish them with said information to enable them to complete in time for our AGM. Bob also feels that he will be able to complete 2008 books for the AGM.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Terry thanked Nicky, Jim, & Steve for their help over Christmas. Bob and Terry completed a stock take on New Years Day and found that we are not overstocked. Jim thanked Terry for all his help.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: -

There was a problem with the garage door, which Rod has rectified.

ENTERTAINMENTS: -

Ronnie thanked all those helping with food during the year. Also a big thankyou goes to Bridget and Diane for their help in cleaning the club. A thankyou also to Willie for polishing the games room floor. Draw Night saw us making a small profit. Christmas Eve was marred by Dave having flu and not being able to hold his Karaoke. Even so the majority enjoyed a congenial evening with christmas music. New Years Eve takings were up on last year at £964, and was a very enjoyable evening. A big thank you to Bob Wilson who supplied his own brand of music in the games room on New Years Day, the bars were very busy. Ronnie reported that entertainments have been self funding during the year. Bingo nights on the first Friday in the month will continue, there is a substantial rollover to be won at the moment. Ronnie suggests that if the chaps would like to have extra nights for dog and horse racing she can incorporate it into her schedule for 2009. Ronnie wished to thank Rod for all his help with supplying her with information gathered from the internet for her various themed events. It was agreed that we would have a second blackboard put on the wall in the lounge advertising Bingo evenings and the amount of rollover to be won, Rod will attend to this. Jim thanked Ronnie for a great job on entertainments during the year.

CLUB GAMES: -

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8.0pm on Friday 27th February and nomination papers will be posted appropriately. Bon will mention in the Tapestry and Rostrum, the club's need for a secretary to take over when she retires in February. If there is anyone who would like to know more about the Secretary's job please contact Bon, or any Committee member. Jim and Bob will furnish Bon with their reports for last years AGM minutes in time to be placed on the board for the allotted period. Rod has done new menus and has incorporated a note about children's behaviour. Phil will discuss the website with Rod and Trevor. Steve will contact Mr Leigh Pemberton for further news. Trevor suggested that we offer bottled ales such as Abbot and Old Speckled Hen. Terry will investigate the possibility and look at prices at Cash and Carry. Ronnie will purchase a First Aid Kit. Bon will write to the lady who supplied us with the piano as the majority wish to dispose of it as it hasn't been used enough. If the previous owner agrees we will advertise it in the club and then on the internet. If any member is interested in taking the piano please speak with a member of the Committee. The club is looking for more cleaners to do a couple of hours weekly, anyone who would like to help, please speak with a member of the Committee. Jim thanked all the Committee members for their help and input over the last year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

J. Wood Chairman.....