

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Wed 7th January, 2004

PRESENT: -

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- None

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING:-

Jim has spoken with our member who has been reprimanded and he wishes to tender his apology to the Committee at some point in the future, after which he will be allowed use the club once more. Bob is in the process of having the mobile phone posters printed. There is now advertising in the toilets regarding the lotto machine, which is proving to be very popular. The racking in the cellar is now completed, thanks to Andy and Terry for a super job done. The new back door will be replaced next week. Our bid for furniture was accepted and as a result 10 tables were purchased for use in the games room.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A letter was received from Teston Parish Council, asking if our gardeners would be interested in upkeeping the war memorial troughs, the Council covering any costs incurred. Ken and Tony said they would be prepared to incorporate this in with their gardening of the club's grounds. Bon will answer the letter to this effect. A letter was received from the Council regarding their agreement to our grubbing of the two trees in front of the club. We have to notify them of our intended species. The Council's suggested species were somewhat large and it was generally agreed that we would like two Acers, perhaps a variegated one and a purple or golden leaf variety. Our Secretary, with her small knowledge of matters horticultural and the help of our local Nurseryman will put forward some suggestions at our next meeting. It was agreed that Phil Bond would organise a web site for the Club. Rod will assist in providing information.

FINANCE:-

Our Treasurer is still confident that we will break even this year, and the bar takings continue to show a good increase on last year. There is still a downward trend in the revenue generated from the Fruit machines

despite one being changed. Bob was pleased with the stocktaking this year, with Willy keeping the stock very tight. The money generated from the lotto machine, although not great is steady and we have purchased another set of tickets. It was thought that perhaps next time we may purchase the £1 per game tickets. This will be open to further discussion.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There are no new members this month.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

It was agreed that there would be a payrise this year for Willy, the bar staff and the cleaner. The barrelage discount from Interbrew has been paid to us in the amount of £550. Willy will be on holiday for a week from Saturday 10th January and his duties have been covered. The bar is also covered for emergency staffing should the need arise.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

As Rod mentioned at last meeting the urinal waste pipe may need renewing in the near future, but in the meantime he will apply chemicals to keep them free. The downpipe drain has been dug out and should not be a problem now.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

All the Christmas functions, i.e. Draw night with Singers Carol and Dave, Christmas Eve with The Music Man and New Years Eve with Split Pin were successes, well attended and enjoyed by all. A really good job done by Jim, who wished to thank Rod and Terry for their help with the raffles which were particularly successful. Thanks also to all the people who helped with the food, both our usual ladies and those who stepped in when the ladies were unavailable.

Thanks also to Terry and Ken for purchasing the prizes for the big draw, it was agreed that less prizes of a bigger value was a good idea and accepted generally.

These holiday events helped our Christmas go with a swing! Many thanks to all.

Thanks too to Andy for continuing to update the information board.

The next meat raffle will be held on Sunday 25th January and the next function is Casino Karaoke on the 17th January.

Jim is thinking of making the New Years Eve function an optional fancy dress event and is open to ideas from members as to a theme.

CLUB GAMES:-

Would all participating members organise their respective final games.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

The A.G.M. will be held on Friday 27th February. The proposals will be advertised in the near future. It was agreed that Rod would purchase a laminator for making the Senior and Life member's cards, also for any permanent signs etc we need to make. The caricature of Don was thought to be very good and it was decided to commission another – a lady this time!

We need to advertise before functions that the only children allowed to attend will be those of Members. Also it should be made clear that on special occasions Affiliated members will have to sign and pay the normal charge

Members are also reminded that should they wish to hold a special function at the club, permission has to be applied for from the committee, which would in turn have to be agreed at a Committee meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

K Ivey Chairman.

