

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

### **PRESENT:-**

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

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

N. Wood

A minute's silence was held for the passing of Bob Underhay

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

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

### **ANY MATTERS ARISING:-**

Lotto Machines are doing really well, a lot of people are using them. It was noted that the glass washer has been leaking. Rod advised it needs to be established where it is leaking from. It was thought that Willie had already had someone look at it. This will be checked with Willie and if it is still leaking, Rod will have a look at it. The Rose wine was said to still be going really well and it was decided to continue with this. The toilets in the gents have been repaired and replaced by Rod and no further problems with them have arisen so far. It was mentioned that there have been some problems with the hot water recently. It was also noted that the hot water taps keep getting left on over night. It was suggested that press on taps be used. Rod advised that these would not be worth buying as the water would not heat up quickly enough for the water to come out hot through press on taps. Rod suggested that he look into providing hot water to the bar only. This was agreed as a good idea and Rod advised he would look into this. Thanks went to Tim for sorting out the paving slabs to remove the risk of people falling. Karen advised he had offered to do more if necessary. It was suggested that it may be safer to put concrete down to eliminate the risk of tripping and would also reduce the cost and need for maintenance. This was also agreed as a good idea. The new benches have not arrived yet.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

A letter was submitted to the committee regarding the opening of the club on a Monday night. It was decided that this was still not financially viable as of yet. It was agreed that when this is financially viable, it will be reconsidered. A second letter was submitted by N. Whitford. This was dealt with previous to the meeting by Jim. A third letter was submitted to the committee by R. Wilson, requesting that a chain be put up between the wooden posts outside the club, to prevent children from running into the road. It was decided that this would present more of a risk of children and adults tripping over the chains, so the post will be left as

they are. Lastly a letter was received from J. Butler, on behalf of the Swale Footpaths Walking Group, who congratulated the club on such a hospitable and clean environment, this was greatly appreciated.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:-**

There were a total of 11 new members for June, namely: - Richard Smith, Simon Barton, David Fosberry, Susan Garrod, Ian Cheek, Trudy & Lauren Clark, Richard Dickety, Gordon Hunt, Edwin & May Bennett.

The club now has a total of 318 members to the end of June 2009.

#### **FINANCE:-**

Bob advised the committee that he thought it best that we hold back on price increases. It was decided to keep the cost of drinks at the current low rate. The club is doing well, showing an improvement on last year's figures. This was emphasised to be largely due to the efforts of volunteers and the work of the committee. The half yearly report shows healthy figures and the extra hours that volunteers are putting in are really helping.

#### **BAR COMMITTEE:-**

Terry advised the committee that he has received just four names of people who would like to help out behind the bar. Willie will speak with these people. Trevor advised that it is likely that darts will be stopping as there are not enough people who want to play. It was suggested that if the darts does stop, the club may close on a Tuesday night. It was decided that the situation should be monitored. Ellie will once again be covering early shifts whilst Rick is on holiday. It was also suggested the London Pride is replaced with something else as it is not doing so well. This will be looked into.

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:-**

Someone knocked the outside tap off. Rod has now fixed this but it is unclear how this was broken. The water heater spout in the games room toilet had also been broken, this has been turned off. Rod advised that the urinals don't flush unless you wash your hands and this is causing a problem as they are not flushing often enough. He suggested the installation of infrared flushers as this means the water would not need to be on over night. This may also help with the bad smell. Rod will get prices for this.

#### **ENTERTAINMENTS:-**

The Nostalgia quiz was reported to have gone down well. Bingo will be suspended until 2<sup>nd</sup> October with an £80 rollover. Thanks went to Ron for cleaning the carpet. At Halloween, Kai McKenzie will be singing. Ronnie will be going away on holiday so some volunteers will be needed to do the cleaning, during this time as Karen is also on holiday. Jim advised he would speak to Nicki to see if she is available to do some.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

Phil has been unable to do posters and gave his apologies. He advised he will get these done shortly. He will also update the website. A copy of the first ever set of minutes taken upon the opening of the club has been seen. It was not clear if these belong to the club. This will be looked into.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:20pm.

J. Wood, Chairman .....