

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds 6th June 2007

As our chairman was unable to attend due to work commitments, our Vice Chairman Phil Bond chaired the meeting.

PRESENT: -

P. Bond (chair), R. Harker (Treas), S. Worcester, T. Smith, N. Wood, & K. Loughlin (minutes).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

J. Wood, R. Pullen, B. Playford & R.Thornton.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: -

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING: -

Steve reported back on the meeting held between the sub-committee and Mr Paul Oldham on 30th May 2007. Paul suggested that the reasons other clubs had lost their appeals to the rescission of the rates rebates were due mainly to the facts that they sold cheaper drinks and still did not allow women as members of either club or committee. Hence, it was decided that we need our appeal to be based on our service to the community etc.

Paul Oldham seemed sympathetic to our cause and requested we send him a copy of our appeal letter.

Bon and Steve have drafted a letter for the committee to read. Steve will e-mail copies to committee members. Can any comments or suggestions be returned to Steve so the letter of appeal can be finalised at the next committee meeting.

Thanks to Peter Butchers, Tony Edwards, Jim Wood, Bon Playford and Steve Worcester for attending the meeting with Mr Paul Oldham.

CORRESPONDENCE: -

A letter was received from Willie Brennan re Quiz night and beer supplies see copy attached.

Three notes were received in the suggestion box, these were:

- A comment about the game room floor looking dull and a suggestion for re-waxing. Bob will look into this, it may just need buffing.
- A request that dog owners be reminded to please toilet their pets. The cleaner found faeces in the lounge under one of the tables.
- A thank you note to Ronnie for the impromptu entertainment at the beginning of May (Band - Shades of Green). It was nice to see many more people using their club.

A letter was also received from a trustee regarding the finances and possible suggestions to better these, copies of which are to be circulated to committee members for further consideration and discussion.

NEW MEMBERS: -

No new member applications this month.

FINANCE: -

Once more our takings are not as good as this time last year but we have had a better month.

Bob has looked into the suggestion of using direct debits, there would be an initial cost of £350 to set this up followed by a maintenance charge, a cost for each transaction and a fee for any amendments. Therefore it was decided to offer this method of payment for membership fees would not be value for money.

Bob has received a letter from the auditors to say that under the new accounting regime they will need to carry out more work on our accounts at an extra cost to us. They also point out that as a club we do not need to spend this money. Bob is to investigate the alternatives.

BAR COMMITTEE: -

The committee has signed a contract with Inbev for 3 years in return for financial help with the provision of a smoking canopy for the July 1st smoking ban.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: -

Provision of canopy ongoing - see above.
No Smoking signs need to be erected.

ENTERTAINMENTS: -

Shades of Green entertained us at the beginning of May, was well attended and enjoyed by 35-40 people.

Quiz night was a big success attended by 70+ people.

Dave Playford entertained members at the end of the month and was well attended too.

Next month will see RACE NIGHT on 9th JUNE - first race at 8pm.

Mark Best plays piano Sunday 10th June 12.30-2.30pm.

CLUB GAMES: -

Semi-finals are still ongoing!!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Offers for game machines (quiz and TV related) have been received – the committee felt at the present time these are not really appropriate and there is not enough space for extra machines but will keep the information for future reference.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

J. Wood Chairman P. Bond Vice Chairman