

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Wednesday 4th March, 2009.

PRESENT:-

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

T. Vince

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COMMITTEE:-

As Chairman of the Teston Club Committee, I wish to inform all members that the decision to nominate and successfully vote in Kayleigh Worcester as club Secretary, has come with an amount of discussion at committee meeting level. We as a committee have made no secret of the fact that we have been looking actively for the right placement for Bon Playford for over two years now, and at long last we have found someone who actually wants to do the job. Whilst we all appreciate the role of Secretary is a very important one, we have a very dedicated committee that all help each other, and this role would be no exception. I would also like to thank Mr. Trevor Sidley, who we all know did the job of Secretary to the highest level for many years, for offering his help to Kayleigh, if required, at last week's AGM.

ANY MATTERS ARISING:-

There still appears to be confusion with regard to Bob Underhay and the Cricket team. There are concerns that not all members of the Cricket team want to become full members and that this conflicts with the idea of Corporate Membership. Bob, Jim and Peter Butchers will have a meeting with him to discuss. The bottled beer was agreed to be selling well and proving popular, as is the promotional £20 membership fee, which has resulted in 38 new members since Christmas.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A 'thank you' card was received from Bonnie alongside a letter of apology. Bon explained the mix up with the AGM minutes and was upset with the comments made about this. She congratulated the committee on the improvement of the financial figures. A letter has been written to the President of the club by Jim and seconded by the committee.

NEW MEMBERS:-

As Trevor was not present the following passage was read out on his behalf:

There were twelve new members for February, namely: - William Mason, Aidden Gore, Helena & Stephen Pilcher, Adam Wise, Gordon Lawrence and Mike Hawkins. Also becoming full members were: - Keith Jarrett, Peter Erlam, Aria Wilson, Daniel Tyler & Colin Bentwood. (These five are from 'Teston Cricket Club'). Whilst on the subject of members, February saw six 'Late Renewing' members, and 34 Full, & 27 Senior members that so far have not renewed from 2008. The possibility that people joined due to the cry for help was discussed.

FINANCE:-

The statement from the bank was received only today, so detailed figures could not be given. However it is possible to ascertain that the trade in the last month has been exceptional, even ordinary weeks, without any functions have been good. The SGM has been arranged to approve the balance sheet.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

The bar is doing very well. Terry gave his apologies for running out of the London Pride, but was taken aback at the rate it was sold. He brought in the bottled beer to cover this, and they have proven to be a success of their own. The bar has been opening early from 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, on a trial basis. Terry gave his apologies for doing this on the spur of the moment, but the trial is proving to be very popular. Rick is shadowing Terry on a trial basis, but there is no pressure on him to volunteer for the job permanently. Should Rick decide not to continue, the committee agreed, that as it has been so popular, regular cover will need to be found. The enthusiasm from all the volunteers was commended and committee members aired comments received from club members about the current pleasant atmosphere in the club.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

Rod has replaced the lock on the shed and repaired a seal on one of the ladies' toilets.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

The 1950s night was felt to be a huge success. It was arranged that Karen and Nicky will organise the food for the up coming Race Night, as Ronnie will be away. Chris Roser has purchased a large Belgian Easter Egg and it was decided that Ronnie would advertise the egg raffle running up to Easter. Dave has offered to do a Karaoke evening on 25th April, but concerns that this may clash with the racing day were brought to the committee's attention. Ronnie will speak to Dave and, if necessary, rearrange. Ronnie also suggested that another Race night be implemented. The dog racing proved to be popular last time, but there were problems with the DVD. Steve will check the DVD and, if necessary, order a new one. Thanks went to the Entertainment committee.

CLUB GAMES:-

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

A suggestion from Mick Pullen has been made to reintroduce the cheese and biscuits afternoons. It was decided that this was something to consider in the future, but it was felt that the club should be made to be financially stable before deciding to reintroduce this. Ronnie suggested that the free drinks at the AGM be stopped as this was felt to be an additional cost, which was unnecessary. The committee agreed there will no longer be free drinks at the AGM. Phil believed that the correct protocol for the AGM was not followed, but he will confirm. Steve suggested some sort of payment to volunteers such as Rick and the people doing cleaning. It was suggested that an alternative such as free membership may be in order. It was decided, however, that this should be reconsidered at a later date, once the club is financially stable. Rod informed the committee that he is still discussing ideas with Peter Couling and would notify the committee on further developments. Kayleigh thanked everyone for their support in her taking on the position of Secretary. Jim thanked everyone for their hard work and support over the last month or so.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

J. Wood, Chairman