

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds. 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006

The Committee all agreed that Jim should carry on as Chairman of the Committee for 2006 with Phil as Vice Chairman.

The Chairman then welcomed Nicky Wood and Steve Worcester to the Committee.

### **PRESENT: -**

J. Wood (Chair), R. Harker (Treas), B. Playford (Sec), R.Thornton, T.Smith, V. Williams, R. Pullen, N. Wood & S. Worcester.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-** P. Bond

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

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

### **ANY MATTERS ARISING**

We shall be carrying on with the Flowers beer for the present. Rod has fitted new bulbs in the lights that were flashing. Vicki did not need to purchase more C.D.s as Ronnie has donated some to the club. Vicki has tried to clean the player but this doesn't seem to have worked. Rod will look at it, and report back. The Club Games board is up now. The Cricket Club is still interested in joining the club. The piano is now in situ and does not need tuning.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

There was a reply from the Kent Association of Workingmens Clubs and we will be sending our fee to rejoin.

### **FINANCE:-**

The bar take was slightly up on last month but otherwise there was nothing to report

### **NEW MEMBERS:-**

There were six new members this month, Ms. R. Singyard, Ms C. Singyard, Mr. & Mrs. G. Gore, Ms. W. Rooke and Mr. B. Campbell.

### **BAR COMMITTEE:-**

We are having a few teething troubles with the food from the lazer oven and Terry will discuss the problem with Willie.

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:-**

It was agreed that Steve will help Rod on the House Committee. Rod has had 200 leaflets printed and are now ready to deliver. Rod has received the application forms for the erection of a sign and will need some help with various aspects of this. There was mention of inviting

members to enter a competition for the design of the sign. This will be advertised on the black board. Bob asked Rod if he anticipated any expensive outlays for this year, the only thing that he felt could be an expensive item is if the boiler should give any trouble. But could not say for sure at this point. Vicki pointed out that should it be decided to have the curtains cleaned, her employer has said that the cost would be discounted.

#### **ENTERTAINMENTS:-**

It was agreed that Nicky would join the Entertainments Committee. Vicki will speak with Dave regarding some Karaoke/fun evenings. Jim will ring Barlimix to ask if they would like to do the occasional Sunday lunchtime play along. The sub committee will investigate organising less expensive quizzes and race nights. It was noted that the next event will be St. Patrick's Day Music with Simon and the date has been changed from the 18<sup>th</sup> March to the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **CLUB GAMES:-**

The draw is up for the games and will be the same format as before.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

The new Premises Certificate is in a file together with the Electrical Certificate and will be contained in the safe. A summary of the certificate is displayed on the wall by the bar. Various suggestions were made regarding ways to alleviate our present financial position. Our Treasurer suggested that should the situation not improve during the current year, radical changes will be discussed and put in place next year. It is hoped that finances will improve this year. During the current year the Committee will be trying various ways of encouraging present members and new members to use the club. Bob will be working out bonuses for the committee to approve at the next meeting. It was mentioned that the welcome packs for the member applicants from last month were late arriving, this was because the Rules of the Club were out of print and it took a while to restock. Terry suggested that we might try having a credit card facility for members. Bob will investigate the cost of setting this up. Nicky pointed out that there were not enough glasses available at the party held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Unfortunately the suggestion box was not opened prior to the meeting and three suggestions were found after closure. There was a partial reconvening of the meeting for the following suggestions. One was regarding the lateness of the welcome packs to the last four membership applications. This was taken on board by the Secretary. Jim will address the problem of the scratching of tables by the baize boards used by the Bridge Club. The new tenants of the village shop asked to display an Open sign on the grass outside the club and Steve will discuss this with them.

J. Wood Chairman.....

