

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds. 7th March 2007

PRESENT: -

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

Jim was once again voted in to chair our committee meetings.

Our Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Karen to the Committee.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING

Rod has rectified the problem with the ice maker and the fact that it is only put on at weekends is no longer a problem. Rod has also fitted a new light bulb in the cellar and light fitting in the cold room.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A letter was received from Tony Edwards and signs will be displayed in toilets reminding all of the necessity to wash hands. A reply will be sent to his letter. A letter was received from Roy Jepson regarding the accounts for 2006, our Treasurer will speak with Mr. Jepson with regard to his query, and an acknowledgement of his letter will be sent.

FINANCE:-

As per our Treasurer's report at the A.G.M. held last week, our finances are not very healthy at present bearing in mind our deficit at the end of last year. It was decided after much discussion that once the exact amount of our rates bill is ascertained an E.G.M. will be arranged in order to implement an increase in membership fees for full members and a charge to our senior membership. As well as any other cost cutting, income generating ideas our members may put forward. In the meantime we will write to the Parish Council making them aware of our concerns regarding the cancellation of our rates rebate and asking for their advice.

We will also write to Paul Oldham and the Borough Council, it would help if members would write as well. Bob will also work out an increase to go on sales.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There were three applications this month, namely:- Mrs. P. Newcombe, Evan Thomas and John Evans.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Terry reported that unfortunately hot food was not going well at all and it was decided that we would not restock with food. We will keep the lazer oven and one of the freezers but dispense with the fridge/freezer. He also said that crisps were not selling and in fact has had to dispose of some that were past sell by date. He feels that we should only stock one flavour at a time in an effort to cut out waste. Bar staff wages will be put up immediately to the minimum wage which comes into force in October. Bob will work out Willie's bonus for last year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

Rod once again asked that we think about the options for smoking canopies and he brought some illustrations to the meeting for consideration. Between now and our next committee meeting we shall be able to ascertain how much help we may get from the Brewery towards this. Rod would like a decision to be made during that meeting as time is running out. Bob & Rod will be looking into the no smoking signs, which will have to be displayed by law in each bar. The snooker table machine is playing up and needs attention, Rod will approach Kent & Sussex Snooker and Jim will speak with Derek Foley about the problem. It was agreed that games will go up to £1. per half hour once the problem is solved.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

The impromptu quiz last Saturday was well received and the bar takings reflected the enjoyment of the evening. Ronnie will organise another one later on in the year. The next function will be St. Patricks Karaoke. After our last Race Night, Steve approached the suppliers to complain about the video, which appeared faulty. They responded with a whole new race night box for further use.

CLUB GAMES:-

Would all competitors please conclude the current games as soon as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

As Vicki was a key holder and she is no longer on the committee, we need another key holder to take her place. Ronnie kindly offered to do this. There have been congratulations on the new sign from several members and general opinion is that blends well with the surrounding area and does a really good job of advertising our club. Nicky has purchased more raffle tickets. Jim thanked Terry for taking Willie's place whilst he is on holiday.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

J. Wood Chairman.....

