

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds. 2nd May 2007

As our Chairman informed us of his late arrival, our Vice Chairman Phil Bond chaired the meeting in Jim's initial absence.

PRESENT: -

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING

Regarding the running down of lazer food stocks, it was decided to offer all food at £1.00 to move remaining items before use by date.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A confirmation was received from Councillor Paul Oldham regarding the sub-committee meeting with him at the village hall on 30th May at 8pm to discuss the possibility of appealing against the rescission of our rates rebate. The renewal notice from Peter Edwards Insurance, for our combined insurance was received and at a considerably less premium than last year. Bob indicated that he will accept this and send a cheque in payment in time for renewal date next week.

FINANCE:-

Once more our takings are disappointing against the same month last year. We have a new fruit machine installed in the lounge just over a week ago, with less stake money. Time will tell if this will be more acceptable to punters. It was suggested that we try a one armed bandit type machine, and this could be a possibility in the future. Bob pointed out that what with our cutting down on expenditure, a less expensive insurance, shopping around for our utilities and Ronnie maintaining a smaller entertainments budget we are doing all we can to suppress expenditure.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There was one application this month, namely Mrs. Linda Martin.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Nothing to report

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

Our suppliers will contribute to the cost of the smoker's canopy but we need to obtain more information before deciding on one. Rod asked if the suggested monthly member draw on membership numbers was going to materialise. This was discussed at length but no definite

decision was made. It was also suggested that an alternative could be a type of 100 club or a tote could be arranged and feedback from members would be appreciated. We need 2 new umbrellas and our suppliers will be approached for these. Rod feels we should try to justify keeping the piano in the lounge as it is not being used much at the moment. Rod has a Yard of Ale that he will donate to the club to be hung from the beam in the lounge. We are looking to install signs above the access doors to reflect the new one outside. Rod pointed out that we have in the clubs store some stained glass windows, he has taken one home and cleaned it up and feels it would be worth enquiring as to their value. We all thought this was a good idea and Rod will investigate this.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

Davie Dean entertained us on St. Georges Day 21st April and the evening was very enjoyable. Ronnie cut down on the food for this evening but felt it was ample. We will not be doing anything for the day of the Tour de France apart from being open at the usual times. The next function is the Quiz Night on 12th May

CLUB GAMES:-

Games are drawing to a semi final stage.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

It was at this point that our Chairman announced the death of our member Mr. Michael Potter and a minutes silence was held in remembrance.

Bob will write to Kent and Sussex Snooker regarding their disputed account for £40.00. Steve has a dish and digi box in his loft that he will donate. Karen suggested that when putting items in the Tapestry that opening times are mentioned. Also perhaps we could have a stall at the village fete promoting the club. All thought this was a good idea and we will approach the Fete committee with regard to this.

Our President joined the committee at this point to report on his and Trustee Tony Edwards meeting on Wednesday 18th April with the other clubs who have had their rate rebates rescinded. Apparently most of the other clubs have appealed and some have had replies giving negative responses. We shall, however, hold our meeting with Councillor Paul Oldham on the 30th May. Our thanks to Peter and Tony for their time spent on the Club's behalf.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

J. Wood Chairman.....

