

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds 7th May 2008

A minute silence was held, remembering our member Mr. Richard John who passed away recently.

PRESENT: -

J. Wood (chair), B. Playford (Sec), S. Worcester, T. Smith, R. Thornton, N. Wood, T. Vince, K. Loughlin & P. Bond

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - R. Pullen & R. Harker

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: -

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING: -

A question regarding the cancellation of papers was raised. It appears that all papers have been cancelled instead of just the weekday papers. A decision was made during our April meeting to cancel the weekday papers and keep Saturday and Sunday editions. Several members have queried this and it was agreed to re-instate the weekend papers. Willie will be asked to organise this. The satellite dish is up and running and a dedicated freeview box has been fitted. A thankyou letter will be sent to our member Geoff whose help was appreciated in the fitting of the dish and box. It was agreed that as a thankyou for his time and expertise he and his wife would receive complimentary membership for this year.

CORRESPONDENCE: -

Jim has received a letter from Keith Jarrett – Secretary for the Teston Cricket Club, regarding membership. Jim will meet with Mr. Jarrett together with Rod to discuss this. A letter has been received from the Performing Right Society regarding a Music Licence. It was felt that our present licence would cover this but investigations will be made, initially through Willie. We have received a letter from the Kent Police regarding Kent Keylink partner to the old Kent Police keyholder database, who say that we need to register our property details with the new company. The consensus of opinion was that we are already registered with Secom and pay for their service, therefore we do not need to be registered with the new company. Secom wrote to us enclosing a letter from the Kent Police regarding a false alarm activation from our alarm system. Rod explained that he was contacted by someone from the village shop and found that a bird that had been nesting in the extractor, had found its way into the lounge bar, setting off the alarm. Rod informed Secom of the problem, removed the bird and taped up the vent so that it will not occur again.

NEW MEMBERS: -

There were six new members application this month, namely : Chris Hare, Gina and Umberto Corfini, Rita Bourlet and Debbie and Kevin Thackaberry.

FINANCE: -

The new bar prices were queried by a member but it was pointed out that increases were as outlined in the minutes of the April meeting e.g. 51/2 – 6% in line with budget increases and brewer prices. No further finance information was available as our Treasurer was unable to attend.

BAR COMMITTEE: -

It was proposed that our cleaning hours should be cut to one hour per day and extra as and when after functions at weekends. This was agreed and has already been discussed with Viv.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: -

There has been a problem with the microphone, Rod has looked at this and has suggested that anyone using this remembers to hold the mike very close to the mouth and should refrain from walking about whilst speaking into it! The garden was discussed and Peter has some bedding plants coming on for the flower gardens. Terry will organise a working party to clean up the beds beforehand as Peter is now our only gardener. Several members are willing to help. The Focus Groups input regarding troughs etc was discussed and it was agreed that Bon will write to Mr. Phillips with a polite – no thankyou – as we we feel that the borders will be attractive and will suffice.

ENTERTAINMENTS: -

The Bingo night was a success thanks to Karen and Nicky who organised the evening and supplied the refreshments. The next function Jim's Quiz Night will be on 17th May. There are still some places available for the Lingfield Trip on the 26th July, the cost is approximately £25.00 per head.

CLUB GAMES: -

The Club Games are being arranged.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Steve suggested that after the success of Tim's leaflet circulation we should extend the area to include Barming and possibly Watringbury, all felt this was a good idea and it will be discussed further. Phil mentioned that a member had raised the possibility of some rent being generated by the siting of the Telephone box and pole on the club's ground. Our committee member Trevor, having worked for B.T. for a number of years informed us that this would be such a nominal amount that it would not be worth investgating.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

J. Wood Chairman