

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

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

PRESENT: -

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - B. Playford.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF E.G.M:-

The minutes of E.G.M were accepted and duly signed as a true record.

ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM E.G.M:-

Clarification that the joining fee for new members will remain at £9.45 and the subscription rate will be increased to £20.00 (£10.00 for senior members)
From a discussion of the minutes and points raised it was decided that there would be provision made for 'A.O.B. with notification' at the next A.G.M to give members opportunity to put forward ideas.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 3rd OCTOBER: -

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING: -

Long-standing bills for gas have been provided and paid.
Utility Warehouse need a cheque for £10.00 for administration fee for transfer of electric provision. This was written and will be sent.
Bob has got a quote for the sign above the main door, the design was agreed and will be ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE: -

A letter from Willie about a suspected attempted break in and malicious damage to a door. If anyone has any information please let the committee know!

A letter from Bon, was read out, about her telephone conversations with councillors with regard to our appeal application for reinstatement of rates rebate.
This was discussed and all the requested information has been given to the council so it appears there is nothing else we can achieve. Jim to speak to Bon on her return about contacting Paul Oldham to see if there is any further information he can give and to ask whether our given information has been received by correct people.

A note was received in the suggestion box re changing the bitter from 6X.
Speckled Hen is on at he moment. Terry to investigate other beers.

A suggestion was put forward for a children's Christmas Party. This was discussed and Jim will feed back. Other suggestions, put to the chairman, were read out.

NEW MEMBERS: -

No new member applications this month.

FINANCE: -

Bob provided an income comparison over the past 5 years.

This proved that the membership is the same but the members do not use the club and it's the facilities enough therefore our takings are down in all areas.

Bob reminded committee that if any new members join on open evening that they should pay the newly agreed rates.

Also discussed in line with increase in subscriptions from 1st January 2008

Evening Guest fee will be £1

Function Night Guest fee will be £3

A Guest ticket for New Years Eve will remain at £10.00 for this year.

BAR COMMITTEE: -

There was nothing to report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: -

Rod pointed out that the canopy shuts quite easily if windy but to alter it may risk it being ripped from the wall if very windy.

Exterior lights will be put up for Christmas.

ENTERTAINMENTS: -

In house decorations – tree and new lights will be bought from money raised from the Tour de France.

Bingo night was very successful and lots of members attended.

Halloween Night started with a poor turn out but improved by 9.45pm and seemed to go down extremely well.

Next years budget for entertainment has been drastically reduced with more in house entertainment provided eg race nights, quiz nights, bingo etc and only 2 groups booked.

Jim mentioned we need to contact Davie Dean and send a Get Well Card and advertise the replacement New Year Entertainment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Karen showed sample gift subscription card. This was approved and she will make up some for sale and advertise their availability.

Rod suggested a different method of renewal but it was agreed that the arrangements would remain the same. Bob suggested in light of the E.G.M we need to do a mail shot this year with the new subscription charges – these can be delivered and posted.

A question was asked of Phil re the use of the website – he replied that there was no way of telling how many hits it got but that he knew of quite a few people who used it.

Ron suggested closing on a night when fewest people use club – it was felt that we did not want to do this and would wait until we see what the new subscriptions bring. Ron also asked for as many committee members as possible to be in attendance on open evening 10th November from 7.45pm.

Phil and Steve reported that we have new dish and digital box, which will be fitted shortly

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

J. Wood Chairman

