

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the August meeting held in the club on Weds 5th November, 2008

### **PRESENT: -**

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

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

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

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

### **ANY MATTERS ARISING: -**

Steve reported that the licensing department informed him that they had received the necessary paperwork from us and they assured him that the matter of corporate membership has been processed although we will not receive any written confirmation. It was agreed that we need to make a decision on a format for corporate memberships as we have had enquiries about this, namely Speedwatch and West Farleigh Football Club. Phil agreed at our last meeting to make up a card for this purpose. Last Sunday the club was manned in readiness for the Teston Cricket Club but they failed to arrive. Speckled Hen beer may be changed for London Pride. Ronnie reported that everything is organised for the 40's night on Saturday 8th November. Thanks was given to Jim for his valiant effort in running the marathon, which resulted in his donation of £124.00 for entertainment funds.

### **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

There were two suggestions in the box. Firstly it was suggested that we offer free membership to all after January 2009. After discussion it was agreed that as the memberships form a large part of the club's income this could not be taken up. Secondly a member outlined ways of utilising our premises in the afternoons. This idea has been discussed previously and we shall be looking to implement a wider use of the club premises in the new year. There was also a thankyou card from Mrs. Brenda Duncan for her use of the club for her husband's wake.

### **NEW MEMBERS: -**

There were seven new members this month namely, James Birch, Mike Williams, Jean Ellis, Peter and Fiona Bundell, and Mike and Dee Galloway.

### **FINANCE: -**

There were no figures for last month as our Treasurer has been using the books and therefore were unavailable to our Steward. We did not have to use our deposit account last month as we are managing to pay bills from our takings. Our deposit account therefore still stands at £13,000. It was agreed that should we need to take out £1,000 or more for two months running then we will discuss calling a general meeting to inform our members of the situation.

Jim apologised for being unable to make contact with Bob to enable us to attend the meeting arranged with the Parish Council. Bob agreed that he will have all the necessary figures available if we can arrange another meeting for the early part of December. Bon will contact Olive Oxley to arrange this.

### **BAR COMMITTEE: -**

Terry re-iterated that we will be offering London Pride Bitter in the place of Speckled Hen. There was a heated discussion about the cancellation of cheese and biscuits

on the bars for Sunday lunchtimes. Many members of the committee feel that as a matter of courtesy, decisions such as this should be agreed at committee meetings rather than across the bar between a couple of committee members.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE: -**

Rod has updated the alarm system. Steve and Rod have mounted the TV on the top of the fruit machine. Rod will furnish Trevor with a guide for setting the alarms. Rod reported that when he and Steve went into the club last Sunday morning the door to the car park had been left unlocked and the alarm system, apart from the bar, had not been set. Also all the lights had been left on. More care must be taken by the last people to leave the club in the evenings. Steve has had an offer of ex university chairs and kitchen equipment, he will ask for further details of items available and possibility go and see them.

**ENTERTAINMENTS: -**

Great Mates Halloween evening was enjoyed by all of some forty members. There is an extra Dog Race Night organised for Saturday 20th December and most members felt that we should offer our usual food, we shall therefore have to discuss this at our December meeting as Ronnie has several events around the same time to organise and provide food for. Ronnie would like to do a mini Christmas quiz for Christmas Eve and has asked for ideas for this. Ronnie reported that she now holds £420 of bonus ball money for future use on entertainments.

**CLUB GAMES: -**

Nothing to report.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -**

Terry reported that £300 was taken over the bar on Wednesday evening when England's game was televised. Bob informed us that The North Pole was closing and it is hoped that some of their clientele will come to us. Rod mentioned that the website is not up to date. Bon advised the committee that once again she intends to stand down in February, only this time she means it. If there is anyone interested in doing the secretarial work for the committee would they please get in touch

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

J. Wood Chairman.....