

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2003

### **PRESENT: -**

K.Ivey(Chairman) R. Harker (Treasurer),B. Playford (Sec)  
R.Thornton, T.Smith, A Hickman, T. Pilbeam, J. Wood.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-** Don Newick.

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

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

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

The new back door (leading to the car park) will be replaced in the near future as the present one is bowed and ill fitting. The Council have not yet replied to our application to grub out the two cherry trees, the Secretary will chase this if nothing is heard within the next few weeks. Rod has accumulated all the information regarding the installation of a lotto machine. Once we have established that we do not need to extend our gaming licence to accommodate this, it was agreed and passed unanimously that we should have one installed in the games room. The water main has been fixed and apparently just in time as it had begun to leak. Thanks to Terry, the one man work party, for his hard work digging the trench. Peter has kindly offered to complete any cementing etc. A big thank you to Rod and Andy who spent some 12 hours putting up the exterior Christmas lights. We must remember the members who spend a lot of their own time providing comfort and pleasure for others.

It is hoped that the racking in the cellar will be completed in order to accommodate the Christmas stock. The computer is up and running in the office, and is now complete with a printer given by a member. Many thanks Tony for this donation. Rod will install Excel and Word, and it was agreed that the computer will be used by the Committee and Willie only.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

A note was received regarding the malfunction of the T.V. in the lounge. This was switched on for the duration of the meeting and it performed perfectly apart from some minimal interference from the cooler. It was therefore agreed that we could not justify buying another one yet. Jim has an emergency set available should the present one break down at any time.

A suggestion regarding a forties night was duly passed to the Entertainments Committee who will investigate the possibility. Although the entertainments programme has already been completed for next year.

### **FINANCE:-**

Whilst our Treasurer is still confident that we will break even this year, and the bar, subs and games takings continue to show an increase on last year, there is some concern regarding the drop in revenue from the Fruit machines. For some reason there has been a marked drop in punters.

### **NEW MEMBERS:-**

There are no new members this month.

### **BAR COMMITTEE:-**

Nothing to report.

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:-**

Nothing to report.

### **ENTERTAINMENTS:-**

The last function, Toni Lee, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the evening came to an abrupt end after an accident involving some dancers and Toni Lee's equipment. Many thanks to Toni for her professionalism and understanding during this incident.

The next function is the Irish Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2003.

As it was felt that generally function nights are not well attended, it was agreed that the Secretary would contact the Editor of the

Tapestry in order to advertise forthcoming events. Perhaps this will catch the eye of more of our members and encourage a few new faces to the functions. Jim and his fellow entertainments committee members put a lot into these evenings, and it is a great pity they are not better attended. Jim will do more advertising posters and put them in the loos where it is felt people may see them more readily!

### **CLUB GAMES:-**

A communication has been received from the Kent Association of Working Mens Clubs and Institutes regarding their Winter Games. This will be posted on the notice board for anyone who is interested.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

There was an unfortunate incident involving a member and our Chairman, where the member was politely asked to stop using a mobile phone in the club. Unfortunately the member was not co-operative and bad language was used by him. This sort of behaviour is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. It is pointed out that according to our rules this type of misconduct could result in suspension or expulsion from the club.

Bob will organise the purchase of some signs requesting patrons to refrain from using mobile phones. These will be displayed on notice boards and doors. Owners of mobile phones are asked to switch their call tones to tremblers whilst in the club and to kindly answer calls in the porch or outside.

The Rules of the Club have now been refurbished and was generally agreed to be presentable. Bon will do a copy for each Committee member and a quantity will be made available to new members.

The exterior lights will be switched on, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and Rod suggested that the interior lights and decorations should be organised for the same evening. Perhaps even some form of celebration could ensue, as it is a Monday and generally a quiet night.

Rod mooted a suggestion regarding neon lights around the games room bar as he knows someone who could do this. No agreement was reached at this point, (we seemed to be running out of steam!) a possible topic for next months meeting? It was also pointed out that

the notice regarding children at functions, displayed on the notice board, was in need of updating.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

K Ivey Chairman.

