

## **TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on 12<sup>th</sup> October

### **PRESENT:-**

J. Wood (Chair), R. Harker (Treas), K. Worcester (Sec), T. Vince, S. Worcester, R. Pullen & K. Loughlin.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

N. Wood, P. Bond, T. Smith, R. Thornton.

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

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

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

With regard to the cellar cooler, we are currently waiting for the paperwork to come through in order for it to be replaced. Bob advised that he has checked the insurance and we do not have liability insurance for contractors therefore Rod would only be covered in the capacity of a volunteer member of the club. The snooker table cover has been dealt with and the ice machine is still working fine.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

Several suggestions were received of a similar nature. It was suggested that some entertainment be provided between races on a race night. Ronnie suggested perhaps a short quiz in between. This will be looked into. Another offered to run the bingo whilst Ronnie is on holiday and there was an offer to do a disco in November, which was very much appreciated.

### **NEW MEMBERS:-**

There were no new members for this month. Trevor has devised a box for advanced membership payments and some posters for members who might be away when the new membership fees are due.

### **FINANCE:-**

Due to Willie being on holiday the books aren't quite up to date, but Bob thinks business may have dropped slightly. The early opening hours are still doing very well.

### **BAR COMMITTEE:-**

Terry proposed that we ask Willie to go back to doing the Thursday sessions as this will allow the club to open again on Mondays. Voluntary bar staff will then cover the Monday night sessions. Opening times for Monday will be 19:00 to 22:00. This was proposed to the committee and it was agreed to get Willie back, but we will keep an eye on the finances to assess whether it is cost effective to open these hours. Ronnie advised that if the club is going to be open more

often, we need to see if we can get some volunteers to come in and clean. Tim Loughlin has kindly volunteered to cover the Tuesday evening sessions. It has also arisen that the floor behind the bar is starting to degrade. It was decided to get quotes for the repair of the floor.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:-**

It has been advised that the fruit machine is distracting when playing darts, in its current position. It was decided that it will be turned away so that the lights aren't flashing in that direction. Rod sent a note advising that we have an offer of a 3 column machine to replace the single column machine we already have free of charge. This was put to the committee and agreed. He also suggested the installation of LED light bulbs to replace the current ones, which would reduce the clubs electrical running costs. It was agreed that we should try a bulb before changing all of them and revisit. It was also questioned if we still have dimmers and whether these bulbs would work on dimmers, if we still have them. Rod also suggested the re-installation of a moving message sign at a cost of £200. The committee felt that at the moment, this may be an unnecessary expense and decided that it should be revisited at a later date.

**ENTERTAINMENTS:-**

The Race Night went well again. Ronnie advised that the Draw Night boards need to go up, as Phil normally does this, it was hoped that he will do them again this year.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

Rod also offered in his note to investigate the problem with the Rostrum not publishing our input, as he knows some of the people who run it. It was agreed that Rod should do this. Rod also highlighted a problem with the lack of control over the televisions and felt that it can sometimes be distracting when you are not watching. It was decided that the television in the games room will be kept free and only used as an overflow, when it is necessary, as it is being left on when no one is watching. Rod also highlighted the fact that more chalk boards need to go up advertising SKY. Karen said she would put up a sign outside the club and put up some messages about SKY on the boards we already have up. Kayleigh advised she would also mention it in the local advertising. It was agreed once again that food not provided by the club should not be consumed on the premises.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:40pm

J. Wood, Chairman .....