

## **TESTON CLUB A.G.M. 25<sup>h</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005**

### **PRESIDENTS ADDRESS**

Our President opened the meeting and started by saying that he was rather disappointed that more members had not turned up to the meeting, bearing in mind our total membership of 291. Even so he was pleased to see those who had made the effort. He thanked the Committee for their work during 2004.

A one minute silence was held for the passing of our members r. H. Sidley, Mr. R. Irvine, Mr.T. Beadle, Mr. K. Topham & Mr. Bob Geddes.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Viv and Dick Williams, John & Judy Moore, R. & S . Jepson, T. Pilbeam, T. Morgan & H. Hughes.

### **CHAIRMANS ADDRESS**

Our Chairman opened by saying a big thank you to the Committee for all their work and commitment during the year. He has had pleasure working with his colleagues on Committee and he asked that members show their appreciation for all the hard work done on their behalf. He announced that he would not be standing for election for a further year. He had generally enjoyed his time in office, but felt it time to vacate. He then handed back to the President to continue the meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF 2004 MINUTES**

Rod Thornton proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record which was seconded by C. Roser and carried unanimously.

### **SECRETARYS REPORT**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to Teston Clubs 2005 A.G.M. I am sorry that our Chairman Ken is vacating his position after many years on the Committee. Personally I feel he did a grand job, he was a great help to me when I took over as Secretary for which I thank him. He has given of his time generously, whether keeping our monthly meetings running smoothly, or looking after our garden or any of the other tasks he took on. He has done all these things in a responsible, efficient and really happy, friendly manner and I am very sorry that he is going.

I would just like to say thank you to my fellow committee members for all the work and effort they put in, but I would like to let everyone know of the great amount of input from one particular member. That is Rod, who takes his post on House Committee most seriously. He gives freely of his time and whenever

there is a job to be done, whether checking equipment, making table signs, looking to the fabric of the building, or putting up our beautiful outside Christmas lights, to name but a few. These jobs are done swiftly and efficiently and I would just like a round of applause for all his efforts please. Thankyou.

Once again, our club has had a reasonably good year. We have had some really good entertainment each month as well as some extra informal gatherings on three Sunday lunchtimes. The Sunday lunchtime events were in the form of jam sessions with our member Tim and his group Barlimix, these were great fun with various members doing their own party piece. Thank you to Jim for arranging our entertainment for the year.

We have made improvements during 2004 but have tried to keep the expenditure down on previous years. We installed a new T.V., there are new Teston Club signs over the doors facing the roads, there is more comfortable furniture in the club room, which us ladies particularly appreciate. There are laminated signs on the tables giving information regarding forthcoming events and other news. The snooker table was recovered. We now have our very own web site, that anyone can log on to. Also our membership application forms have been amended to include E. Mail addresses, so that members can receive all our news via this medium. Our thanks to committee member Phil for his hard work creating our web site and updating the information. We have two new trees planted at the front. These are Acers, chosen for their foliage. One is a beautiful red colour and the other white and green variegated. These should make a lovely splash of colour in the summer and Autumn. Our thanks to our committee member gardeners for planting these.

Membership as at 31st January 2005 was up very slightly on last year with 26 Life members, 105 senior members and 160 ordinary members making a grand total of 291 members. Although we had 37 new members join during the year, 35 did not renew. A number of members moved from the Ordinary list to the Senior list, making our ordinary fee paying number down three on last year. But as I said before our overall figure is 291, up by two on last year.

In November last year we advertised our open evening in the Tapestry, this was an effort to encourage new people to the village to get to know the club. The event was successful with six new members joining during the evening and others joining later. We felt it was worth doing again and we intend to have a similar evening this year. Also we agreed to carry on with our snippets of news in the Tapestry each month, this just reminds our members that we are still here and puts our name in front of new people to the village.

I think that's all I wish to say apart from thank you to my fellow committee members and Dave for their support during the year.

Thank you – Bon Playford

The Secretary's report was accepted , seconded and carried unanimously.

## **TREASURERS REPORT.**

Bob Harker – Treasurer – Treasurers Report for Year ending 31.12.04

Apologies for not being able to post a copy of the accounts on the notice board prior to the meeting. Our auditors only completed their work this week. The auditors have done their usual thorough job, found our accounting errors, nothing too serious but most importantly found nothing of a fraudulent nature.

Now for the ‘nitty gritty’. As you are all aware our income is generated from three sources, the bar, the fruit machines and your subscriptions. Last year the bar takings were down on 2003 by £2,800, however we increased our profitability and maintained the same gross margin on sales as 2003. The fruit machines, including the Lottery machine made an increased return on 2003 by £4,200. Subscriptions were slightly down. Net result was that our income was up by £4,400. Expenditure was on a par with 2003, with the exception of decorating, no major work being carried out, saving £4,000 on 2003.

The committee have taken great care not to spend unless the expenditure is required to maintain the fabric and turnover of the club. Net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure by £3,900, compared with last years deficit of £4,500.

I had forecast to the committee that we would have a break even trading year, so objective achieved.

I have been brief, but I hope covered the important points.

Thank you for your attention – Bob Harker.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted, seconded and carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

After losing our Trustee Mr. R. Irvine during 2004 our President proposed that the election of another Trustee be incorporated in this section of the meeting, which was otherwise to have been discussed as Previously Notified Business. Mr. Don Newick was proposed from the Chair as a Trustee and carried unanimously by the members.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**The nominee for the position of club officers are as follows:-**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>B. Playford</b>	<b>D. Newick</b>	<b>J. Wood</b>
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>J. Wood</b>	<b>R. Harker</b>	<b>M. Morgan</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>B. Harker</b>	<b>T. Smith</b>	<b>M. Morgan</b>

**As there were no other nominees each member was voted in by a show of hands, which was carried in each case.**

### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

**The nominee of committee members are as follows:-**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>T. Smith</b>	<b>D. Newick</b>	<b>M. Morgan</b>
	<b>R. Pullen</b>	<b>D. Newick</b>	<b>E. Clark</b>
	<b>V. Williams</b>	<b>R. Pullen</b>	<b>E. Clark</b>

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At this juncture the fact that there were not enough nominees to fill Committee vacancies was queried by the President, bearing in mind our membership figure. Members suggested that perhaps a job description be incorporated in the minutes and perhaps in the Tapestry for the village to take note of. Our President pointed out that as a private club we have to be careful not to be seen as advertising. A suggestion was mooted that more members be approached and asked if they would like to join the Committee. This was taken on board by the officers and it is hoped these ideas will be acted upon during the forthcoming year.

### **HONORARIA**

Our President reminded members that the amount given to the two officers was a thank you for the work done and not an actual wage. Both officers were asked if they were happy with the Honoraria and both the Secretary and Treasurer agreed that this should remain the same as last year.

It was therefore proposed that the Honoraria remain the same as last year seconded and carried unanimously.

### **ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jim Wood said he was pleased that the entertainments went so well over the past year. He pointed out that with the price of entertainment it was difficult to stay under the budget of £2,500 per year, which had remained the same for some years. He has a full programme of entertainment for the forthcoming year which he is confident our members will approve.

### **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

Bob Harker said that the Spring Knockout had been a great success and the results are as follows:-

Darts ... .. Winner – **Simon Morgan**  
Runner Up – **Martin Morgan**

Snooker ... Winner – **John Moore**  
Runner Up – **Jim Wood**

Billiards ... Winner – **T. Smith**  
Runner Up – **Phil Bond**

### **PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

The election of Don Newick as Trustee was dealt with during election of officers.

The President then gave a few words of thanks and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.