

TESTON CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the club on Weds. 4th July 2007

PRESENT: -

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- P. Bond

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:-

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

ANY MATTERS ARISING

Bob is shopping around for an alternative accounting system after our existing accountants informed us of a substantial rise in their costs for the coming year. The appeal letter to the Council (re: business rate rebate rescission) was drafted, agreed by the Committee and duly sent off last Tuesday 26th June. Bob will enquire of his brother as to the cost of resurfacing the games room floor and a decision will be made at next committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A letter was received from Councillor Paul Oldham enclosing details of the new Community Amateur Sports Clubs category as requested by a member of the sub committee. The letter received from a trustee last month regarding the negative variance in our financial figures was discussed and will be replied to shortly.

FINANCE:-

Our takings appear to be levelling out at the moment. The disputed invoice from Kent and Sussex Snooker was discussed and it was suggested that if anyone knows of a "friendly" lawyer perhaps they could enquire about our rights. Rod has been in communication with British Gas, and is awaiting the account with readings for last year before Bob pays anything. Bob will chase up the electricity account. It was decided not to pursue the idea of having a one armed bandit machine.

NEW MEMBERS:-

There were seven applications this month, namely Ms. J. Goodhew, Mrs. J. Robertson, Mr. D. Robertson, Mr. M. Morgan, Ms. S. Hand, Mrs. J. Williams and Mr. R. Williams.

BAR COMMITTEE:-

Terry has costed out our Sunday evening bar takings since the beginning of Summer Time and as this was pretty dismal it was decided to resume winter opening times for Sundays, i.e. 12noon – 5pm with no evening session. This will come into force as from Sunday 22nd July. A complaint was received regarding the temperature of the red wine. Terry will discuss the problem with Willie and possibly keep the red wine

on the bar instead of in the cabinet.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:-

During last month Rod has serviced the tap in the ladies toilet and repaired the combi boiler. He pointed out that as from January 2008, he will no longer be Corgi registered to repair the gas boiler, although he can recommend someone to do this work. An awning, to protect our smokers, was purchased at auction for £300 plus £52.88 fees. Rod is looking for help to erect this. It is remote controlled, wind sensitive, sun sensitive and is 3.3 metres wide. Rod will be looking at the outside lights with the possibility of having to move them to accommodate the awning. He will also purchase and fix one large ashtray to the wall. Rod has received a letter from Secom inviting us to upgrade their service, it was agreed that we do not require this. Two new umbrellas have been received from a supplier and are awaiting the appropriate weather to be put into use.

ENTERTAINMENTS:-

Karen officiated at the Race night, which was a good evening with about 50 members attending across both bars. Mark Best played piano on Sunday and was enjoyed by those attending. Breakfast will be on offer on the morning of the Tour de France and it is hoped this will help to raise awareness of the club to new and existing members. Membership application forms will be on hand at this event. We have D.J. Karaoke this coming Saturday 7th July.

CLUB GAMES:-

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Bon thanked Karen for taking minutes etc at the last committee meeting whilst she was on holiday. David Roser, wishes to thank the committee and members for allowing him, and his family to hold the wake for his Mother's funeral in the club, it was greatly appreciated. Rod will enquire about the possible sale of the stained glass panels at the next auction. Karen had a stall at the Teston Fete and reported on comments from members and others as follows:-

- 1) Could there be one quiz night per month?
- 2) Many years ago there used to be social evenings, members could bring along their own music and there were sing songs etc. Could this be re-instated?
- 3) Four members who are non-smokers attended on Sunday, the first day after the no smoking ban was implemented.
- 4) Several people said that losing the pool table was a mistake.
- 5) Three or four people became lapsed members because they weren't told about renewing on the 31st January!
- 6) Some people would like the club to be open at lunchtimes.

Many thanks to Karen for organising the stall and reporting on the comments received. Karen suggested that we ask at the village shop if they can display a number of membership application forms. Rod proposed that the blinds be drawn back in the games room during daylight opening hours. A vote was taken with three in favour, one against and the rest abstaining. Motion carried.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

J. Wood Chairman.....

