

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2019. Start time 19.45 pm

Present: Lindsey Chave LC (Chair), Anne-Marie Coyne AMC (Treasurer), Lawrence Arscott LA, Diane Baylis DB, Nick Belton NB, Heidi Chadwick HC, Richard Edmed RE, Billie Edmonds-Bell BEB, Paul Fleury PF, Ewan Kellas EK, Bill Payne BP, David Watson DW

Apologies: Chris Reed CR (Secretary), Jan Botten JB, Alison Scott AS

February and March minutes: Agreed

Chair persons report:

- Cricket Club – LC confirmed donation agreed at March meeting was for the Club to be sole sponsor for Cricket Week 2019, for which the Club's logo would appear on all Cricket Week correspondence, and on the Sponsor board in the Club house. There would be a link to our website on the front page of the Cricket Week website, and other social media sites. Additionally, HSC would get half a page advertisement in the Club Annual. All agreed this was acceptable.
- Allergen info from Brewery to carry forward to next months meeting.
- LC confirmed Nigel Thorpe had been e-mailed to delete old member details.
- LC reported that entertainment for New Years Eve was still being sought. Some members had expressed their interest for a Disco, for which CR had been asked if he could be DJ, but latterly declined. DW is to ask a friend in the village whose brother plays as a duet whether they may be available. Else, members were asked to think of alternatives.
- LC asked for the purchase of an Autoflush to be carried forward to next months meeting.
- LA & PF attended the recent Horsmonden Neighbourhood Plan presentation. They gave feedback to Committee members, and said that the Club's involvement in being a venue for the collation of villagers views, as and when requested, was neutral for the Club. The current request for one of the groups to display a map of the village in the Club, requesting villagers to record viewpoints of the village needing protection, was agreed to be satisfactory. It was agreed that further requests should also be passed through Committee for approval prior to acceptance.
- In respect of the possibility that HSC's income will reach the VAT threshold for registration, LA identified that HSC obtaining charitable status would not be a method of avoiding this VAT registration requirement. LA to further investigate the requirements and demands on the Club, for when the Club will need to declare VAT registration.
- Some Committee member are to visit Marden Club on Wednesday 17th April to view their interior decoration and see if something similar may be suitable for Horsmonden.
- DB has spoken to Nigel re the possibility of the Club gaining a Netflix account, and will revert with details at the next meeting.
- NB requested his action to further a Trial Pool Table in the Club, to be carried forward.
- CR (in absentia) requested his action regarding acquiring and installing additional Speakers for the Club, to be carried forward.

- LC had been asked by several members if a Sunday Meat Raffle could be reinvigorated. After a short discussion, LC volunteered to host said raffle on the last Sunday of the month for a Trial period. LC would acquire some Terry's Gift Vouchers for the winner.

EVENTS 2019

St Georges Night – LC and BEB confirmed arrangements were on track and in good hands. 84 tickets has been sold, and thus no further tickets are to be sold.

Lingfield races – Sat 11th May – 19 members had expressed an interest or paid for the event. This was considered by the Committee to be disappointing, and the cost of the transportation was not economical against the cost of the ticket. It was therefore decided regrettably to cancel the event, and those members that had paid would be refunded.

Beer Festival – Sat 20th July – There was no further discussion at this meeting.

Race Night – Sat 14th September – There was no further discussion at this meeting.

Club Quiz – Sat 19th October – BEB to ask Denis K whether he would assist organise.

DW asked whether it was thought members would like a trip to a Brewery. It was questioned whether Fullers was a distance too far, but RE said Fullers in Chiswick London was the better Brewery and Tour to visit. DW to see if they can do a Saturday in early November (poss. Sat. 2nd November), and investigate transport, and report back at the next meeting.

DW's previously suggested Wine & Dine evening will be carried over to 2020.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership and the weekly Newsletter was currently being administered by BEB following John Edmonds-Bell stepping down at the last AGM. DW said he would consider taking on Membership administration long-term, so long as the Club looked proactively at adopting an online membership system he had used before called Membermojo. DW had setup a Trial version of Membermojo a week prior to this meeting, and had sent an invitation to all Committee members to join. It was generally agreed that the system was simple to use, and the Club should progress to adopt it. DW reported it would cost circa £60 annually, on the basis of 500 members. There was a discussion regarding on-line payments, but DW said for the time being he would just like to manually input new members, and existing members onto Membermojo. DW will co-ordinate with CR to ensure GDPR is satisfied in this process. DW will look into Paypal, and report back at the next meeting. BEB to continue administering Membership for the short-term.

BOOKINGS

In absentia, the Secretary reported there were no bookings for approval.

Secretary's Report

In absentia it was reported that all licences are up-to-date.

CR had responded on a communication from the Primary School regarding a consultation of the school becoming part of Leigh Academies Trust. Per an e-mail circulation to all Committee members a week previous, CR responded to note that the Club would remain neutral and not engage.

Treasurer's report:

- Bank Balance £59,511.17 (incl's Cheques valued £1,300 for St. Georges). Balance is up £1,300 on last month.

Bar volunteers and bar updates:

- PF confirmed that the bar rota is fulfilled for April.
- PF also reported it would be helpful if there were an additional two new volunteers found.

Members:

New members – Ben Funnel, and Elizabeth Toop were both approved.

Premises:

- The Coffee Machine is currently not working. LC reported that it was only repaired a short while ago, and there was a concern it may be time to replace it. LC had investigated the cost of a new machine from the current service engineers – Millson's, and indicated it could cost £3,000 - £4,000 to replace if we buy and own a machine, as the current one is. It was decided that an alternative solution would need to be found, as the machine does not generate enough use to justify such expenditure. It was further agreed that LC would arrange one further repair before condemning it.
- CELLAR FLOOR – No further from previous meetings.
- SNOOKER – LC and AMC reported all appears to be OK, and although there had been a banking issue regarding the first contract payment, an alternative solution was in hand.
- TABLE TENNIS – LC reported all appears to be OK.

Club Decoration:

Further to the proposed visit to Marden Club as mentioned earlier in this meeting, a general discussion ensued about improving the Club Decoration. It was generally believed that the Club was not being well supported on Friday and Saturday evenings, because the Club's surroundings are not particularly inviting. The feasibility of removing the two posts in the middle of the room, was once again raised during the recent 6 Nations Games, as it obstructed viewing. Whilst it was appreciated that something needed to be done swiftly, it was agreed it would not be a simple project. DW knows someone who could assist if it was decided to remove the existing false ceiling, and expose the original vaulted ceiling. It was generally agreed that all Committee members should explore all friends and contacts to gain as many ideas as possible in re-designing the Club layout.

AOB:

- RE to purchase a new Union Jack flag and St Georges flag.
- AMC reported that several members had enquired if the number of waste bins located in the Club could be reduced. It was agreed to cut the number to just one, and the others would be stored for reappearance at special events.

Action Points:

- LC to get Allergen info from Beer suppliers.
- DW is to ask re New Years Eve entertainment.
- ALL to consider alternative entertainment for New Years Eve.
- LC to purchase an Autoflush.
- LA to investigate the requirements and demands on the Club re VAT registration.
- ALL visit to Marden Club on Wednesday 17th April.
- DB to revert re Netflix account.
- NB re trialling a Pool Table.
- CR to acquire and instal additional Speakers for the Club.
- LC to arrange Sunday Meat Raffle.
- BEB to ask Denis K re assisting organise Club Quiz – Sat 19th October.
- DW to see if Fullers can accommodate a Brewer Tour on a Saturday afternoon in early November (poss. Sat. 2nd November), and investigate transport.
- DW to further Membermojo and co-ordinate with CR re GDPR requirements.
- LC re arrange repair of Coffee Machine.
- ALL to find new Bar volunteers
- ALL to consider friends to assist in a Club design / redecoration.

Meeting closed at 21.10

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th May at 1945