

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 15th August 2018. Start time 7.45 pm

Present: Lindsey Chave (Chair), Richard Edmed, Bill Payne, Richard Norman, Anne-Marie Coyne, Denis Keenleyside, Alison Scott, John Edmonds-Bell, Paul Fleury

Apologies: Ewan Kellas, Chris Reed, Nick Belton, Heidi Chadwick, David Watson

July minutes: Agreed

Chair persons report:

- Decoration outside/door - completed by John C.
- Beer Festival - considered to be very successful. Minor lesson for next time will be to display a list of available ice creams .
- Friday nights have been quiet recently. Committee agreed to open the club at 6pm for a trial period, starting September, to try and attract early customers. We will try to make the club appear more welcoming eg with background music and appropriate lighting. PF to arrange volunteer cover for the extra hour.
- Film nights. Support for these has dropped off and Committee agreed arrangements (eg film selection, assistance to Nigel) need to be reviewed. One idea proposed was to consider a small working group to co-ordinate film nights. LC to discuss with EK.
- Winter festival. HoVEC organise this . The social club will set up one or two draught beers outside to support this event. RE to arrange in due course.
- Remembrance day. LC reported the plans for Horsmonden Parish Council (HPC) to light a beacon on the village green, as well as the normal wreath laying ceremony. It is also anticipated that the Club will open at 5 pm. Arrangements being co-ordinated between HPC, EK and LC.
- Keys. It was agreed that PF, as bar duty organiser, will be provided with a set of keys. This will also be a useful back-up if LC's set is unavailable for any reason. J E-B and A-MC to be given front door keys to assist their respective roles on the Committee. LC to arrange.
- Future social events. LC to email Anthony Hacker again to try and agree a date for him to cater for the proposed Volunteers social evening. LC also mentioned the Elvis evening on Saturday 13th October and the HoVEC roving supper (starts and ends in Club) on Saturday 15th September.

Secretary's report

- A member is trying to arrange a charity event (showing a recently released film) in the club. CR is dealing with this request.

Treasurer's report:

- Account Balance at the end of July £52750.59, down £829.93 on end of June. But all previously reported donations have now been paid.

- A-M C is arranging debit cards through Santander. In doing so some historic anomalies have been identified. The Committee agreed to remove Mr Alan COUCHMAN (ex-president), Mr Ron BERRY (deceased) and Mr Thompson (no longer a Committee member) from the Santander account. The 3 signatories were agreed by the Committee to be Ewan Kellas, Anne-Marie Coyne and Nick Belton. It was further agreed that the Debit card holders will be Anne-Marie Coyne and Nick Belton. A-M C to progress all with Santander (pending review by Trustees).
- It was agreed to provide A-M C with a front door key to enable her to access invoices etc.

Bar volunteers and bar updates:

- PF reported that volunteers had shown flexibility in covering a busy summer. New volunteers had replaced some who had left, coming up to speed quickly. Further volunteers always welcomed.
- LC reported that Snooker matches will take place on two Mondays per month, commencing mid-September.
- LC reported that some bar prices will need to increase from 1st September. New prices Pint Fosters £3.10, Mixers £1.10, and cans £1.00. LC to update till. Wine prices will be reviewed later in the year once old stock had been used. Committee agreed these changes.
- RE to explore availability and cost of a bottle recycling bin.
- LC reported a leak under the sink and proposed purchasing a new sink, with tap and fittings. The Committee agreed.

Members:

- It was agreed to provide J E-B with a front door key to enable him to access new member forms
- Some difficulties with the electronic despatch of Newsletters were raised. Some members have not provided email addresses; it was agreed to try and update the membership list as and when these come to light (J E-B). There are also despatch timing issues with the software - J E-B to try to resolve with CR. It was also agreed that the newsletter content provided by EK needs to meet a cut-off time of 5pm each Wednesday to enable J E-B to organise the timely issue of electronic copies (LC to discuss with EK).
- New members, all agreed by Committee. Alex ROTHWELL, Duncan PANTONY, Mark JAMES, Michael CORRIE.

Premises:

- Committee agreed that the new (door) sign will be backlit with a green light, total cost of £600. CR to advise HPC.
- EK proposed a consultant look at the internal design of the club, including potential removal of pillars. DW's contact is keen to visit and consider redesign ideas. To be discussed further.

- Snooker table/wall lights to be upgraded. LC to arrange, together with electrician for new sign.
- Side gate should be replaced this week.
- Three cellar floor upgrade options tabled - Paint, thick lino, skim. Committee agreed that the floor should be skimmed and scheduled for when the weather is cooler.

AOB:

- It was agreed that the Club would NOT open on Saturday 8th September or Sunday 9th September (Horse Fair).
- LC agreed to speak to Jan B about helping with Henry Lovell's wake on 29th August.

Action Points:

- PF to arrange volunteer cover for early Friday evening bar sessions.
- LC to discuss Film night arrangements with EK.
- LC to discuss Remembrance Day arrangements with EK.
- LC to arrange extra keys.
- LC to email Anthony Hacker ref Volunteers' social.
- LC to implement new bar prices on till.
- LC to progress new sink and fittings.
- LC to arrange electrician and fittings for snooker room lighting.
- LC to speak to Jan B about Henry Lovell's wake.
- CR to deal with member request ref charity event.
- CR to advise HPC ref light for sign above front door.
- RE to arrange beers for HoVEC winter festival in due course.
- RE to follow up bottle recycling bin.
- A-M C to progress Santander issues with Trustees.
- J E-B, with CR,LC and EK to progress various newsletter issues.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th September at 7:45 pm