

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 4th December 2018. Start time 7.45 pm

Present: Lindsey Chave (Chair), Chris Reed, Richard Edmed, Richard Norman, Ewan Kellas, Heidi Chadwick, Anne-Marie Coyne, John Edmonds-Bell, Paul Fleury

Apologies: Nick Belton, Bill Payne, Denis Keenleyside, Alison Scott, , David Watson

November minutes: Agreed

Chair persons report, including membership discussion:

- LC reported on the difficulties obtaining a cherry picker, purchase of the Christmas tree and the decoration of the tree and Social Club by some Committee members on 1st December. All agreed that the Club and, in particular, the Christmas tree looked fantastic.
- All is in hand for the Club's contribution to the Hovec Winter Festival, taking place on Saturday 8th December on the Green and in the Club. The Committee agreed to make a donation (amount to be decided after the event). LC will arrange for floor mats at the front door with a notice to ask members to take care to wipe their feet and, if the floor gets too grubby, a request for a contribution to extra cleaning costs MIGHT need to be made to Hovec.
- EK updated the Committee on arrangements for the Carols on the Green and in the Club on Thursday 13th December. PF has arranged bar volunteers. EK would like help moving chairs on the evening, and help to prepare and serve mulled wine and mince pies, and will include a request in the next newsletter.
- A request has been received to help the local Cubs with their purchase of equipment, including Hockey goal posts. It was agreed to donate £250. There is also a request for a possible Scout jamboree fundraiser (Race night?) at the Club in February 2019.
- Childrens' Disco- Friday 21st December, commencing at 5pm. So far 48 children have signed up to attend, and bar cover and all other arrangements are in place.
- Christmas Draw - Saturday 22nd. Tickets selling reasonably well, and all arrangements are in place.
- New Year's Eve - Back in Time band booked. Members free entry, non-members to be charged £5. The band will need to be paid £750 on the night.
- A detailed discussion took place on the new membership renewal system, and its links to the Club newsletter. It was stressed that members will need to write their Email addresses CLEARLY on the renewal form if they wish to receive the newsletter electronically, as the Committee is trying to rationalise and update the various historical distribution lists. It will also be possible to print the new form from the website but NOT to complete it online, as this can lead to difficulties. It was agreed that the newsletter which EK drafts ideally needs to be sent to JE-B by Tuesday to give him sufficient time to enable its preparation and distribution in time for the following Friday.

Secretary's report

- CR reported that the Nostalgia Group had requested club bookings for a number of dates next year. All were agreed, apart from 11th May which clashes with an outing being arranged (Lingfield race day - see below). CR to inform the Nostalgia chair.
- CR reported that he will work with JE-B to update the website in line with the new membership renewal system and confirmed that the website maintenance contract has been renewed.
- CR also reported that the Club's insurance renewal has been received and that the premium has been slightly increased to £1164 per year.
- The ongoing issue about Trustees and approved Signatories has been raised with the solicitors by CR, and a reply is awaited.

Treasurer's report:

- A-MC reported the account Balance at the end of November was £53523.20, an increase of £1295 since last month.

Bar volunteers, bar stocktake and future events:

- PF reported that volunteers continued to show flexibility and that the rota for December was complete, apart from needing a volunteer on Monday 10th. LC offered to cover this, especially as a snooker match has been re-arranged for that evening.
- PF was asked to re-organise cover on Friday 7th if possible (now completed).
- New bar volunteers. PF has contacted Andrew Thomas and arranged a training session on Sunday 30th, and Susie Bush will shadow Robert Dicketts on Monday 17th December.
- LC and RE will carry out the bar stocktake on 1st January 2019.
- Arrangements for the Burns night event (19th January) are progressing well and tickets are now on sale. PF to arrange bar cover for that evening.
- Next year's Beer Festival was discussed, and has been pencilled in for either the 13th or 20th of July. Duck Soup, who went down well this year, will probably be booked.
- St. Georges celebration to be arranged for Saturday 20th April.

- Also, ELVIS and ADELE bookings to be progressed in due course.
- In his absence, BP had submitted information about a proposed race day at Lingfield on 11th May 2019. Coach to leave at 10am from the Gun, returning to the village at approx 6:30 pm. Cost, assuming 45 attendees, £11:50 per head for the coach plus £21 ticket price, giving an overall cost of £32:50. Tip (£45) and booking fee (£2:50) also need to be covered. BP had also priced a fish and chip meal (£8 pp) but the Committee proposed attendees should source their own food. BP to advertise this outing on the Club notice board etc to seek interest.

Premises (new sign), and Games:

- In DW's absence LC advised that the new sign will be here w/b 10th December and can be erected soon after. Planning permission for the light should be granted by 6th January.
- Snooker and Table Tennis continue to be actively supported. Following the cancellation of the redundant snooker room contract, a new contract is awaited. Also a piece of snooker equipment (Spider) needs replacing at a small cost.
- The coffee machine needs a service. LC to arrange.

AOB:

- The Nostalgia group have requested the opportunity to set out displays in the stage area. This was agreed provided dates don't clash with any bookings.
- Recycling bins (eg print cartridges, mobile phones) have 'appeared' in the club, and the Committee thought these should be located elsewhere in the village.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7:30 pm