

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 5 September 2023, 19.45

Present: Lindsey Chave LC(Chair), Nick Belton NB, Anthony Hacker AH, Bridget Walsh BW, Alison Scott AS, Paul Fleury PF, Nick Miller NM, Jordan Desaa JD, David Watson DW, Tim Coyne TC, Jimmy Webb JW

Apologies: Lawrence Arscott, Jan Botten, Richard Edmed, Sidney Cornish

July Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

Cricket – We lost again to the Sports Club but great fun and there was good support.

Kells Fund – We have £1800 in the fund. Two village groups are asking for donations:

Kindergarten – They have raised £1000 and need more money to upgrade outdoor play area, so it was agreed to donate £750 to finish this job.

Church – remembrance garden in church needs iron railings to surround it. Kell started this project and it was decided to donate £500, at the time they need this money.

Flowers – will spend money on flowers for Pat Kellas who has sadly had an accident and is in hospital.

Treasure Chest

As quite a few people have asked if this event can be changed around alternating weeks on a Friday and Saturday, it was agreed to give this a try.

Anthony proposed perhaps a Prize Draw on a Sunday to hopefully bring in more people. Will wait until winter as not enough volunteer staff at the moment.

Events

Motown Night – Went very well... some felt fantastic. As they were such a success, the same people have been booked to do a Nashville country night on 21st October.

Wine Tasting – Saturday 18 November. Non-members will be charged and members free as usual.

New Years Eve – Back in Time band have been booked again.

Rugby starting Saturday 9 Sept. and proposed that we will open for all of the England games which are 17th 8pm, 23rd Sept and 7th October.

Premises

New shed – NB will measure up and look to ordering one.

New furniture (ie easy chairs and tables and stackable chairs) are needed. Committee has discussed this on a number of occasions. TC to ask Denise Bignall, and JD to make ask another interior designer for their guidance in this.

Treasurer

Bank balance as at end of Aug £20,064.82. Snooker table refurbishment and the Hovec donation are big debits. Spent around £5000 on stock over July and August.

VAT – Vat registration (effective from 1 August 2023) is underway subject to HMRC's approval. NM talking with Bruno the accountant . His preference is for Bruno to oversee VAT accounts on a quarterly basis. He will do it for £200/quarter. Committee felt this was a reasonable fee. Nick will continue doing the bookkeeping. Beer and lager prices will have to increase for VAT purposes and Tim will look at what these should be.

Bookings

Do not have bar cover for Sunday 17 Sep (except for evening rugby) so have to cancel one booking for that day.

Membership

Members cards ready to be picked up from the bar. Membership 511 + 15 new members as detailed in email. Therefore total is 526.

Bar Volunteers

Gaps which Paul will put out again in the hopes of filling them:

Fri 8 Sep - now filled

Fri 15th – need 1 or 2 volunteers for 2nd shift.

Sat 16th – maybe Lindsay and Bridgette

Sun 17th – no cover

Fri 29th 2nd shift – no cover

AOB

Painting of the front door. Jimmy has contact he will ask.

Anthony – curry evening like we had some years ago for all those who volunteer.

Date and time of next meeting : Tuesday 3 October at 7.45pm.