

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 16 February 2021, 19.45 on Zoom

Present: Lindsey Chave LC(Chair), Nick Belton NB, Richard Edmed RE, David Watson DW, Ann Coyne AMC(Treasurer), Chris Reed CR (Secretary) , Alison Scott AS , Ian Read IR, John Ridley JR, Lawrence Arscott LA, Jan Botten JB, Pat Kellas PK, Bridgette Walsh BW, Paul Fleury PF and Billie Edmonds-Bell

Apologies: Bill Payne

January Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

Lindsey wished everyone well and hoped we all have our jobs soon. On behalf of the Committee she thanked Ann for doing the accounts and they have now been examined and approved by the external auditor, Catherine Catchpole. Despite lockdown and the lack of income this year, we have had a number of grants and have roughly the same amount in the bank as this time last year.

The next newsletter will highlight that the accounts will be available on request (by emailing member@horsmondenclub.org.uk) . As always they will be presented at the AGM although the date of this meeting has not yet been set whilst we await confirmation of when that can be convened after lockdown restrictions are lifted.

David Watson has been doing a lot of work to ensure we are data compliant with Worldpay. He is also hoping to negotiate a cheaper contract with them as the old one now out of date.

Equipment

The outdoor benches are in a state of disrepair and given that in future, members will probably spend more time outside the club, it was decided to replace them by spending the money available in Kell's Memorial Fund. Nick Belton has already done some research on benches and will email the committee with details of what he has found.

Events

Obviously there have been no live events for months but there have been some Zoom events. The last one in February was good but had fairly low attendance. Undaunted, the committee will continue with these meetings.

Various ideas were discussed for the next one scheduled for 13 March at 8pm. Decided that there will be a quiz and one other event to keep it fairly simple. The link will go out with the newsletter the week before, for members to access.

Secretary's Report

Chris has applied for several grants and the last one took us to 15 February. We will be eligible for further grants from Tunbridge Wells council, until the end of lockdown. CR will ensure that we receive them.

A number of the Club's licences are due in March and the music licence is paid retrospectively.

Treasurer's Report

We have £70,779.08 in the bank as at end of January. Ann negotiated a new Broadband contract which means that it has also been upgraded to Superfast Fibre.

AOB

DW asked that the lights in the main room in the club are upgraded to the same as those in the small rooms, including dimmers to give a different atmosphere depending on events.

Action Points

LC to ask electrician to supply new lights with dimmers to large room in the Club.

LC to investigate booking bands for the New Year's event as good bands get booked up really quickly.

DW to source new contract with Worldpay.

NB to source new outside benches.

Date and time of next meeting : To be confirmed when we know what is happening re the national lockdown.