

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 7 January 2020, 19.45 at Social Club, Horsmonden

Present: Lindsey Chave LC(Chair), Nick Belton NB, Diane Baylis DB, Jan Botten JB, David Watson DW, Ann Coyne AMC(Treasurer), Richard Edmed RE, Bill Payne BP, Lawrence Arcscott LA, Alison Scott AS, Billie Edmonds-Bell BEB

Apologies: Chris Reed CR (Secretary), Heidi Chadwick HC, Paul Fleury PF

December Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

- AGM – AGM scheduled Friday 28 February 2020. A few people want to come on to the committee which is good
- Been asked by Parish magazine if we want to take out an advert (cost £500/yr) as they have lost a sponsor. Discussed with committee and felt quite a bit of money and Social Club would not make £500 from the advert. Perhaps we would but only if we were able to have an advert for specific events it might be a good idea.
- Discussed our advert in FOHPS calendar which was rather disappointing as the lettering does not stand out. Lesson for next year.
- Secretary has sent a reminder which has been emailed to some organisations not to unplug the sound system after using it.

Premises

- Coffee machine has been mended – cost £120. Thanks Jan.
- More work needs to be carried out in men's urinals, as pipework still leaking a little.
- Someone using the gents toilets left them in a filthy state which Peter had to clean. A note has been put on the door asking people to leave the toilet in a clean condition after use.
- Oil has been ordered and gas is about to be.
- Stage Area – Lindsay spoken to Rupert and Neil and going to get a quote to refurbish stage area to make it bigger.

Social Events

- Carols Night – It rained and band ended up playing indoors. However, they preferred being indoors and atmosphere was good, so it was a success.
- Burns Night coming up. 84 tickets sold so far and all going well. Entertainment and speakers confirmed
- St Patrick's Night 21st March -Going to be run for first time this year. Not sure about doing St George's this year.
- 75 years since VE day. Bank Holiday moved to 8th May. Club may do a celebration to commemorate it.
- Beer festival date needs to be changed to 11th July.

Secretary's Report

Bookings – Gardening Club may be using club on a regular monthly basis. First meeting here is 10th of Feb.

Treasurer's Report

- Still having problems with the bank as cannot get a second debit card. At moment only have 1 card in NB name, which probably would be more useful if Ann could use.
- About £1000 worth of cheques waiting to be paid in.
- £63,643.71 at end of year and everything paid. This is an increase of £11,013.72 on last year.
- Electricity is staying same £285/month.
- All insurances paid.

Bar Volunteers

All of January and Burns night all covered.

Membership Secy

Renewals coming in thick and fast. Currently 120 have renewed . New members approved:

Steven Mackie, Sara Westgate, Jols Newton, Austin Lovell, Joanna Lovell, Gordon Milligan, Vera Backler, Sue Ives, Shane Larkin, John Shekyls, Melanie Phelps, Clare Kimber, Bob Norton, Janet Norton, Jack Norton, Valery Holloway, Ralph Stevens, Lucie Geelan, Doug Chivers, Vanessa Chivers

Billie to print membership Cards which should be available at end of month.

Honorary Membership – A few have been members for 50 years and have asked if can have Honorary membership. But it only costs £5 per year and we don't have records for 50 years so we cannot check. Committee felt Honorary membership was more appropriate for people who have put work into club over many years. AGM best place to acknowledge unsung heroes.

Any Other Business

- Lucy (Parish Clark) wants to come and meet with someone to go through H & S report.
- Flag on flagpole – Parish Council wanted to know if we have a procedure to raise and lower the flag. We didn't but NB researched this and has collated a procedure, so now we do. He will respond to PC.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 4 February 2020, 19.45