

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 8th June 2021. Start time 19.45 pm

Present: Lindsey Chave LC (Chair), Anne-Marie Coyne AMC (Treasurer), Chris Reed CR (Secretary), Lawrence Arscott LA, Nick Belton NB, Jan Botten JB, Richard Edmed RE, Pat Kellas PK, John Ridley JR, Bridgette Walsh BW, David Watson DW

Apologies: Billie Edmonds-Bell BEB, Paul Fleury PF, Bill Payne BP, Ian Read IR, Alison Scott AS

Previous minutes: Agreed

Chair persons report:

- AGM – BEB and BP will not be able to attend the AGM on the 2nd July. Committee registration forms are behind the Bar, and at the end of the meeting the forms were completed by those of the present Committee willing to stand for another term. There remains vacancies for Club Committee members and for a Club President.
- FOYER - Following discussions at previous meetings about replacing the Carpet in the Foyer with an engineered Dark Oak flooring and painted with an anti-slip finish, quotes were circulated to committee prior to the meeting, and it was agreed to accept the quote from Ray Wood for £756.
- PLASTIC CUPS – Following the Parish Council’s recent acceptance for the Club and its members to take drinks onto the Green, they need to be in plastic containers. Prior to the meeting DW had enquired with some companies for reusable plastic cup quotes and had acquired some sample cups from two short-listed companies. It was agreed at the meeting that the quality of the cups, together with the quote from “Green Goblet” was better. It was agreed to order 1,200 pint cups, 500 half pint cups, and 420 plastic wine glasses. The total cost is £1,964.
- ENTERTAINMENT – It was agreed to book “Back in Time” Band for Sat 23rd Oct, at a cost of £280. It was also felt we should look for a Band to play in the Club in December. CR said he would look around, and report back at next meeting.
- BEER FESTIVAL – It was agreed to open the Beer Festival at 4pm, with opening arrangements as previous by BEB.

There will be 3 Beers on the Pumps inside the Club, and 10 Beers outside. Beer will be sold at £3.50 per pint.

The BBQ will start at 5pm, with a break perhaps around 7pm.

BEB is happy to run a Pimms stall. NB to arrange volunteers, with 1 hour time slots.

DW asked opinions on having 4 pint Jugs available, but it was decided they might not all get returned, so this idea was dropped.

Promotion of the Festival has commenced in the Newsletter and on Social Media (Facebook). A discussion was had about the usual boards put up at the 4 entry points to the village, and it was felt the power of Social Media should carry the message this year, without the boards.

DW is running a Cocktail Competition for the event via the Newsletters.

It was agreed a second Card Terminal, or alternative method for people to pay by Card will be required. DW and AMC to investigate and proceed as felt appropriate.

DW advised the new Club Gazebo should arrive this week.

NB has most other arrangements for the event in hand.

All arrangements are dependent upon Government advices, and if necessary will be reviewed by Committee via E-mail nearer the time.

- **BOOKINGS** – Yvette Russell has cancelled her planned event on Sat 26th June.
The Nostalgia group's event on Sat 25th September – they are arranging their own Alcohol License for their Cask of Fuggles Beer on the Green. They are arranging their own Cask, and will need to arrange their own plastic cups too.
All other Club groups have indicated their intention to return to the Club after 14th June – restrictions dependent.
- **EURO-2020** – The England games and others, will be advertised and shown on the Big Screen, dependent upon volunteers to run the Bar. Need to be mindful of restricted numbers inside.
- **HEATING REPAIR and SERVICING** – Was recently performed by DWS Heating. Thanks was given to DWS Heating.
- **MENS URINALS** - The men's urinal is leaking and has ruined an area of the floor. It was agreed to see if DWS could assist, or to replace the current system with 3 urinals and a splash-back. To be reviewed at next Committee.
- **KITCHEN OVENS** – The Kitchen ovens have been cleaned.

Secretary's Report

- The Food Hygiene Self Assessment had been received, and had been passed to DW for completion.

Treasurer's report:

- Bank Balance £74,844.32
- The OIL tank needed refilling - £523.
- The previously agreed Savings account has still not been setup due to Coronavirus and distancing restrictions. The agreement at previous meetings was to approach Natwest to setup a Club and Society Current account, with a Reserve account to run parallel to it. AMC and NB to be account holders / appointees. "Single" / "Either or" signatory as current Santander account.

Bar volunteers and Bar updates:

- NB reported that Nick Miller, Fraser, Al and Paul will split their volunteer shifts into 2, to help take some of the burden away from the regular volunteers. It was also mentioned that Greg is becoming more competent and should be fully up to speed soon, and that Phoebe might shortly be willing to assist in Bar duties.
- Most members are now taking a tab, payable at the end of the evening. It was decided the current notepad system needed improving, so NB has volunteered to create a wooden rack for each order to be attached to.
- LC said that a Price Review is needed. It was agreed for LC, AMC, RE, and DW to conduct a review soonest.
- DW enquired about upgrading the system to display the Real Ales on the Engines, to those seated in the main room. It was decided to use one of the Chalkboard's in the back cupboard.

Membership:

- DW reported the list of New Members since the beginning of the year, being Gregg

Aitken, Mel Greener, Mary Goddard, Laura Holdstock, Darren Holdstock, Libby Webb, Jimmy Webb, Bruce Tappy, Lynn Tappy, Aaron Tappy, Trevor Manuel, Joseph Burgess, Hannah Middleton, Caroline Hoey.

Total members now 450.

AOB:

- BINGO – LC reported that she will recommence Bingo on Monday's at beginning of July – restrictions dependent.
- FRIDAY DRAW NIGHT – LC reported that she will recommence the Friday Draw Night when restrictions are lifted, with a full set of 13 keys, and £50 in the pot to start.
- LC is arranging for the Lighting in the main room to be upgraded to be similar to the lighting in the back room.
- REPLACEMENT WINDOWS and STONE PLAQUE – Still awaiting update from Parish Council about Planning Permission.
- Thanks was given to BEB and Scuppet for writing some excellent Newsletters.

Action Points:

CR to look into a Band for a Saturday evening in December.

DW to complete and return the Club Food Hygiene Self Assessment.

LC to get Ray Wood to proceed with Foyer floor.

DW to order Plastic Cups from Green Goblet.

LC to book Back in Time Band.

ALL – Promote Beer Festival.

DW / AMC to arrange 2nd Card Terminal for Beer Festival.

NB to continue arrangements for Beer Festival, including Bar Volunteers rota.

LC and others – to look into Men's Urinal replacement options.

DW to complete Food Hygiene Self Assessment.

AMC / NB to setup Natwest Account.

NB to create wooden rack for Bar tabs.

LC, AMC, RE, and DW to conduct Price review.

LC to arrange upgrade of lights in main room.

Meeting closed at 21.00

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th July at 1945