

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 1 March 2022, 19.45

Present: Lindsey Chave LC(Chair), Nick Belton NB, Richard Edmed RE, Lawrence Arscott LA, Ann Coyne AC, Dave Watson DW, Alison Scott AS, Jan Botten JB, Sidney Cornish SC, Bridgette Walsh BW, Paul Fleury PF, Nick Miller NM, Pat Kellas PK

Apologies: John Ridley

February Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

Yearly accounts all agreed by committee and displayed on notice board.

Nostalgia group are asking if we can donate £500 towards new computer. It was noted that we have already given them around £1000 some years ago. The group are doing some fund-raising events and Committee has agreed meanwhile to give £300. This money will come out of Kell's fund.

HoVEC asking for money for the Big Lunch (this is rather than the usual tea as it is the Jubilee) for Sunday 5th June, and we shall offer £750.

Legionnaires Training

RE and LA did online Legionnaires training. They will have a follow up with Lucy at Parish Council to ensure they have a process to apply this training to the Social Club.

RE proposed we buy a tent as HOVEC can't supply us with a marquee this year. They range from £1600 to £2400. We were donated one recently but it is not suitable. Agreed that RE and NB research and buy a good quality one which can be used by the club at least once or twice every year.

Premises

Fire Exit Gate – NB to obtain quotes for a new Fire Exit Gate.

Fence at back of Social Club blew down in the recent storm but neighbour is responsible for the costs. It is hopefully going to be repaired soon.

Uneven concrete path outside still not done as builders are busy at the moment, but will keep progressing this.

Events

St Patrick's Night

Unfortunately prices have gone up and Guinness will now be £2.50 per pint. There is not going to be any food but there will be some room decorations and dancing to the Ceilidh Band!

Beer Tasting

Confirmed 14 May with Liam and should expect up to 70. This is not a ticketed event.

St Georges Night 23rd April

During the day HoVEC have their "What Goes on Here" event on the Green. We will put our Gazebo out and several committee members are on a rota to (wo)man it. Will do a membership drive then. For the evening catering will be 2 course English meal. 58 tickets sold so far (£15/head). Comedian £250 and Singer £250. Anyone know of a bugler? – Dave Bell was suggested.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance at end of February is £82,890.22. Rugby revenue (approx. £800) and £1000 in other monies still waiting to go in. Big expense this month £751 going out to EDF on top of the monthly direct debit. Have negotiated a new deal with them but it is more expensive than this one as prices are rising.

AC to find copy of TV licence to put up on the noticeboard.

Nick Miller to order a Watchman for the oil tank so that we can monitor oil levels more easily.

Agreed to donate £100 of M&S vouchers to Catherine in acknowledgement of all the auditing work she has done for the club.

Membership

Currently 373 members. There are 157 outstanding.

The names of 19 new members were read out by DW and the committee approved them all to be welcomed.

Secretary Bookings

There are quite a few bookings for parties and wakes which have been agreed.

Bar Rota

March almost covered by volunteers.

AOB

Costs of alcohol are rising. Agreed to look at prices we charge for beer and other alcohol in time for the festivals in the summer. The committee decided they would give a month's notice before making any changes to bar prices.

DW, AC and RE to do the analysis of alcohol pricing and bring to AGM.

Action Points

NM to purchase Oil tank Watchman

NB & RE to research and purchase marquee

AC to put TV licence on noticeboard

Date and time of next meeting : Tuesday 5 April at 7.45pm.