

HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 7 March 2023, 19.45

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

Apologies: David Watson

February Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

Events – Freddie Mercury Tribute night went down very well and we made £84 donations from non-members. Took over £1600 on bar which included the rugby in the afternoon.

25th March – is the Curry Night If don't sell enough tickets will need to cancel. Bridgette will advertise on Facebook.

Brighton Trip – have already got 40 booked and only need to sell 7 more places to cover expenses.

Beer Festival on Coronation Weekend (6th and 7th May)- Entertainment not booked yet. Lone Ed possibly? Hovec putting marquee on green on Sunday 7th May where there will be a dog show in the morning.

Saturday 22 April - "What's on Here" – suggested we could do "Egg in a Log" to promote the Social Club.

Summer Festival 9th, 10th, 11th June . Will need people to help put up marquee on Thursday 8 June.

15 July - next Tribute event will be (Whitney Motown) band. Last event was very popular and this time will have tickets. There will be free tickets for members.

Treasurer's Report

It was noted that when the accounts were prepared for presenting at the AGM, the club went just over the threshold at which VAT is payable. This happened in June due to the increased sales during the Jubilee celebrations, and was obviously exceptional such that we do not expect it to recur but we shall closely monitor this situation in the future.

The current Treasurer, Ann Coyne, is handing in her resignation after many years of doing this job. The club will need to replace her and we shall advertise in the newsletter to see if anyone else is interested.

The balance of the Current Account is £20,404.47 and there is £73,000 in Building Society as at end of February.

The contract with our electricity supplier EDF is ending– the Committee agreed that we go with the 2 year fixed contract on offer, to safeguard the Club as it was felt that the current high energy prices were not likely to reduce quickly.

Bookings

There have been a steady number of bookings including funeral wakes, race night for FoHPS and WI Coronation tea.

With regard to the bookings, LC proposed that we retain the suggested donation of £7.50/hour but amend this to suggest a minimum donation of £10 for any booking. Lawrence is going to amend the booking form and website to reflect this.

Premises

Quite a few parts of the club need refurbishing/repairing – door locks, kitchen, toilets. Need to do one thing at a time. Need to prioritise and Nick will look at prices for having the door locks changed so that at least some are the same and don't need so many keys. One of the front door locks is difficult to operate.

Also the current chairs are about 15 years old, heavy and don't stack well. As they are expensive, Lindsey will try to buy a sample chair for us to look at.

Membership

425 including 64 new members and list was emailed to the committee.

Bar Rota

Paul reported March was covered apart from AGM night but there will be several committee members there on the night. Will advertise for more volunteers at the AGM and in the newsletter.

AOB

Jimmy proposed a larger outside bin as current one is constantly overflowing. RE to look at getting another bin with a key.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 4 April at 7.45pm.