

## HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Present

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Ann Coyne (Treasurer) Bridgette Walsh, David Watson (Joint Secretary) Richard Edmed, Nick Belton, Sidney Cornish, Paul Fleury, Lawrence Arscott, Jan Botten, Jimmy Webb, Dave Turnbull, Richard Norman, Peter Sands, Peter Botten, Jackie Norman, Dave Walsh, John Couchman, Robin Morton, Martin and Jan Cobley, Robert and Pricilla Dicketts, Tim Coyne, Geoff Mills, John Ridley, Chris Reed.

Apologies for absence: Stuart and Caroline Davis, Diana Morton, Christine Turnbull, Marie Rance, Carrie Smyth, Alison Scott, Nick Miller, Pat Kellas.

WELCOME.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and asked if those present could observe a minutes silence in memory of those members who had passed away since the last AGM, especially Edna Jones, Eileen Collett, John Fagan, Betty Lines, Queenie Brett and Mike English, also family and friends of Horsmonden and all those in the Ukraine.

Minutes of the last meeting (held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021) were approved.

Proposed by Tim Coyne

Seconded by Dave Walsh

CHAIR'S REPORT ATTACHED.

Proposed by Bridgette Walsh

Seconded by Chris Reed

SECRETARY'S REPORT ATTACHED.

Proposed by Peter Sands

Seconded by Paul Fleury

TREASURER'S REPORT ATTACHED.

Proposed by Nick Belton

Seconded by Martin Cobley

ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE

Stepping down, Ian Read and John Ridley.

Existing Committee Members willing to stand again, Lindsey Chave, Ann Coyne, Bridgette Walsh, David Watson, Nick Belton, Richard Edmed, Pat Kellas, Nick Miller, Sidney Cornish, Paul Fleury, Lawrence Arscott, Jan Botten, Alison Scott.

Member nominated to join the committee this year, Jimmy Webb.

There were no objections. Proposed by Robert Dicketts

Seconded by Peter Botten.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Sands queried the installation of a dart board. It is intended for it to be put in the small bar where the trophy cupboard is, this will be moved to the Snooker Room. The dart board is hanging in the Snooker Room at the present time.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Tim Coyne for the Committee and especially Lindsey Chave.

Meeting Closed.

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# CHAIR PERSON

AGM 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

Welcome and thankyou all for attending our agm

Before we start can I please ask you all for a minutes silence to remember all those we have lost in the last few months a few members I would like to mention EDNA JONES , EILEEN COLLET, JOHN FAGAN, BETTY LINES, QUEENIE BRETT AND MIKE ENGLISH , also family and friends of Horsmonden and all those in the Ukrain thankyou.

can I first start with thanking all members and volunteers for being respectful of others while in the club during covid and following our requests of wearing masks when asked.

Since our last AGM in July 2021 and with covid still around we have managed to have a pretty full diary when we had nice weather we could take advantage of using our new tables outside and enjoy a pint or 2 looking over our lovely green, in September nostalgia held there event in the social club and outside and what a site to see the steam engines and old tractors .in september Our 1<sup>st</sup> event was back in time band as always was well supported.

We kept our events small due to keeping the distancing rules so in October we had a takeaway night with simon keeping us entertained , In November the much awaited remembrance Sunday went ahead it was a lovely service and thanks to all that organised it and great to see all the poppies around the memorial .We also had a Karaoke run by Sid which was well supported and great fun.

As Christmas was fast approaching our christmas raffle tickets was selling fast I am sure you was all caught by john Ridley at some stage !! Up went the christmas lights and tree headed by Nick & David but lets not forget Tracey who is the brave one on the Ladder , We also got back to having carols on the green and it was attended by many, mince pies and mulled wine went down a treat .

Christmas raffle was huge this year and great fun had by all thanks to all that helped the evening go smoothly ,We opened a lot over the xmas period even boxing night and had lots of fun playing games a few hangovers I am sure appeared ,We also kept new years eve small and thanks to Sid Cornish with the help of David putting on a great evening of entertainment lots of laughs and fun had by all.

As the new year was here we had burns night to look forward to we decided to keep the numbers down to 50 Thanks to Dave Watson for all his hard work a great evening with the sparks duo and piper as always Anthony done a great job with the food, Also thanks to Sid , Jimmy and Libby webb for there great speeches . Now on to the six Nations this is one of my favourite times in the club such a great atmosphere and even when England loose there is still a cheer to be heard, A big thankyou you to Anne and pat for supplying the Hot dogs also thanks jackie for cutting the onions saves us having to wipe our tears away .

Now comes the time I need to thank a few people first Peter Botten and john couchman always there when we need them weather its fixing door handles cleaning coffee machines and letting people into the club when we are not around ,David from DWS heating who had to give up a Saturday morning to help us out when we had a flood in the kitchen from our water Tank and also services our heating for free .

A big thankyou to scuppet who keeps me entertained on a Friday morning with his jam packed newsletter and I hope you all agree he does a splendid job so if you see him around give him a pat on the back !!

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Dave Watson with the help of Nick belton for keeping our cellar stocked with all the fab beers you have all been enjoying plus the cleaning of the pipes which is not a small task which they always manage to fit it in with there very busy family lives

A big thankyou to all our bar volunteers it has been very hard sometimes due to the pandemic to juggle the few staff we have but as the new volunteers are being trained up I am sure your sessions will become less frequent .

Ann coyne our treasurer who spends a lot of time sorting out our utility bills banking and keeping our accounts upto date and many other jobs she helps out with also a big thankyou to Catherine Catchpole who does our yearly accounts.

Can I please say a huge thankyou to all the committee it has not been an easy year and sometimes we have to make tough decisions but I hope you have found it rewarding and as we come on to elect the new committee can I please say a thankyou to John Ridley & Ian Read who are standing down from the committee this year and also as many of you will know Chris Reed decided to stand down from the committee in ~~December~~ <sup>LATE OCT</sup> I would like to say a big thanks from everyone for what he has done for the club over the last years and for all the work he done for us over the covid pandemic sorting out grants and all the risk assessments so thanks Chris and good luck on your masters degree.

So lets look forward to a very packed couple of months 1<sup>st</sup> st georges and our margate coach trip and our beer tasting evening with Liam, The much awaited jubilee weekend which we know there will be something for all ages in June which the social club is running the bar the whole weekend .

On that note if there is anybody that would like to volunteer even if it is helping to carry stock over to the green please see me or leave your names over the bar .

That's it from me lets look forward to the rest of the year and keeping fingers crossed it will be a full year !! and if any members have any suggestions of what events you would like to see go on in your club or become a volunteer please see a committee member .

Lindsey chave

chairperson



## Secretary's report

Bridgette took on the secretary role in early November following Chris Reed's decision to step down. **Thank Chris.** A swift hand-over, steep learning curve, and Bridgette firmly got into the role.

As Covid restrictions eased, the Club adapted and now while we may look in appearance to be back to pre-March 2020, we still prefer all users to use the hand sanitiser, and if showing symptoms to not visit the social club. ➡

Licences, alcohol and music are all being maintained appropriately.

There have been many enquiries received regarding membership and how to join, which is really encouraging.

Club bookings are slowly coming through again which is wonderful. Beyond our regular daytime Club's, since the last AGM at the end of July we have hosted Kindy Quiz, Nostalgia Quiz, gardening society, Wednesday afternoon club, parties and wakes to name a few, as well as coffee mornings to raise money for local groups/ charities.

In addition, your Club committee has organised plenty of entertainment – Karaoke, Live Bands, Birthday Takeaway nights, Race-night, Xmas Draw, Burns Night, Rugby, and St Patrick's night. Many of these events being free to members.

Up-coming events St George's night with a comedian and Tom Jones tribute act. Then of course the queen's platinum jubilee to look forward to. Beer festival in July . Let's hope we are so lucky with the weather this year alike last year.

At end of 2021 we have 486 members (30% being new over last 2 years).

## TREASURERS' REPORT AGM 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Catherine Catchpole for auditing the club's books and preparing these accounts. We're very lucky to have her in the village and appreciate her giving up her time free of charge.

You should all have copy of the accounts in front of you.

As you can see the surplus on bar sales, net of costs, was £14,900. The club had additional receipts of £19,215 and made additional payments of £17,880, leading to an overall surplus of £16,235 for 2021.

Most of the receipts and payments are in line with the income and expenses that the club typically receives and incurs. However, I'll just highlight a few exceptional items.

Firstly, in Receipts, you can see that subscriptions were significantly lower than they were in 2020.

This was due to the committee's decision not to charge existing members for the 2021 year, in view of the severely limited use of the club's facilities that members were able to enjoy in 2020, due to COVID restrictions.

We expect subscriptions to return to usual levels in 2022.

The main item in receipts is of course the COVID grants, totalling 16,097, which account, almost entirely, for the overall surplus for the year.

As far as Payments are concerned, these are mostly the usual recurring costs, apart from Furnishing and repairs of £7,882, which are detailed on page 2 of the accounts and included purchases made to improve the outside area, such as the new picnic tables, parasols and gazebo;

Also, internal improvements, including the new urinals, replacement lighting, new lobby flooring and the new projector.

One other point to note, concerning the Payments, is the cost of light, water and heating, at £2,730. We expect these costs to be substantially higher in 2022 – possibly 100% higher than the 2021 costs – due to increases in the cost of electricity and oil, and (to a lesser extent) increased use of the club, with (fingers crossed!) the final ending of mandatory COVID restrictions.

So, in closing you can see that the total surplus funds carried forward into 2022, after addition of the 2021 surplus, was £82,297.