

**Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
8th April 2025**

Apologies.

Anthony Hacker, Ben London, Neil Allen and Paul Lawson

Attendees.

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Jimmy Webb, Bridgette Walsh, Tim Coyne, Dan Russell, Jo Beach, Richard Edmed, Nick Miller, Lawrence Arscott and Janet Norton.

Agenda

- **March Minutes.** Approved
- **AGM** Very well attended this year. Went well.
- **Opening Night Feedback.** An excellent night. Very well organised. Food provided by The WI was excellent and extremely good value. £262 charged.

Action. JN to write a letter of thanks to WI.

- **Chairs.** There have been complaints that the arm chairs were too “snug” for larger people. Decision made to order 6 more chairs without arms, 3 more tall bar/chairs and an extra 2 small square tables which could be moved to join large tables for quiz nights etc. Order to be placed while we have a 5% discount

Action. TC to speak with Denise Bignell.

- **HOVEC/Summer Festival.** Minutes from the HOVEC committee meeting discussed at length following their proposal to have a totally joint summer festival with all profits split 50/50. Issues raised
No VAT registration for HOVEC
Bar staff. We need HOVEC to help with volunteer bar staff.
Plastic cups/glasses with HOVEC logo previously purchased £1200 not used.
Purchasing of bar stock
Unused bar stock
HOVEC outgoings include Electricity usage, Security costs (£200 per night), tent carpet hire etc
Decision for this year: To offer 35% of profits made but to use this year as learning curve by having an itemised list of everything purchased including items such as ice, cups, all hired items as well as bar stock and unused bar stock after the event.
To reassess after this summer and look to moving forward with joint event next year with a joint committee of members from both HOVEC and HSC.
Unanimously agreed.

Action. RE to lead.

- **Beer Festival.** Date confirmed 19th July.
Sub Group : BW, NM, JW, PL, NA.
Low key this year. No children’s entertainer required as JW to organise “Olympics event” as last year’s event was successful.

- **Booking form.** All bookings must be made by members only and they must have been a paid up member for at least the previous 12 months as per our constitution. A returnable deposit will be now required for party bookings or similar to ensure all rubbish is removed after the event and the Club is left clean. The deposit will be held to cover costs of cleaning, damage and rubbish disposal.

Action. BL to look at rewording the booking form.

- **Volunteer's Night.** Date confirmed October 16th.
- **Treasurer's Report.** £37656.66 remains in the current account.
Savings a/c balance tbc by those with access
£518.70 bar sales, split £492 cash and £26.70 via square up
£521 membership income of which £33 allocated to Kell's fund
Kell's fund balance £2628.76
£2489 spent on stock
Refurb payments for snagging etc still to be made approx £5,700 and
electrics and lighting only paid 50% so far. VAT refund due in May.
NM raised the question should we pay a lump sum back into our savings
account. Decision not to but look for quicker access account (without losing
accrued interest).
Toilet refurbishment. Dan (builder) has offered to do the work free of charge.
To go ahead with looking for quotes for required fittings.
Agreed electrician to replace 2 consumer units, update panel, renew fire
alarms as required. Fire extinguishers and PAT testing to be done as per
Parish Council (PC) requirements.
PC still to repair lobby ceiling once done DR and JW will redecorate.
Main door is dirty.

Action. LA to discuss with Dave Watson easy access savings account.

LC to contact electrician

DR and JW to clean and treat the main door.

- **Bookings.** 3 bookings. Thursday afternoon club, St Margaret's Christmas Fayre and Year 6 leavers party. No children allowed into the snooker room.
Expected booking for David Jolley funeral. David was a well liked and respected long term member of the club. To accommodate this booking.
Cancellation. Table Tennis group. Tables to be moved to Putlands
Cancellation of April meeting of WI as they are unhappy with new chairs.
Action JB to confirm agreed bookings.

- **Membership.** Really going well.

Action. LA to put item into Parish Magazine to inform of events and membership details

LC and NM to discuss membership monies and donations to Kells fund.

- **AOB**

The Snooker players congratulated HSC on the refurbishment. "A super job, Well done".

NM asked re an invoice from BL. For our Website management.

Action. NM to discuss with BL

Question raised. Do we accept American Express? No.

TC has been approached by Neil Hale about joining this committee but he missed the AGM. He can be co opted onto the committee

Action. TC to speak to him

JN concerned as Vaping/eCigarettes were being used in the club last Friday.

Policy is not to allow these. Notice to be posted and a reminder on newsletter

Friday night opening. Friday 6pm. Saturday and Sunday hours to remain

unchanged. Families with children can use the club up until 8pm Friday and

9pm Saturday. Children must be supervised. Noise issues were discussed as a

complaint had been received after Friday evening when several children were

playing on the stage. LC also noted the increased noise level with just 2

children on the stage on Sunday. Denise Bignell is looking into how the noise

issue can be rectified.

Dragon boat race 30th August. BW has enough volunteers for 2 boats. Training is provided and should be taken. Suggestion each entrant should pay £10

JW concerned re toilets not cleaned frequently.

Action.LC to ask Anne Coyne to speak to Julie re Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 3 x1 hrs to clean toilets.

Notice board. Donated by Readycall for village use. No business cards. Copy of club licence should be displayed.

Action. RE to obtain one.