HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 11 July 2023, 19.45

Present: Lindsey Chave LC(Chair), Nick Belton NB, Richard Edmed RE, Anthony Hacker AH, Sidney Cornish SC, Bridget Walsh BW, Lawrence Arscott LA, Alison Scott AS, Paul Fleury PF, Nick Miller NM, Jordan Desaa JD, David Watson DW, Tim Coyne TC

Apologies: Jimmy Webb, Jan Botten

June Minutes: Agreed

Chairperson's Report

Summer Festival – DW noted the event had gone very well. Agreed donation from Social Club to Hovec of £1000. AH explained that Hovec costs had risen substantially this year and with this donation they should be able to break even.

Hovec Winter Festival Dates are 1-3 Dec.

We are rather short of bar volunteers week-to-week and for events. DW to ask for more volunteers in the Newsletter. LC suggested to invite members to come to a Volunteer Night and encouraged to sign up to help with the various jobs the club needs — bar, garden tidy etc. "Join us for a drink and nibbles". Jordan will start a WhatsApp volunteer group.

Events – Lewis Ross this Friday 14 July. He will set up from 7.30.

JD to ask Cricket Club if they want another match against the Social Club.

Costs have increased again and it was agreed that Bar Prices must go up. This will be done in next few weeks as members have already been informed this will happen.

Premises

Doors – Lindsey to speak to Ray Wood re new locks for doors for cellar, foyer and cupboard.

Benches – Committee agreed new bench (made from recyclable material) for outside front and pay for from Kell's memorial fund. Will also order a plaque dedicated to KelC. NB will order it.

NB suggested a shed no higher than fence height, for storage of the marquee and other festival stuff, which are presently at farm.

Discussed a screen for bins as they are at the front of the building and look ugly. DW to ask Parish Council if they are in agreement with having it and will spend up to £500 on them.

Treasurer's Report

Nick £21338.45. Some big bills in June including the new chiller which cost over £3k.

Credits: £19260.12 Debits: £16,644.60

Bookings

Steady number of bookings over next few months.

Membership

8 new members were approved. Will put list up behind bar of those who have and haven't paid.

Bar Rota

Paul – covered for most of July. 2 dates outstanding and if we can't get anyone we may have to shut on those dates.

AOB

AH asked about the cellar. Cellar cooling fan was replaced recently.

TC asked if we may exceed the VAT income threshold . Nick said he and Ann going to get together to monitor this and report back to committee.

LA – subcommittee needs to convene on booking terms and conditions.

Men's Breakfast – 19th August 9.30

NM - 2 people's names to give to Paul as volunteers.

DW asked for thought on dates for opening for sporting events eg Rugby, Womens Football, World Cup. Dependent on bar volunteers.

Saturday 18 Nov - Blinded by Wine and DW will organize. Blind wine tasting.

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