2nd June 2026, Horsmonden Social Club

Attendees
Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jo Beach, Lawrence Arscott, Niel Allen, Ben London, Niel Hale, Marie Rogan, Rupert Lovell and Janet Norton

Apologies
Bridgett Walsh, Jimmy Webb, Richard Edmed and Harry Ackers.

Agenda

Minutes
The minutes from the meeting held May 8th approved and copy posted on notice board and to be added to the HSC website.

Membership. LC and NA
486 members have paid membership to date.
170 previous members have not renewed.
67 new members this April/May.
18 new membership applications were discussed. 5 were found to be late renewals.
One new membership form was incomplete with no sponsor name and hadn't been signed.
Action. NA to email the applicant to request more details.

Refurbishment. TC
Toilets. TC met with Dan Clifton to look at options.
To replace all sanitaryware and keep to same layout using existing plumbing where possible. Modern rimless toilets to be purchased as easier to keep clean. Unfortunately it is not possible to arrange a separate disabled access toilet which which will remain in the ladies. However, the two cubicles will be floor to ceiling screened to allow for privacy. Concern was raised regarding claustrophobic clients and TC will discuss this with DC.
Chairs and Tables. LC has obtained a quote for 2 additional small tables, 1 tall table , 2 chairs without sidearms and 4 tall stools without backrests. The stools will be useful at the bar enabling the current heavier ones to be returned to the main area high tables. Quote includes matching materials to the current furniture and delivery charges. £1539 inc Vat. (£1283). All agreed to go ahead and order.

Events/TV coverage. LC
Welly Wanging a big success again. Thanks to JW for arranging and running the event. The BBQ went well but insufficient burgers to meet demand. £100 was raised for the charity MIND.
Beer Festival. NA has started to look at choices of beers and ciders. 10 beers and 2 ciders together with usual beers and lagers available in the main bar. BL to meet with NA to look at options.
To provide Pimms together with a few cocktails. NA suggested premixed cocktails in pouches. No preparation and simple to serve. Would require ice.
BBQ: 450 Burgers and 200 sausages and rolls to be ordered. A chilli sauce will be available as well this year.
HoVEC Summer festival. JB. Volunteers organised to set up human fruit machine stall and for its removal at the end of the fete. Rota of volunteers to be part of the machine, plus buzzer and prizes all in hand. 50p for 3 goes and any money raised to be added to the collection for MIND which was made at the Welly Wanging
Volunteers to cover the bar for normal weekend shifts mostly covered together with people on the door Friday and Saturday evening to check current membership cards are shown as only members may enter the bar during the events in the marquee. Members entering only to use the toilets to be discouraged but if raining they must remove footwear to avoid mud on the recently cleaned carpet.
TV Coverage of World Cup. As most of the group stage matches are midweek and at unsociable hours due to time difference. No matches will be shown in the group stages.

Bar Prices. NH and LC. A work in progress

Treasurers Report. NH
Current account £43407.98 Gross £11578.77 Net (includes Kells Fund £1758)
Savings account £19,773.51 Gross £7341.03 Net
Large purchases. Heating Oil. £572
VAT return due this week expected approx £50

World Pay credit card machines. We have two, one does not work at all and the other has not worked over the past week meaning bar volunteers have had to use the Square Up machine.
To look into whether we are still under contract to World Play.
Action. NH to contact NM to see if he has the details to the online portal for our account with World Pay
NM to chat with Dave Watson to enquire if he has the contract details.
Scottish Gas Account. NM has raised a complaint with SP as HSC are currently in credit to almost £ 2500. He had reduced our Direct Debit on line to £127 which was automatically returned to the previous amount. NM has request 75% of the amount we are in credit be returned or for the direct debit to be frozen until this credit is used up.
Secretary Report. LA
LA has prepared a list of jobs/roles which will be circulated before the next meeting.
Bar Rota.JB. Cover still required for the late shift this coming Saturday.
Cover obtained for the Wake booked for 9th June
Cover still required for party 13th June.
Last 2 weekends are still largely not covered.
Till and Bar training, LC is training 3 new volunteers on the till this coming week.
New Till Configuration. BL Work in progress to try and simplify.
Bookings. JB Christmas Party. Clashes with already booked private party and is a corporate event which is not suitable to HSC.
Bridge Club extra Tuesday confirmed.
WI annual meetings approved.
AOB.
NA. Request from the organisers of the private booked party this month that asked hat we provide Fever Tree Slimline tonic. 2(slabs to be purchased) and they have asked for Timothy Taylor beer to be available. NM to organise.
NA. Noisy Friday evenings. The possibility of moving Treasure Chest to a Saturday once a month and having karaoke was raised. All agreed not to change nights and all were against Karaoke which would mean more noise. It has been noticed that some non members had been buying tickets and in large quantities. A regular club member won the jackpot last week. Congratulations. The prize pot has started back at £500.
Treasure Chest tickets purchased must be by bought by HSC members only and a decision was made that there will be a limit of £10 per member to buy tickets each Friday.
Action This decision to included in the News Letter
BL asked if there was a record kept of all the charitable donations made by HSC. These would be listed on previous minutes. BL said that he would review these and publish a list on the HSC website.
RL. Invoice for microphone and lead he'd purchased to be sent to NH for payment.
TC. Music licence. To be paid.

Date of Next meeting July 7th 2026 7.45pm