Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
5th May 2026

Attendees.
Lindsey Chave (Chair), Jimmy Webb, Jo Beach, Neil Hale, Lawrence Arscott, Richard Edmed, Bridget Walsh, Marie Rogan, Rupert Lovelle, Ben London , Harry Ackers and Janet Norton.

Apologies.
Tim Coyne and Neil Allen

Agenda.

Minutes.
Minutes from the meeting April 7th approved and copy posted on notice board and to be added to the web site.

Membership. LC
15 new membership applications were discussed and all approved.

Refurbishment.
Chairs and tables. We can accommodate 2 more small and another tall table, 2 standard chairs, 2 high stools. To obtain a quote for 2 bar stools without backs.
LC has sourced 20 stackable wooden chairs which are lighter to move and can be supplied cushioned. Awaiting quote.
HA asked if deck chairs or similar could be obtained to extend the use of the space on The Green for families. This would involve an additional role for volunteers to bring both the chairs and the then necessary plastic glasses in at the end of a shift. HSC has previously offered to donate some picnic style tables for use on The Green close to the club but the Parish Council had declined the offer on the grounds of maintenance and difficulties with grass mowing. However, with the new composite type of benches that HSC now have it was suggested that this might be revisited with the Parish Council.
Action. HA to write to the Parish Council. LC will provide contact details.

Events.
JW. Welly wanging. May 30th. Each entrant will have 2 throws this year.
Trophies are being prepared. RL, LA and NH will man the BBQ.
A risk assessment for this event was circulated by TC prior to the meeting and 5 stewards are required to ensure safety of all involved.
Beer Festival. 18th July. Sub committee LC, TC, NA, NH and JW.
Small sports day for children. JW requires volunteers to help with this. BW and MR agreed to help but more volunteers are required.
BBQ. NH, JN and Bob Norton
HoVEC summer festival. JB reported that she'd had no confirmation from HoVEC regarding the application for HSC to have a stall/table at the fete.
LC to follow this up with HoVEC
Inflatable race. JN has borrowed a costume but it is a youth size. BW to ask her daughter if she would consider taking part if the inflatable costume fits her.

Bar prices
NH and LC to arrange a meeting to review prices in view of recent rising costs.

Treasures Report.
Santander account balance at the end of April £43,952.30

Bar Sales £11,619.46 (gross). £9682.90 (net)
Bar purchases £5462.71 (gross) £4552.26 (net)
Large purchases outside the norm ABBA £550 (balance) and new BBQ £656.99
Invoices £19.99(Amazon) for a bank note checker due to recent forged notes detected in the area.
Account transfer is now complete from NM to NH.
Savings account passbook needs updating. Phone banking account.

Secretary Report

Booking request. Set up time requested clashes with the Social Cafe which will be open that day. The applicant is aware that her set up time will be delayed until the cafe is closed. They have requested for the bar to be open until 11.30pm. LC agreed.
LA has compiled a list of who does what that needs completing.
Action LA to forward this to TC who will be able to complete the majority of the sections and then circulate for completion.

Bar Rota.

Still lots of gaps. A few more volunteers are coming on line but need training on the till and bar. An evening to be arranged for volunteers by invitation from the committee to take place in October. The Volunteers WhatsApp group needs updating and can be used alongside the newsletter to request help for the bar and events.
Action LC and JB to add volunteers to WhatsApp group.

New Till configuration

BL. Most volunteers are using the new till but a new price list is required. The use of images is sometimes proving confusing. To trial using the till with just text and remove duplicates eg. Lager not Cruzcampo and Morretti
Action. BL to remove images and simplify categories.

AOB

JW. The old BBQ was borrowed by FOHPS for the dog show last weekend and was returned very dirty with fat/grease spills. In défense it was too hot to clean and clearing up had to be rushed. However, it does require cleaning and RE will contact them.
JW. Our new BBQ must be cleaned properly after use. LA has an empty gas bottle that JW will collect and get filled.
BW. Box of Frogs have been in contact and are available next April/May £600 All agreed.
BL. TC had circulated the revised Website terms and conditions prior to the meeting. All approved.
HA asked about incentivising volunteers to help behind the bar using a beer token idea. Not agreed but the decision was taken to make the volunteers evening a special event by invitation only as previously discussed. To include only volunteers who do regular bar shifts as well as behind the scenes regular volunteers.
JN. The joint Church service held in the Marquee on the Sunday morning of the HoVEC Summer Festival will be on the theme of the Vicar of Dibley. All are welcome.
RL. The empty gas bottles that are outside the club waiting for collection should be secured for health and safety reasons. The bottles should be put out on a Thursday evening for collection on Friday and secured by a simple cradle and chain attached to the wall. JW and RL to build this.

Date of the next meeting June 2nd at 19.45pm

New members
Tom Parker
Lesley Holland
Joe O'connor
Paul and Sharon Norman
Angus and Lucy McGuire
Alexander Perry
Katie Miller
Karen and Alistair Cross
Tom Henderson
Robin and Sally Black
Tommy Fancett