

BEER CLUB AGM TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2011

Venue: Beer Club Time: 8.00p.m.

Present:

Committee: **RD** Ron Driver (President), **DH** Dave Hutchings (Chairman), **KA** Kim Aplin (Vice Chairman), **BM** Brian McMahon, **JH** Joyce Hill, **ND** Norma Driver (Treasurer), **NG** Natalie Gribble, **AC** Avril Cook.

Members: Kate Boalch, L K Rees, P Newton, Dave Mutter, Gary Aplin, Rob Ford Snr., John Newberry, Maurice Howe, Jayne Aplin, Lucy Matheson, Michael Graham, **AS** Ashley Stevens, **LB** Lyn Bees.

1. Welcome and introduction by the Chairman.

DH welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. It had been a difficult year for the club and thanks were in order to the following: Cyn the cleaner and **NG** who later stepped in. Also to **NG** organising the Tank Sherman evening. Lyn Bees liaising with the Bank Manager and also **BM**. Ashley as manager. Steve Ward – repairs to roof. Dave Mutter – website. Mike Graham – bar every week. **JH** – Bingo raising money for the club. **ND** and Pat Newton – Whist, sadly lost Eileen. Anyone who has helped, a big thank you from the committee.

Ash is organising a list of 'What's On' which shows continual use of the Club every night up to 30th October and beyond.

2. Apologies: Mike Brownhill, Steve Ward, Derek Copsey, Sam Carlin, Patricia and Steven McMahon, Mike and Debbie Barrie, Anita Tims, Mark Edworthy, Angela Laurence, Kelvin Llewellyn.

3. Minutes of previous AGM dated 2010.

These were read and then signed by the Chairman as agreed.

4. Finance report.

BM produced the following report:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE AGM 30/8/11

I will not depress you all by giving an overview of the current financial situation that we all find ourselves in nationally which has reduced peoples spending power with it's inevitable effect on the social activities of Clubs like this one.

The year 2010-2011 produced an overall loss of £1,454. This was due to a significant drop in Bar sales down from £92,676 to £82,175 which in turn of course reduced our gross profit from 55.69% to 51.17%.

Other income was down marginally and our overhead costs remained largely unchanged. A very significant increase however was in the cost of repairs and renewals totaling over £5,000 against a payment last year of £617 and a budget for the year of £1,750. This was due to a number of problems involving the boiler, CCTV system, electrical testing to bring us in line with regulations and of course £1,500 on the upgrading of this very nice area you are now sitting in. It is worth pointing out that as we know this is a very old building and it needs a lot of upkeep, very soon we will need to carry out upgrading of the drains and the plumbing system behind the bar.

I feel that it is significant however that the Budget which we put in place for last year, with the exception of repairs and renewals, proved to be very much in line with the actual income and expenditure. The Budget of course gives us the ability to react month by month to any major problems. For the current year we have made further adjustments to income and expenditure given the current financial outlook and this should return the Club into a profitable situation. Effective 31.07.11 we are in line with the Budget not including Tank Sherman and of course Club week. I must stress however that it is essential that we increase the amount of events that we hold to increase income and that needs a much greater input from the general membership to help organise them.

Generally throughout the Village organisations money was tight although the Buffs had had a good Summer event. Finance was severely reduced by the recession. However, the Buffs took £850 on Saturday, but generally money not there. **LB** has given August figures and Club week has not produced as much as was hoped. Membership fees for the skittles teams was still to be paid. **DH** thanked **BM** and **LB** for their weekly meetings and asked for a Vote of Thanks. **BM** explained the overdraft had been reduced and hopes they will not ask for a 'stepped' reduction going forward. There were no questions following **BM's** report.

LB said with regard to Club week, it might be better not having it in August but having something each quarter and for age groups. Perhaps a Games night in the winter. Summer there were too many beach activities going on. But Coffee mornings were always popular. Kate Boalch agreed saying it was hard work for very little return. Target age groups to make profit. Do something different, perhaps a Beer festival in mid-winter. The Club is always competing against the popularity of The Anchor garden. Good Summer Skittles League. People still support and love the Club but don't come in summer. Push winter activities. Jayne Aplin agreed and said by Club week everyone has had enough. **KA** agreed with the idea of every couple of months. Jayne Aplin agreed with a Games night in the winter as did Pat Newton. **DH** thanked them for the suggestions and said these would be put to the new committee for their action. Kate Boalch further suggested long weekends rather than a week. Percentage of members use Club to socialise. Events should be chosen to bring in everyone. **KA** said it had been a difficult year as money was tight for everyone. **DH** agreed but said must look positive.

DH said the Committee had a proposal about Membership fees. **BM** explained the Committee realise that £15 was a lot of money for some people to pay although it works out at only 38p a week, however, it is proposed to reduce the Full membership of £15 to £10 and the Senior Citizen membership of £7.50 to £6 subject to payment by 31st May. It was also suggested that the Temporary membership for holiday visitors should be £1 per person per week for over 18s. Pat Newton pointed out that people had already left. **BM** pointed out this was from next year. **NG** said what about signing in friends. **BM** said this could be done twice and then they had to join. **AS** queried Open nights, would they have to apply for Tense where it would be too busy to sign Visitors book. **DH** said the onus was on the Club member to sign their visitors in. **AS** said it was a lot to do watching over people. However **BM** proposed the Membership fee reductions and Pat Newton seconded and the vote was unanimous.

5. Beer Club Rules

DH said there was one proposal regarding Club rules. **BM** had suggested the following:

STANDING COMMITTEE

Suggested Guidelines

Composition:

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer plus up to 2 full Committee members.

Holding office until the next Annual General Meeting.

The quorum shall be 3 members of the Standing Committee.

Other full Committee Members and others may attend and speak by invitation.

Committee will appoint its own Chairman.

Purpose and Process:

(a) To deal with urgent issues and routine minor business on behalf of the full committee.

(b) To monitor actions agreed by the full Committee and to prepare Agendas for the full committee meetings.

(c) To manage the upkeep of the premises.

(d) Meetings to be held monthly and after each meeting a written report to be produced for the full committee. Copy eventually to be attached to minutes.

Limitations:

Any expenditure to be limited to emergencies only and reported to the full committee as soon as possible.

Committee to be sensitive to the need for a full committee meeting to make major decisions.

Urgent matters that go beyond these provisions to be referred to the full committee on an emergency basis.

BM explained that trying to organize for 10 people to meet together was virtually impossible. **BM** mentioned there had been secretarial problems and the secretary has now resigned due to work commitments. Pat Newton said it sounded very sensible. **BM** proposed the new rule and it was seconded by Dave Mutter. The rule was carried after a show of hands with only one **NG** against who had reservations.

BM also said that the club needs new impetus and suggested that Club members should be emailed to gain new committee members. **KA** felt it would be a waste of time as people were not interested enough, he cited the recent Scouts AGM where not one parent had attended. **RD** said the same people attended the AGM or EGM. Pat Newton suggested putting something on the website. **DH** appealed for new committee members from those present. Kate Boalch likened it to a ball and chain saying it was always the same people, same conversations etc., People know it goes on everywhere. **ND** said people need to get involved, not necessarily on the Committee. Kate Boalch agreed saying that loads of people were involved with Regatta but not all on the Committee. Pat Newton felt Club events were not advertised enough, i.e. quiz etc. Bingo seemed to be the only one that drew people in. Any posters should be quite plain and to the point. **KA** said RNLI had quite a few followers. **RD** felt that RNLI followers would not come to other events. **BM** stated the Club needs people with enthusiasm. Jayne Aplin said if a list was kept of people who attended events and then email these people about other events, targeting a wider audience. **DH** agreed there could be a "sign-in" sheet. Pat Newton said that B J McCabe was on at the weekend but it was not advertised. Dave Mutter stated the Club email was not used enough. It would give a lot more advertising if used. **NG** said it had been used to advertise Tank Sherman. Dave Mutter advised not to use a Word attachment as it would not always be opened. Keep as an email. Kate Boalch said Dave Mutter could make separate lists if given the information. **LB** suggested

advertising for the coming month with information given in by 15th. **RD** as it was for Club week. **LB** advertising could be done at Top Shop and Mariners. **LB** also suggested groups e.g. Skittlers were given a budget to organize something of their own choice. Kate Boalch felt that was a good idea but would need someone on the Committee to oversee. **DH** said these were all good ideas for the Committee to look at and to this end would hand over to the President and step down.

6. Election of Committee for 2011/2012

RD said he would start the ball rolling as he intended to stand down as President as he felt fresh blood was needed and he could do without the pressures. Pat Newton asked if he was resigning from both Presidency and Committee. **RD** replied yes to both.

Much discussion then ensued as 10 people are needed to form a Committee and only 7 from the last Committee offered to stand: Brian McMahon, Dave Hutchings, Kim Aplin, Norma Driver, Joyce Hill, Natalie Gribble and Avril Cook. **RD** said three more people were needed to form a Committee. KA said could we ask members to put themselves forward. The present Committee would have to go forward as the Club would close that night so members would have to be co-opted at a later date, like the Parish Council.

7. A.O.B

Bingo – **JH** gave the following report :

BINGO – Donations to the Club in the past year

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| 10 pairs curtains | £500.00 |
| Removing rubbish | £150.00 |
| Flower Baskets | £ 32.00 |
| Dransfield Tickets | <u>£336.00</u> |
| Total: | <u>£1,018.00</u> |

Balance in account **£312.48**

DH the Committee would need to appoint a President so suggestions please. However it was felt this need not be tonight.

DH declared meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

