

Summary Minutes of Canton Liberal Club Committee Meeting 2nd December,2021

Meeting commenced 7pm length 57 minutes

The Chairman opened the meeting. The Acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted.

The Secretary read the 'Accounts for payment' and the 'Treasurer's report, both were accepted. The Chairman noted the great progress made on reducing the debt accumulated during the lock-downs in spite of the consequent downturn in business after re-opening. He expressed optimism that next year the Club's finances would be much healthier because of the lower debt level and essential repairs having been paid for. This was, of course, assuming the worst of the pandemic was over and that trade recovers.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Captain and Vice-Captain of the Snooker team was read out. The letter related to the club's charges and the condition of the snooker tables among other things. It was agreed that the charge per hour for the Club's team to practise would be reduced to £2:50 an hour. This was agreed unanimously.

The question of paying registration fees and replacing equipment which had been stolen (table iron) was discussed. The Chairman proposed that the Saturday raffles could be used as a way of supporting the various groups in the Club. We could use this firstly to raise the registration fee for the Snooker and then move on to other groups. It was agreed to write to the Snooker Team and review again the options to help them.

The Chairman allocated duties.

The Chairman updated the Committee about a visit and an email from the Licencing Department relating to the 13th of November. The council received a malicious complaint about the club not complying with its licence on a particular day. This was untrue and at no time did the Club breach its obligations. It was noted that several malicious complaints without foundation had been made to various authorities in the last year.

The Chairman then reminded the Committee that after the announcement of the resignation of David Hewett it was agreed that the post be advertised for a person who had experience of such a post. Rob Trigg stepped in as Acting Secretary having previously held the post. Apart from one person, who did not have relevant experience the only candidate remaining was Rob Trigg, who would resign as Finance Officer if the Committee appointed him. It was proposed that Rob Trigg be appointed Secretary. This was agreed unanimously. It was proposed that Lisa Manley becomes Finance Officer for the remainder of Rob Trigg's 3-year term. This was agreed unanimously.

The Committee then agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 8pm on the 9th of December to appoint scrutineers from the members attending. The CIU recommended appointing more than three to allow for sickness. Six to be appointed if possible. The meeting will be held in the Alexandra Lounge as the Hall is in use. This was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman then raised the poor service provided by the NatWest Bank. A change in their business processes led to them stopping our account for no good reason. This led to Direct Debits

failing one of which impacted our CO2 gas supply. The Chairman and Vice Chairwoman took emergency action to obtain a gas cylinder. The knock-on effect is that the Finance Committee recommends transferring £1600 to the NatWest Account from the Lloyds account to cover the emergency cost. This was agreed unanimously.

Bookings were discussed.

A survey of the gas supply in the Club is scheduled for tomorrow the 3rd. The Secretary will attend. The conclusions from the survey will be discussed in Finance.

Any other business:

The matter of the poor service we receive from NatWest was discussed. The proposal was put forward that we take steps in January to change banks after reviewing the options. This was agreed unanimously.

It was noted there was a need to ensure early booking of door staff for the holiday period particularly New Year's Eve.

The Chairman closed the meeting.