

Summary Minutes of Canton Liberal Club Committee Meeting 3rd March, 2022

Meeting commenced 19:04 Length 41 mins.

The Chairman opened the meeting and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which was held on the 24th February, 2022. The minutes were agreed unanimously as a true record.

The Acting Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report and 'Accounts for Payment'.

The Chairman stated that it was extremely pleasing and a tribute to all involved both on the Committee and the wider membership that our debts were back to a normal working level. He congratulated all who helped achieve this, including, David Hewitt the former Secretary who had predicted break even about April and made a massive contribution to meet this goal.

The Secretary noted the higher than usual attendance at Sunday bingo with many new faces turning up. Over the last few weeks, he had noted there was a new intake so possibly people are coming from other clubs where the activities and entertainment are reduced. Other committee members agreed that they had noticed this also.

The Chairman then stated that even though the Bar Sales are showing organic growth while income was increasing it wouldn't hurt to leave a voluntary artist contribution box on the bingo table. Some people are generous, and every bit helps. The committee was informed that a member had requested return of their contribution because they couldn't hear the artist. This was a rare, isolated incident outweighed by the generosity of many members.

Duties were allocated.

Correspondence:

The Secretary read out email from CIU who wanted to book a training session. It was agreed to charge the CIU £30 to cover cost of opening club.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had held a discussion with our Auditors about them doing some work currently being done by another company. A full report will follow a Finance Committee meeting. He informed the Committee that the auditors said Annual Accounts would not likely be ready until June though there was a possibility that 2020 accounts might be ready in May. They cited the reason for this was the disruption to their work through Covid and lock downs coupled with all their customers, including us, having the same issues. It was agreed to hold a Finance meeting on Monday 7th March.

AOB:

The Chairman informed the Committee that he and the Secretary met with the General Manager every Thursday morning to share information and impart any actions the Committee had decided upon. The General Manager said he needed a better flow of information about booking. He needed accurate and timely information to book staff. It was noted that last minute changes by the event sponsor are difficult to deal with e.g., a large increase in numbers. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next finance meeting. The cleaning of the various bar tables was discussed. It was agreed that they would be cleaned with the exception of the snooker match table for a weekly ex gratia payment of £20 funded by the raffle money.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Rangers Supporters Club had said that they hadn't forgotten their promise to decorate the skittles alley. They also asked for permission to install a projector. They proposed working out the options and presenting them back to the Committee for consideration. The chairman reminded the Committee that the TV equipment in the skittle alley was purchased by the Rangers Supporters Club. He noted as good members of the Club they had always sought consultation and permission before making changes in the Club. They could benefit from more advertising to increase their group. They had a bit of a setback when Minnie passed away as he was their secretary and involved in the fund raising. It was suggested that the details from their projector exercise could help us make choices when we modernise our equipment.

The Chairman thanks Nathan and Lisa for their work putting on the quiz night. The night was a success though the Cardiff Home game (and weather) adversely affected attendance. Parking in Canton that night was very difficult.

The issue of advertising these events was raised. It was suggested a wider dispersal of our advertising would improve footfall. This was agreed as a good idea.

The Chairman said that our revenue increase would be enhanced by visitors and events.

The set-up of the tabletop sale was discussed, and it was agreed that the Hall needed to be ready early Saturday as it was in use Friday night.

Bookings were discussed. It was agreed to ask for extra eyelets on future advertising banners.

The Chairman closed the meeting.