

Minutes of Canton Liberal Club Committee Meeting held on the 22nd of September, 2022

The Acting Chairwoman opened the meeting and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8th of September 2022. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Due to the meeting on the 15th being cancelled the Acting Treasurer presented the previous two weeks financial reports. The Acting Treasurer noted the figures were generally ok with some very good individual day's takings but not particularly good weekly takings. A member noted the functions were clearly the main source of our income.

Correspondence:

The Secretary said the offer to the Take That tribute band to pay half their fee was rejected and they were proceeding to lodge a claim in Small Claims court. In summary, the Secretary said that the Committee had two choices pay the whole amount or end up in court and potentially either win (with some legal costs) or lose and paying the original claim plus the claimants' costs and any other associated costs. The point was raised that by the time the case came to court the Club might be in a worse financial situation than now. Paying out then could be damaging. The Committee consensus was to pay the claim and remove the threat of higher charges at a future date. It was proposed and seconded that the Secretary settle the claim in full. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The second item of correspondence was an email from NatWest about a review of the Club's bank account as part of the requirements put on the bank by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Secretary along with the Acting Treasurer took part in the review by phone with NatWest's review team. All questions were answered, and the Review team required more details on transactions going back to 2021 and before. The Secretary has provided this information subsequently. The Secretary was concerned that the review out of the blue set a ten-day deadline for their enquiries with a threat of suspending the club's account. The Committee then debated a change of bank accounts. Any change of accounts may end up with some travel needed as it was clear local branches will disappear.

Duties were allocated.

The upcoming Elvis tribute was discussed and the need to ensure sufficient seating.

The Secretary said he had an electrician coming the following day to price up the long list of items that needed fixing.

The matter of price discounts and/or happy hours on the quieter periods was brought up. The Secretary said these promotions had been tried over the past 5 years and had not improved trade. On the other hand, any trade would give at least a small profit as opposed to no trade, no profit, just a loss. The Secretary said the main thing to get this going is to program the tills.

The Acting Chairwoman closed the meeting.