

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2011

APOLOGIES:- Nicola Rule, Kim Davies, Charlotte Oldwood, Bonnie Hooker, Helen Galer, Huw Gaskill, Nina Collier, Alan Suter

PRESENT:- Linda Heseltine, Shirley Brown, Stephen Spencer (chair) Richard Harrison, Gordon Allgood, John Death, Peter Stringer , Alan Hooker (minutes) Stephen introduced John and Peter to the committee as 2 new members wanting to help with fundraising for the Picnic in the Park attending to dip there toe in.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:- Proposed as a true record by Richard Harrison, seconded by Shirley Brown

MATTERS ARISING:-

Arena Headline Act- Alan reported that the motor cycle act we had intended booking needed more arena than we had available. **BERNIE BENNETT-KING OF THE LOW WIRE** had been booked in his place at a cost of £595 + £ 30 expenses after a quick email discussion. Alan pointed out he had since realized the low wire would no doubt need setting up at the outset and care would have to be taken not to impede on the majorettes and other activities. Alan to find out the extent of equipment needs from the agency.

Purchases – Bunting, Ducks- these 2 items had been OK'd to be purchased prior to the VAT increase. Neither had been so they should be purchased in the new financial year namely after January 30th. The amount of additional VAT involved is minimal.

Remembrance Sunday- The committee gave a vote of thanks to our volunteers who were on traffic duty for the event - **VOLUNTEERS** Richard Harrison, Huw Gaskill, Gordon Allgood, Barry McGregor, Tom Hennessy and friend. **WELL DONE**

CORRESPONDENCE:- Trish Harewood had queried the deadline for Bridge entries presumably for announcing the 2012 literary competition. We had been notified of Sue Arrington and Leslie Fishers retirement from the Community School in the summer.

CLUB 800:- Alan reported that emails and letters had gone out inviting members to commit to supporting the cause for the 2011-2012 sessions. Of the 230 existing members 50 had responded in the positive 2 in the negative. From these 50 members 20 additional shares had been requested with 11 being cancelled. 3 new members had registered their desire to join reserving 25 shares. This means if all uncommitted members remaining just renewed this year there will be about 65 spare shares to sell to get us up to the magic 800. It is important that people respond ASAP because there is a lot of work to be done and we cannot put the spare shares on general sale until we know the requirements of the existing members. Linda asked if other people could take on some of the administration involved Alan said no as he had a grip on it at the moment. Until the spreadsheets and system has been running a couple of years it was very much evolving, once we had a working model with all the gremlins ironed out then it may be useful unloading some of the donkey work ?

BRIDGE MAGAZINE:- MEETING 20TH JANUARY 2011 COMRADES 8.00PM

IDEAS

FOR ARTICLES TO BE EMAILED TO ALAN AS THEY COME TO MIND

Already

in consideration: Nature reserve in Cow Lane. (AH) Humphrey's hollerings (AH), Mr Sampson's 40's (SS), port cabins, the last lollipop lady (PI), Mrs Arrington (SB) What in my back yard (NC)

AFFILIATED GROUPS:- Linda was about to send out the letters.

GALA WEEK: - CARNIVAL THEME – it was agreed nursery rhymes and fictional characters which gives older children something to get their teeth into. **SCHOOLS COMPETITION-** Shirley thought it would be useful to have a 2012 emblem designing competition with the most attractive being used on a commemorative gift to be given to all the children of Godmanchester. On the application form could be a descriptive of the key historic points regarding the event to act a guide (this could also go on the gift if it was big enough i.e. a mug) also it was suggested the outline of the proposed town sign could act as a frame to draw inside. Stephen pointed out that this would also help meet the ‘EDUCATIONAL’ criteria for some of the grants being pursued. The meeting agreed to adopt this theme for the competition. Alan pointed out that there had been no provision for a gift to the 700 children of Godmanchester in the 2012 budget and maybe it should be introduced. **MAYPOLE-** This would need to be requested for the Arena and Mrs Arrington asked if she was happy to organize this for the last time.

PICNIC IN THE PARK:-meeting Tuesday 18th January 8 pm Comrades, all welcome

CHRISTMAS CARDS: - Stephen resurrected this old cherry. Images to be sought for review at the Bridge meeting on the 20th.

AGM: - THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 8PM COMRADES CLUB MAIN HALL arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting. Linda diplomatically asked Alan if he could put a sock in it this year to reduce the time spent on the accounts. Alan will have copies of the accounts on the seats at arrival and go straight into questions at the appropriate time.

AOB: - none

NEXT MEETING: - THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 8PM COMRADES CLUB