

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES Meeting 8.00 – Comrades Club Thursday 11th March 2010

Apologies B Hooker, P Simpson, J Morgan, S Brown, H Gaskill, R Harrison

Election of Chairman Nina Collier proposed the re-election of Stephen Spencer for this roll. Nicola Rule seconded. Committee approved

Previous Minutes Acceptance Stephen Spencer proposed Gordon Allgood seconded. Committee approved

Matters Arising

STORAGE CONTAINER – not delivered yet

BRIDGE MAGAZINE – AH to report on progress – done via email update

PIP – Update SS; Take That The Greatest Tribute were booked and contracted a Status Quo tribute were being booked but no paperwork as yet. Other bands and equipment booked.

PROMS – Update SS- Fozdyke Band booked for 8th May. Stephen confident of selling tickets.

GALA WEEK – Update actions from previous minutes ***

800 COMMITTEE – Details of Meeting on Monday 15th Minutes to be circulated

Club 800 Progress – ticket sales up to 164- please purchase

AOB – the in house Barn Dance needs organizing. Band and venue booked

Nina needed more bodies as Roy and Christine were having a break this year.

GALA WEEK – Update actions from previous minutes ***

GALA WEEK 2010. JUNE 26TH – JULY 4TH ***

Bowls: - Jack Tyler to be approached to organise **(SS) ok 8 teams**

Fun Run: - Paul Dyer at the exhibition to be contacted to confirm the arrangements **(SS/St.B) 27-06-2010**

Petangue: - Brenda Hennessey, Maggie Middlemiss, Paul Dyer at the exhibition to be contacted to confirm willingness to organise again. **(SS) 02-07-2010**

Comrades events: - Alan Suter to confirm activities ASAP to enable other events to be dovetailed i.e. Quiz?

Gala Princess to be opened to and advertised in schools and age lowered to encourage a wider involvement. Possibly to be held over May bank Holiday

White Hart: - **Steven** Cooper to be contacted to find out what he has planned to try to link in with bridge gala programme – maybe beer festival? **(AH) ok with gala weekend bar**

Pubs:- Black Bull, Royal Oak, White Hart, Exhibition to be sent request for general involvement in Gala Week and confirm what is already planned. **(AH) Black Bull to host reception with buffett after historic walk**

Bar on rec: - Steven Cooper of the White Hart to be contacted to confirm his willingness to repeat his last year's excellent efforts **(AH) will do**

Fishing Competition – New event: - Gordon Allgood had originally proposed this and it was generally felt that a revival was well overdue. A date was set for 26th June, venue – the river around the recreation ground (no rod licence needed for under 16 residents) A discussion regarding practicalities ensued, more like a trip down memory lane!! Details to be worked on for the next meeting. **(GA) working on with Stanjay. Flyer to go out around schools . children to be escorted. 1.30 peg draw fish 2-4 pm weigh in. 5.00 Comrades for tea and prizes. Stephen Spencer to provide a poster.**

Historic Walk – New event: - Nina announced the forthcoming historic walkabout in GMC, organised by the friends of the QE School, is almost fully subscribed. This lead to a discussion on the practicalities of running one for Gala week. It was also suggested continuing it to one a week for the rest of July. Nina felt that Ken Sneath (the historian giving the talk on the walk) would maybe find it a bit much as he was getting on a bit and his legs were not what they used to be! Alan Hooker offered to discuss the matter with Ken on their weekend trip to football. **(AH) Ken ok date to be discussed**

Update: - Ken was touched at Nina's concerns and is happy to undertake a guided tour as a Community Association activity during Gala week, what evening? He needed confirmation that the GMCCA public liability would cover it? Start at the church and finish at a pub for a buffet? Which pub? **Black Bull** Normally 30 people as a maximum. Didn't fancy an ongoing weekly event but would be happy to continue with them annually (As long as his legs and memory hold out) with maybe a bigger one to coincide with his book on the History of Godmanchester being published in 2011. **Gordon has lady to do more.**

Other New events: - A brainstorming session followed with great hilarity. Many ideas came up, many fell by the wayside, best dad, best pet, prettiest dog, most cuddly person (these last 2 could end up as 1). And many others were discussed culminating with Shirley Brown declaring she needed to go home to bed! I don't know if this was past her bedtime or she had got too excited!! Ongoing

