



**ANMER SOCIAL CLUB MINUTES OF COMMITTEE
MEETING held on 29th September 2021**

PRESENT: Lee Suckling, Karen Melhado, Peter Harris, Dorothy Pulsford-Harris (Chairman)
Nick Coleman (President), Michael Williamson, Karen Williamson.

APOLOGIES: Martin Chomistek, Teresa Hollingsworth (No response from David Prior).

- 1) **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th June having been previously circulated were approved.
- 3) **Matters Arising:** Nick confirmed he still had to contact BR Open Reach as Dorothy had had no luck trying to find a telephone number or e mail. Pool Table – committee feels this would be a good idea. Dorothy to contact Sports UK for an update on their prices. Members did wonder how often it would be used. We are cash rich at present.

Club Decoration: Karen suggested Peter Benefer – she will contact and ask him to come and do a quote to decorate the inside of the club. The whole needs doing. We need to find some way of protecting the murals in the small room. Michael suggested Perspex screens. Dorothy will contact her son to get some more names for decorating. Issy and Robert to be contacted re the Murals. Who actually owns them?

The Pie and Mash had to be cancelled but has been rearranged for the 13th November.

The light switches had been moved so that the switches are now just inside the door to the main room and the bar.

- 4) **Chairman's Report:** This had been previously circulated and Dorothy went through one or two points worth mentioning. Good turnout for the Bingo on the 6th September, the Fun Night Darts had been very good with lots of needle matches, banter and laughter. Peter Harris was the overall winner but opted for the prize to be held over for the raffle at the Hog Roast.

There is still a problem in covering the bar rota. Thanks were expressed to Linda and David Brown who had covered both sessions on the 25th including the Hog Roast and have volunteered to cover both lunchtime and evening on the 13th November for the Pie and Mash.

The Hog Roast was very successful and many attending commented it was better than the BBQ. We had a new family join who were gluten and dairy free but we managed to source dairy free ice cream and cream and gave them strawberries as well. They brought their own bread with them.

Thanks also to Michael W for keeping the website up to date and to Martin and Jane for looking after the bar and cellar with the difficulties involving deliveries to stores at present.

- 5) **Secretary's Report:** None as Teresa doing PCR tests and awaiting results.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Peter distributed the accounts for June, July, August and September and went through each one. The rent has been paid, cheques have been issued but not yet found their way back to the account. Some direct payments had gone out and he hadn't yet received bills and invoices from Martin. Club accounts show a very healthy situation. However, we do need to think about putting things into the club which might bring people in. We need bar income of £1000 per month to cover costs. More events should filter through with more people coming in. Bowls were cancelled in August which meant a reduction in bar takings. We need to encourage members to come in when the club is open by using word of mouth and the website. Covid fears which are still around don't help. Agreed to keep the guest beers at £2.90.
- 7) **Membership:** Michael reported 128 paid up members and £455 in subs received so far. The subs were £2.50 for the half year following the reopening of the club which was further delayed by announcements from the Government. The film nights are generally well supported particularly as other outlooks are not yet opened and cinema takings are also down as a result. People are still very vary about going out. It was agreed not to

show films in July and August. The average loss per film has been £33.58. In 2019 the average profit was £16 per film. We need 23 people paying £4 per ticket and increase the price to £5 after Christmas.

- 8) **Cellar and Bar Management Report:** This had been previously circulated with Martin's comments and views. A small amount of stock was written off – about £5 worth – due to being out of date. Some of the small Adnams mini kegs had not sold well – they hold 8 pints. Unless we sell 7/8 pints they are not a viable option. We will continue to support Fox Brewery at Heacham. Martin suggested rejigging the opening times on a Friday to 7 until 10 p.m. in the hope of getting in early drinkers. Dorothy will canvass the bar persons to see what they think bearing in mind that some do work.
- 9) **Bowls Club:** Karen W outlined that we were in League Division One which we deserved. All teams are remaining in their respective divisions because of Covid. We are in the North West Norfolk League and the AGM will be in February. There had been some very good games but only 9 players took part instead of the usual 12. The August play had to stop because of Covid. Phil has scarified and top dressed the green. Dorothy will check with Phil how much he is owed and how much he needs to get the season up and running next year. Committee agreed in principle to support with a loan. **The query was raised as to who owns the Bowls Green. Dorothy has checked with Issy who also contacted Robert Fox. It seems the Estate owns the Bowls Green but it is leased to the club. The overflow car park and the ground that the fireworks are on is a somewhat grey area but work on the principle that this has been adopted by the Trust/club and is also our responsibility.**
- 10) **Correspondence:** None of any note.
- 11) **Events:** Dorothy had prepared an up to date list of future events (with some alterations). The Guy Fawkes evening – Lee volunteered to organise a bonfire on the waste ground. He'll also investigate if there are any fireworks available this year. He is doubtful but will check and we can then get a small box, about £150 worth to create a bit of a show. Agreed the club will open at 7 p.m. and the fire will be lit at 7.30 p.m. In addition to soup and rolls, hot dogs will also be available at a cost of £3 per head. Nick and Issy volunteered to do the bar on the 5th November. There will be a raffle and Karen M volunteered to make a guy.

Pie and Mash on 13th November. 11 people booked so far but we do need to push it as the caterers require 30 people to make it worth their while. They can cater for gluten free and vegetarian as well. Committee decided not to bother with face painting for the children at the Christmas Party. Lucy Mears and her husband will organise games, we will supply suitable refreshments and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present.

It was agreed to meet at 11 a.m. on the 5th December to decorate the club with Christmas decorations. Dorothy and Peter will check the boxes in the shed to see if we need to get more as the ones in the shed are now very old. The Estate will deliver the Christmas Tree early December and the tree lights will need to be checked. Carol Service on the 22nd December with assembly at the club at 3.30 and then back to the club after for mulled wine, mince pies etc.

- 12) **Any Other Business:** Dorothy to contact Phil to see if he can cover the bar on the 8th October. **Now confirmed.**
NB – Nick commented that one or two people did not think the Hog Roast was really one and did we need to consider a proper Hog Roast in the future with the Hog being roasted outside for several days beforehand? The problem there would be if members didn't support in any great numbers and the meat would be wasted.
Darts Team – several members volunteered to form a darts team (nearly all ladies!) Dorothy will find out from the Darts Co-ordinator when the League is starting up again.

- 13) **Date of next Meeting:** 2nd November at 7.30 – Planning Meeting only. 24th November at 7.30 – Full Committee Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.