

Summary of Minutes of Canton Liberal Club Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 19th May, 2022

The Acting Chairwoman opened the meeting and reminded those present to keep good order in the meeting. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12th of May, 2022. The minutes were agreed unanimously as a true record.

The Secretary commented on some items relating to the minutes. Firstly, he had received the new card machines and they had been set up ready for bar use. The General manager will train staff and organise the integration with our till system in the next week on his return.

The Acting Treasurer then presented the 'Accounts for payment' and 'Treasurers report'. The Secretary commented that the outstanding debts include some potentially due e.g. a claim from a member. This visibility should help the Committee have a clearer picture of our finances. The £730 due for VAT is reclaimable by the Club and is the VAT on the legal costs so far incurred of over £3500. What the Club will have to pay depends on the outcome of the case but win or lose it will cost the Club something in cash as well all the time spent dealing with it. The payment from Coors was noted and the Secretary these payments were in effect a discount on sales returned to the Club periodically.

Duties were allocated.

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The Secretary said the recent staff problems would be discussed with the General Manger on his return from holidays. Staff shortages were widespread particularly in the catering and hospitality. He then asked for confirmation that the Committee meeting on the 2nd was cancelled due to the effort needed for the High Tea that day. The Committee agreed to the cancellation.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he would be having a meeting the next day with a supplier to resolve the future of the photocopying machine and its' lease.

The Acting Chairwoman then raised the matter of a member who had written to the Club requesting that he be allowed to hold an 18th birthday party at the Club for his son. The Committee discussed the matter at length. They decided by a majority that in light of past experience and not wishing to set a precedent that the existing policy of over 30's birthday parties only would remain. The booking was rejected.

She then informed the Committee about a letter about a booking from sometime ago where the event had been cancelled due to Covid issues. They were requesting the return of the deposit and had sent a lengthy letter. The Committee discussed the matter and agreed that a copy of the booking conditions be brought to the next meeting and that the Acting Chairwoman and Secretary deal with the issue.

The Acting Chairwoman reported that a 50th birthday party that was held in the Hall the previous Friday had resulted in a great amount of mess, broken glass and confetti everywhere. Extra cleaning costs were incurred. Also some of the participants were aggressive, rude and swore at the staff. The organiser asked for deposit back but in light of the state of the room this was refused. The organiser was told to write to the Secretary if she didn't accept the loss of the deposit.

It was proposed that the Bar become 'members only' when big sporting events are on. The consensus was against this proposal.

The Acting Chairwoman closed the meeting.