

MILDMAY CLUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting date; Monday 4th November 2024

Time; 7.30pm

Present; Tom Jones (President), Laurence Fryer (Vice President), Dan Isaacs (Treasurer), Colin Butler, Tom Campbell, Andrea Davies, Lucian Evans, Kat Heaton, Andy McAdie, Jon Riley, Barnaby Taylor, Jonny Trunk, John Woods (with apologies for brief lateness),
(Apologies to Andy for missing him off the attendance list for the October and initially off these. He attended both meetings)

Non voting; Terri Ciftci (Head of Bar & Functions), Peter Snell (Secretary), Sam Whatmore (part)

1. Apologies; Pete Brown, Iona Dudley

2. Minutes of the last committee meeting; Minutes accepted as a true record, after correction to the timing for January membership interviews, for signature and posting in the Club.

3. Matters arising

All covered in subsequent reports.

4. Reports

A. Secretary's report (Peter Snell)

Peter reported that an apology had been issued for alleged insulting language on the night of the 2024 elections. In the light of this the meeting agreed that no further investigation was needed.

B. Membership report (Tom Campbell)

Tom reported total membership stood at 2478. He noted large numbers of new applications received and ask for help with interviews the next day.

C. Treasurers Report (Dan Isaacs)

Dan spoke to a written report and accounts for October circulated in advance and provided to the meeting. He noted takings over recent weeks were at record levels. He noted that booking tribute bands was expensive but that they were popular and that the model was proving viable financially. To limit the exposure of the Club a Member, Andrew Dumbleton, was running the event as a promoter so would pick up any losses or profits on the door. Dan noted from John that reporting of pool table income would be deferred until the following month. The meeting discussed potential income from merchandise noting sales would commence in the next week and that set up costs had already been covered.

D. Entertainment Report (Andrea Davies/ Lucian Evans)

Andrea reported all events had sold out in October and that there was a busy forward programme. The entertainment sub-group was holding our first Karaoke event in January. The meeting appointed an impartial observer for drawing tickets for the screening of Blitz on Wednesday.

Bar & functions

Terri spoke to a written report circulated in advance of the meeting. The meeting asked Laurence to sort out the problems Terri said she was having with her laptop.

E. Club Management (Iona Dudley)

The meeting estimated that there would be 30 Members in the Members Bar on New Years Eve and that this figure should be used in agreeing how many tickets could be sold for the celebration in the Main Hall.

F. Games Report (John Woods/ Andy McAdie)

The meeting agreed to purchase a new meter for table 4 as recommended by John Woods. He advised the meeting that the Mildmay had now set up a snooker team to compete locally. He reported on the darts competitions being held in November. Andy reported on renewed interest in chess among new Members and suggested it might be good to relaunch a board games club event. John reported additional engagement with darts competitions comprising;

- Darts team - Tuesday.
- Mixed Team - Wednesday.
- Hackney League - Thursday (2 teams)

G. House Report (Andrea Jung)

Andrea J spoke to a written report circulated in advance of the meeting. She noted that the electric supply to the flats would be upgraded in January. An outline of a new logo for the front door was approved subject to receipt and approval of the final design. Andrea noted that the air conditioning / heating equipment needed renewal or replacement. She agreed to check if this could be linked to energy efficiency improvements and thus eligible for grant support.

Archive Kat spoke to a detailed report on the work of the archive group that was welcomed by the meeting. All her proposals were welcomed and agreed.

H. Health & Safety (Jon Riley)

Jon spoke to a written report circulated prior to the meeting and particularly thanked. Colin for his support. Dan agreed the Club had adequate finance to cover the immediate H&S items identified by Dan. Jon agreed to check if additional signage was needed for the drinking area and the adequacy of exit routes from main hall

I. Stock and finance (Laurence Fryer/ Colin Butler)

Laurence reported on an initial meeting with Tom J, Colin to agree work priorities. He promised to submit a report on our product range in the near future.

5. AOB

Laurence detailed his share ownership in local breweries; Anspatch & Hobday (Bermondsey), Five Points (Hackney) and Redemption (Tottenham). He assured the meeting he would absent himself from any stock and finance meetings that considered buying product from breweries in which he had shares other than one off cask requests from a member for a party etc.

The meeting asked Jonny to use his contacts to find someone prepared to repair an increasing number of broken chairs. He and Dan were delegated to agree the costs of such repairs. Terri agreed to provide access to the broken chairs as required. (Jonny's contact has repaired all the broken chairs free of charge).

The meeting authorised Lucien to investigate purchasing a Compact DJ unit at a cost of up to £3000 as this amount would be saved by replacing hire costs over a small number of discos. The meeting noted the need to check if this would require the Club to check if this needed additional/ separate insurance cover.

Secretary instructed to call Special General Meeting after the AGM if deemed necessary following discussion with CIU about whether the Annual General Meeting was allowed to adopt the latest CIU Model rules without such a meeting as long as they were not amended (other than to include the Club's name) in any way. (Vera Palazova, the CIU Rules Officer has confirmed that we would need to hold another SGM even if we merely wanted to adopt the model rules with our name and address written in)

6. Committee/ Officers only; Staff and other confidential business.

Non Members of the Committee left the meeting to consider confidential business comprising;

A disciplinary matter with two Club Members.

Christmas provision for Members

The award of Life Membership