

MILDMAY CLUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting date; Monday 7th October 2024

Time; 7.30pm

Present; Tom Jones (President), Laurence Fryer (Vice President), Andrea Davies, Andrea Jung, Tom Campbell, Kat Heaton, Jon Riley, Barnaby Taylor, Jonny Trunk, John Woods,

Non-voting; Iona Dudley (Club Manager), Terri Cifti (Bar and Functions), Sam Whatmore (Accounts)

1. Apologies; Peter Snell (Secretary), Dan Isaacs (Treasurer) Pete Brown, Lucian Evans

2. Minutes of the last committee meeting; Minutes accepted as a true record for signature and posting in the Club.

3. Matters arising

All covered in subsequent reports.

4. Reports

A. Secretary's report (Peter Snell)

In Peter's absence the President read from the Secretary's report.

Response to joint complaint

A copy of the response will be posted up in the club for those members not on ema

The 2025 AGM is proposed to be held at the nearby RIO cinema

There were further complaints raised in regard to the 2024 Election these are being dealt with as a confidential item.

Section 64 of the 2003 Licensing Act precludes Club Members abusing their position to influence Club purchases for personal gain.

If a member of the committee has shares in an alcohol supplier to the Club and they are on the Stock and Finance committee (where they would have a direct decision making role in what alcohol purchases would be made by the Club) they would be expected to make a declaration of interest - to be minuted in the Club's meeting minutes.

If a member of the committee who is not on Stock and Finance sought to influence Club purchases then again they would be expected to make a declaration of interest - to be minuted in the Club's meeting minutes. Such a situation has never arisen under the current President.

This expectation of declaration does not preclude the possibility that committee members may own shares in alcohol suppliers through a pension fund of which they are part."

B. Membership report (Tom Campbell)

Tom advised that membership now stood at 2,639 and that the move to Tuesday evenings had engendered a more relaxed atmosphere and had benefitted revenue on both Tuesday and Friday evenings. 2024 interviews would cease from the 12th of November as Christmas was at hand. Life membership was discussed. KH showed a badge made for members granted life membership. (Rule

37 refers.) Should any members be considered suitable for life membership, nominations would be agreed in a November with the badge being awarded to the member in the New Year. Renewals would commence from the 3rd of January and new member interviews commencing from Tuesday 7th of January.

C. Treasurers Report (Dan Isaacs)

In Dan's absence Sam W provided the account details. Income just over £62k was almost 50% up on August with outgoings lower than expected. £15k repairs and maintenance. Our reserves £60k.

D. Entertainment Report (Andrea Davies / Lucian Evans)

Entertainment income was strong at £44k with a successful month of events. Notably Northern Soul and the Double Dolly's. On January 25th there will be a trial of Karaoke featuring the popular Neil from the Walthamstow Trades Club. A comedy night is planned soon. The Club Choir is going from strength to strength now up 20 further members to 60 (All club members). A Choir waiting list is to be maintained.

E. Club Management (Iona Dudley & Terri Cifti)

Noise, continues to be an issue. Several complaints were received, and discussions have been held. Smoking on fire escapes remains an issue. ID/TJ to circulate details of the current policy and procedure. Smoking on the upper deck of the fire escape is not permitted and CCTV was discussed along with more notice to bingo and others.

F. Games Report (John Woods/ Andy McAdie)

Snooker and darts league starting. List of players to be given to Terri. Sat afternoons to be trialled for snooker league. AJ queried over new heaters. ID has space heaters to help whilst new heaters on order. Table takings slightly down. Issue with meters discussed but not currently resolvable.

G. House Report (Andrea Jung)

Andrea had circulated a written report following the meeting. The key points of which are:

- Works to the flats were still paused. However, Sail & Sons suggested monthly max amount approach, slowly chipping away at remaining works; currently in discussion
- **Jubilee prep room:** complete.
- **Power supply** to stage front lighting: needs a specialist to re-programme lighting control unit
- **Stairs to stage side room** pending. Door frame to stage was raised as a safety concern but investigations have not found any issue.
- **Fire escape replacement** to be started ASAP to include an upgrade to external lighting.

H. Health & Safety (Jon Riley)

- Staff training nearing completion, door closers fitting. Scope of works to go to building control. "Staff Only" notice for cellar door and Jubilee kitchen door.
- All extinguishers needed now in place plus two in snooker hall.
- Issues with fire sensors and false alarms, procedure to be discussed with relevant staff regarding evacuation.
- Have 'no smoking' signs on the fire doors
- Clean up of stage rear three rooms discussed, possibly stock room too. Possibly 27/10 or after 3/11. Chairs repair needed. LF to pass details to J Trunk two possible repairers. JR, Suggested a club organogram. JR is to organise a Committee and staff photo immediately after the next meeting.

I. S&F (Laurence Fryer & Colin Butler)

- Pete was not able to be present. Laurence Fryer will deputise on S&F with support from Colin Butler. A preliminary meeting was held with TCi/TJ to look at the members bar with a view to a refit in Q3/25. Additionally, new shelving to be installed in spirit stores. Crowd dispersal issues discussed. Old safes in the cellar to be unlocked prior to disposal. Incident 14/9 reported in member's bar. No door staff on that night. Aziz now on duty Friday and Saturdays until 31/12. Possibility of a volunteer's rota discussed.
- TCi / Sam W Cashing up discussion with staff (MH). TCi to take on the role. (MH) Hours will need to be revised to allow a gap in rota. Line cleaning 21/10, three trainees are to be given training on this. Residual cash to be tallied and allocated accordingly.
- Stock purchases monitoring under consideration for a stock control system.

5. AOB

Laurence has organised a members outing to The Mardon Village Club, Kent on 23/11 self-funded by attendees and leaving 10 AM by 141 bus from the club then direct train from London Bridge. Members are asked to register (free) via a ticket tailor link to gauge numbers attending.

- Club merchandise shop progressing. URL: <https://Mildmayclubshop.greedbag.com>
- Current stock of 100 T shirts plus tote bags, CIU wallets.
- Club badges shown to committee and then purchased by committee.

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

None

Meeting closed at 21:21

7. Date of next meeting; Monday 4th November 2024.