

MILDMAY CLUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting date; Monday 3rd February 2025

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, Jonny Trunk, John Woods.

Non voting; Iona Dudley (Manager), Peter Snell (Secretary),

1. Apologies; Terri Ciftci, Barnaby Taylor, Pete Brown, John Woods (lateness)

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)

Peter spoke to a written report circulated in advance of the meeting. The meeting welcomed the support from Councillors Sade Etti and Joe Walker both for License applications and potential grant funding. Peter & Tom outlined options for the Annual and Special General Meetings. The meeting agreed to hold hybrid (in-person and online) meetings of 16th March. after Tom reported Counsel's opinion that we can hold such general meetings within our current Club rule book. One Special General Meeting would consider adopting the new model CIU rule book and a second would amend the "Interpretation" rule to make it clear that duties in relation to a Club Premises Certificate applied equally to a Premises License.

B. Membership report (Tom Campbell)

Tom reported that membership has now reached 2380, and that 132 new Members had been interviewed in the last 2 sessions. The meeting agreed we could seek volunteers to support staff in giving out Membership cards but felt Committee Members needed to be present for Renewals on Fridays when cash is often involved.

C. Treasurers Report (Dan Isaacs)

Dan spoke to the November cashflow spreadsheet circulated in advance and to the meeting. Excellent bar takings in January of £40k had grown our bank cash balance to £170k. He welcomed a film booking from 24- 28th March which would earn a fee of \$160k but require a short period of Club closure (discussed later in the meeting) but would allow the Club to reopen Saturday night.

The meeting discussed if this might interfere with annual elections but worked out the notice for elections would be posted 6th March with nominations submitted by 17th and elections held from 20-22nd March so would not clash.

D. Entertainment (Andrea Davies/ Lucian Evans)

Andrea spoke through a written report circulated in advance. She noted that the first Karaoke event and the David Bowie tribute concert had gone well with even more events for Members due in February.

E. Club Management (Iona Dudley)

Iona spoke to her written report circulated in advance of the meeting. She repeated her plea for support in handing out Membership cards. She noted the Club was due to host daytime films in association with Newington Green Action Group. To meet demand the choir was increasing its size to 90 places. A pizza delivery service had been agreed with Il Bacco starting next week with a discount of 10% on its normal price list. She advised the meeting on the arrangements introduced for managing bingo demand and explained the introduction of a priority names system that was being trialled.

F. Games Report (John Woods/ Andy McAdie)

John reported snooker table refurbishment had been deferred to April or May once planned filming had been done. Jon Donovan had returned from his international snooker competition in Morocco. The meeting agreed the need to publicise his success. John reported Club snooker teams were doing well. All darts teams had survived despite a crisis in numbers of women players in the second team. Snooker players were looking forward to a games trip to Plumstead Radical Club on 8th March with options to meet at the Club or at London Bridge. Andy reported he was organising a fish and chips celebration for elders on 12th April.

G. House Report (Andrea Jung)

Andrea spoke to her written report and reiterated that works to the flats was restarting this week. She was working with the contractors on a 15 months plan to complete the works at an average monthly payment at £15k to keep within the available budget. Further roof leak repairs were needed but would be covered by withheld payments. The ongoing CCTV upgrade was discussed by the meeting to identify key requirements of the upgraded system

H. Health & Safety (Jon Riley)

Jon reported that the Victory fire safety inspection was due 16th April. He said another clear out day was needed and builders should be warned the deadline for removing anything they wanted kept. He noted the need for a discussion about use of the cellar. He reported all the January yearly checks now been done including upgrading fire extinguishers.

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

Laurence introduced a report he had circulated in advance outlining changes to the beer offer and work in progress. Ongoing supply uncertainty with Guinness may lead to substitution from 40ft Brewery based in Dalston. He reported on his visit to Corrington Club with Peter. He reported that "More Pour" were due to visit to sort out better cellar arrangements for supply of drinks. He said he was investigating options to expand the range of "by glass" supply of wines using wine boxes which gave the wines a longer shelf life.

5. AOB

Iona reported that an acoustic engineer was due to visit on 4th February to calibrate the sound limiter being fitted to ensure compliance with licensing conditions. She also reported that blackout blinds would be installed in the small hall.

Sam had warned she was unable to discuss panto tonight but would like to report to a future meeting. Dan reported it had sold £23k value of tickets generating a net income of £16k but four events over the same nights would have generated about £10k. These costs did not

take account of the cost of supporting daytime access to the Club from August onwards. A wash up meeting would be held to discuss any improvements that could be made in advance of a future pantomime planned in two years.

6. Committee only; Staff and other confidential business.

None