



# COMMITTEE MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 hosted in the Vine Lounge 20:00

## Present:

Trevor Banks, Steve Bishop, Iain Bramhill, Jon Bunkell, Stuart Harris, Duncan Knight, Mark Rawthorn, Ruth Rawthorn, Nick Smith, Sarah Smy, John Webb (Chair)

## 1.0 Apologies

Stephanie Bonfield, Trevor Stevenson

## 2.0 Open Forum

In Attendance: None

## 3.0 Previous Minutes

Minutes agreed:

Proposed – Duncan Knight

Seconded – Trevor Banks

## 4.0 Reports:

### 4.1 Finance

- MR circulated accounts prior to meeting.
  - JW asked if we had managed to pay Greene King as himself and JB are still owed money from the refurb. We have been able to but still have a £2700 VAT bill to pay.
  - All refurb costs will go into 2019 accounts even though they are not all paid, cheques written and dated in 2019.
  - It has been a tough year with 3 months of closure of family bar due to refurb.
  - We lost £4000 overall. We had less subscriptions in due to life timers, wages up due to minimum wage increase, pension and training.
  - Margin needs to be more than 51%
  - Card costs have gone up, but it is illegal to pass the fees onto the customer.
  - Cashless card system is roughly £650 to set up so not worth pursuing at the moment.
  - JB provided a finance comparison showing money paid to the Trust 2009 – 2019.
  - It was agreed to put the prices up after the next stocktake on 31<sup>st</sup> January. This would be 20p on draught/bottled beer and spirits, 30p on single wine and £1 on large wine. A further 20p added to function prices. It was agreed to not increase the prices of soft drinks, we will review after the stocktake.
- BAC's Salaries - Proving to be drawn out process. **ACTION: MR carried forward.**
- SKY Sports has been installed. Results to be monitored on a monthly basis, starting from end-Sept as a comparison baseline. **ACTION: MR**

## 4.2 Bar

- It was agreed to dump the old furniture. **ACTION: NS**
- It has become apparent that there is an issue with people getting access to the bar when there is a function. Following discussion it was agreed that a suitable solution would be provided by using a Rope Queue Barrier. **ACTION: SB to investigate cost and report back to committee.**
- It was highlighted that when there is a Function in the hall it is not appropriate to screen football in the Family Bar. It was therefore suggested that another projector is purchased as a backup for use in the Vine Lounge. The cost of this is roughly £280 but it was agreed to wait and see if we continue with sky as it doesn't seem to be doing as well as we had hoped.
- Several customers have requested that a dartboard is installed in the family bar. It was agreed we would have a dartboard but after a long discussion, the location is still to be decided. **ACTION: All**
- Some committee members attended a Greene King meeting, it was reported that our loan is on target and currently stands at £5331. It was agreed that we will not put on a future beer festival as it wasn't as popular as we had hoped. We will be removing Budweiser and Strongbow dark fruit and replacing them with Stowford Press and the fruit one.
- Trevor reported that the chiller on the roof is on its last legs so is best to do something about it now rather than it maybe breaking in the summer. We have had one quote at £1400 + VAT. It was decided to get two more quotes. **ACTION: JW**
- JB suggested that we may need a second card machine, as on busy nights it has become a bit of a problem. JB has a got a quote from our current card provider at £13.95 + VAT for a 36-month contract. SS mentioned there may be a better deal with other providers so will investigate it. **ACTION: SS**

## 4.3 Entertainment/Events

- Open Mic Night review
- SB advised that she can arrange to advertise in a couple of local magazines i.e. Grapevine. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. **ACTION: SB**
- New Year Party was a success although not everyone who took tickets attended.
- Lifetime Members Party was not as well attended this time.
- Karaoke has been booked in 6 times this year.
- NS suggested booking Ska'd for life and Stiff in the morning **ACTION: RR**
- Funday 2020 will be going ahead as the committee have decided to give it one more year.

## 5.0 Trust Report

- The Trust attended to explain in more detail their spending relating to the proposed hub. SS said that they do know how much effort goes into the association raising money for the trust.
- CPFC want to book the hall for a private function but have asked if they can pay normal prices on the bar instead of function. It was agreed that we would not allow this because if we allow it for one we would have to allow it for others.

## 6.0 Any Other Business

- None



## 7.0 Next Meeting

20:00 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Library

### Close:

The meeting closed at 21:50