

# **RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on 20 August 2019 at St Leonards Hotel, Ringwood

### **1 Purposes & Objects**

These were read by Richard Dyson, recently appointed as National Councillor for Region 23.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Peter Lomax, Colin Read and Derek Scott.

### **3 Guests**

Steve Murcell, guest of Bob Merrett and Chris, the son of Colin Williams.

### **4 Speaker**

The speaker was our member Colin Williams who gave a very interesting and informative talk with slides, many of old boats and ships, on 125 years of Williams Shipping. The company is now in its fifth generation and from small beginnings has grown substantially, especially during the era of Colin's Dad, Ray. Ian Stockdale gave the vote of thanks.

### **5 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 18 June were taken as read.

### **6 Matters Arising**

Gordon told us that the cheque from Fanfare for Spring had been received and was for £750. He is waiting for confirmation that this can be presented to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance on 24 September. It is not possible to have a photo in front of their helicopter, but a room can be used which has a large picture of it on the wall.

### **7 Correspondence**

None.

### **8 Chairman's Comments**

Guernsey 41 Club are trying to arrange a weekend for Clubs in our region at a campsite on 28-30 August next year. At present they just want an expression of interest. There was none shown.

### **9 Vice Chairman**

Richard will be visiting the Miramar with John Harper on Thursday hoping to finalise various points for Ladies Night, in particular the menu. There will be more news in the next magazine and/or at the next Club meeting. Some have already booked rooms at the discounted price of £100.00 per couple for bed and breakfast.

The Round Table Children's Wish golf competition was played last Friday, but rain stopped play. There were four Ex-Tablers teams taking part but the event was not much help in developing Table. Next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> such event.

10 **Treasurer.**

Andrew reported all subscriptions have now been paid. He will shortly be paying for Dorset Knobs. About 17 have booked in so far. If anyone else wants to go they should contact John Kennedy.

11 **Sports & Social**

Ten are going to Lashings Cricket on Friday at Chapel Gate. The event is raising funds for the local Macmillan Unit.

Jeff Wickens is organising our carnival float. The theme is "Ringwood Ex Tablers Find Missing Sandbanks Ferry". The mock up of the ferry will be on Will Parke's trailer and he will be captain. There will be nine pullers (actually being towed by Ian Stockdale's car). A fire extinguisher will need to be carried because of the generator. Keith Anderson volunteered his. We need to meet in Parkside Industrial Estate at 5.30 pm wearing workmen's gear, yellow hi-viz jackets and hard hats. Jeff will hand out the jackets after the meeting. As usual there will be a barbecue at Roger Bettle's afterwards for those who wish to attend.

Keith Anderson referred us to the magazine for details of the bike ride on 19 September. He reminded us that his film nights are open to everyone. He is impressed with the efforts of Gordon and Council in increasing links with other local clubs and with progress being made on the website.

Gordon suggested watching the England v USA Rugby World Cup match at his place. This is on 26 September with kick off at 11.45 am. John Quint has also offered his place as he has a larger screen.

Richard Carter thanked John Kennedy, John Quint and Chris Kean for hosting the impromptu barbecues. He also thanked Peter Lomax for organising the Tennyson Down walk. There have been a trickle of entries for the photographic competition so far. A volunteer is needed to take on the Christmas card with help from Gerald Carter.

12 **Membership & Welfare**

David Hirst had nothing to report.

13 **Editor**

Bob Merrett said the copy date for the next magazine is 2 September. He presented a new Editor's Award mug to Arthur Robins. There had been a problem with engraving on the original one.

14 **Speakers' Secretary**

David Phelps reminded us that the speaker at the next meeting is from a watercross company and we will get samples. At the October meeting the talk will be on Harrods.

15 **Meals Secretary**

John Quint had nothing to report.

**16 Press & Publicity**

John Adams had moved house last Thursday so there was no report from him.

**17 Lay Member/Health & Safety**

Paul Thackray thought everything was under control.

**18 Immediate Past Chairman**

Keith had nothing to report.

**19 Ringwood & District Round Table**

The re-inauguration meeting will be at the London Tavern on 10 September. David Phelps had hoped Jim Stride would be at our meeting tonight as he has details of attendees, but he is on holiday. David thinks there are ten to twelve interested in joining. Round Table National Chairman, Paul Agnew, will be at the meeting. Publicity has been given to John Adams to distribute to the local newspapers. David has some regalia but is looking for more, especially the banner. Martin Hardwick reminded us that the rondel had been pinched at the carnival about twenty years ago. There is another committee meeting tomorrow night.

**20 Website**

Gordon had presented a draft version at the last Council meeting. Some changes had been made regarding what was included and what was open to the public. Hopefully there will be a presentation at the next Club meeting.

**21 Any Other Business**

Will Parke will be hosting a fireworks party again. He wanted guidance on the date as 5 November is on a Tuesday. That date was favoured by the meeting. No-one saw any problem with it not being a weekend.

Richard Dyson reported that the Regional Quiz will be on 16 October at the usual holiday park near Christchurch. Teams should be entered through Steve Wyatt.

Graham Hoyle informed us that a Spitfire will fly over Ibsley on 30 August as part of the "Sgt. Ray Dean and the Pilots of Ibsley Day".

Andrew Green will be away for the October and November Club meetings and needs a volunteer to collect meal money. He can show someone what is required at the September meeting.

It was David Phelps's birthday yesterday so we all sang Happy Birthday to him.

The raffle was won by John Morgan.

**22 Date of Next Council Meeting** - 17 September 2019 at St Leonards Hotel at 6.30 pm.

**23 Date of Next Club Meeting** - 17 September 2019 at St Leonards Hotel at 7.30 pm.

24 **The Meeting Closed at 10.55 pm.**