



## ***Bourne Freemasons Club (BFC)***

### **AGM Part 2 7.05pm Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Draft minutes**

Present: Ian Bratley Ian Greenfield, Ian Delaine Smith, Tony Elton, Ray Bowden, Anthony Hayes Bowden, Gareth Derbyshire, Ray Brooks

Apologies: Barrie Church, John Cooper, Nigel Lindley, Clifford Crump, Alistair Cowie, Roger Thorpe, Chris Taylor, Alan Farmer

The Chair welcomed everyone and read through the agenda highlighting the importance of having a full complement of both committee members and active Officers essential for the smooth running of the Club.

The chair then requested Ian Greenfield to read out the Hiring report – see appendix 1.

As the report from the Chair and the Treasurer had been presented at the previous meeting it was proposed that each report now having been heard by the members, be confirmed and entered into the minutes. This was agreed by all the members by show of hands.

The chair then proposed an amendment to the clubs constitution being to increase the number of active Officers previously listed to include a 'Hiring Officer' and a 'Bar Manager' due to their overall importance to the Club. This was agreed unanimously.

The chair continued with the election of officers once again highlighting that if we were unable to appoint every position through the current membership, then as per our constitution it then became the responsibility of Hereward Lodge and or Lodge of Aveland to find suitable candidates.

The following Committee members and Offices taken were agreed and approved unanimously.

Ian Bratley  
Ian Greenfield,  
Tony Elton  
Ray Bowden - **Safety Officer**  
Anthony Hayes Bowden,  
Gareth Derbyshire - **Treasurer**  
Ray Brooks,  
Barrie Church – **Vice Chairman**  
Nigel Lindley  
Clifford Crump - **Secretary**  
Roger Thorpe  
Mik Haynes – **Bar Manager**  
Rik Thomas

It was also noted that whilst there were more than 10 committee members-  
Rik Thomas was a representative of KT  
Ray Bowden was also a representative of Royal Arch  
Mik Haynes was a representative of the Athlestone

The chair was to write to the secretaries of Hereward and Aveland as soon as possible to seek remedy regarding the vacancies of Chairman and Hirings Officer.



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### **Any Other Business:**

Christmas decorations to be set out Sunday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec all welcome

Raffle prizes were requested for Christmas Lunch and I G to source crackers and trimmings

Vegetarian options for Christ lunch, Boiler service now due, RB to ask his colleague to attend, quiz to be arranged IG / Mike Dench to organise

### **Meeting ended 8.30pm**

### **Appendix 1 - Lettings officer report - As of 1st November 2023**

We continue to use the Hall and Temple as fully as possible, and I have précised below some of our bookings/activities through 2023:

The damaged stage has now been repaired, and thanks go to one of our Trustees for his help in this.

Yearly report – income from hiring out building – January 1 – October 30th, 2023.

The income from our regular hirers was in excess of £10,500.

This equates to an average of £1,053 per month, thus our yearly income is projected to be approximately £12,600 showing an approx increase of around 15% from last year. It can also be seen that Bar Takings are showing an increase in line with the additional usage.

As well as our regular hirers the building has also been used for other functions, these being chiefly:

Wedding Reception –fee charged, plus we provided a bar service.

Don't Lose Hope – have used the building twice. Second time it was given FOC as it was a thank you from Don't Lose Hope to all their volunteers (more than 70 people). (They actually paid us, but we donated it back to their charity). On both occasions we provided a bar service and takings from the bar on these 2 functions alone was more than £850.

We received a Charitable donation from one of the lodge members for allowing them to use the building for a Junior Football team Trophy presentation evening. As well as this we did provide a bar service.

We catered for 3 wakes at the Lodge, 2 of which were for families with a Masonic connection, therefore no fees were charged. The 3<sup>rd</sup> wake was charged a fee and we provided a bar service.

We gave the hall free of charge for Blood Cancer Research to hold a Race Night.

Golf Club – AGM and Christmas lunch etc. Have been charged for.

Other events still to take place are:

November – Golf AGM, and a meeting of the Armed Forces Lodge.

December – Golf Christmas lunch, Lodges Christmas lunch, Line Dance Christmas lunch.



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So apart from our regular hirers this shows a real increase in the casual usage and revenue through both income and bar profit generated.

### **Next year (2024).**

As per the minute from Septembers' minutes and after discussions with the Treasurer and Chair the fees for one off hirers were reviewed and from 1st Jan 2024 they will increase to £22.50 an hour - an increase of 28% and individual 4 hour bookings will increase to £80 - An increase of 20%. The updated hire form has been uploaded to our website.

Our 3 regular hirers will have their fees increased in line with inflation and individual letters showing their terms and yearly usage schedule are prepared and will be sent out by end November.

Capitation and fee charges to all Masonic orders have yet to be reviewed, however as there were some serious funding changes from May2023 it is unlikely that they will show a massive increase.

It is pertinent to note that we have a new individual booking from the Armed Forces lodge for a meeting in December this year. This may become an annual event.

There have been a few instances where the lack of cleaning after some of the orders using the lodge hall was brought into question and these housekeeping issues to be addressed more fully by the next committee meeting.

As mentioned earlier there have been occasions when we have given the hall FOC. I have received a total £135 in donations from some of these hirers. All who donated expressed a wish that it goes to Charity and in light of this and after discussion with the Chair this money has been donated to the local organisers of the Blood Cancer Charity.

It is evident when all these items are taken into account that we are showing a noticeable increase in the rental capability of the centre over 2023 and I am sure that will become visible when the end of year accounts are published.

As I am not continuing on the BFM committee, I will need to know who to hand over to. Once that is known, I will email our 3 hirers to give them new contact details. I will send out invoices up to the end of November too, if necessary – please advise soonest.

I will provide the new Lettings officer with a memory stick with relevant files, a folder with invoices for last year as well as the circulation list of the same. I will also forward the proposed daily schedule of all meetings (XL Worksheet) which the new Hiring's officer will need to keep updated for 2024 which is displayed on the notice board and online.

**Ian Greenfield**