

BOURNE FREEMASONS CLUB – MINUTES

A meeting of Bourne Freemasons Club was held at the Masonic Centre, Roman Bank, Bourne on 20th September 2022. The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Ian Greenfield, Ian Bratley, Roger Thorpe, Nigel Lindley

APOLOGIES:

Apologies had been received from Ray Brooks, Michael Haynes, Peter Flint and Graham Allen

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chair and Secretary

MATTERS ARISING:

Capitation fees.

In view of the current economic climate and following our previous discussions, we agreed to reduce the capitation fees from their current level of £31.50 to £20 per member. In addition we also request that the Hereward Chapter be included in the capitation scheme to pay a pro rata rate of just £10 per member. We would charge all other side degrees £60 per meeting. This provides a similar amount than previously received and appears to be the most equitable way forward which we believe will maintain our overall membership.

Hiring Fees: Both Bridge club and Line Dancing have verbally committed to continuing their hire requirements for 2023, knowing there will be a rise in prices and I await the expected confirmation from B2Dance.

As the hiring fees and bar profit account for over 85% of our revenue, current inflationary pressures dictate that we increase our hourly rate to them by approx 10%. It was therefore agreed that the new rates will be:

Hire of hall £18.00 per hour but with break points of a 4hr slot £65, 8hr slot £120 etc

Bar prices to rise as they would normally in line with inflation.

Catering Tender.

Following lengthy discussions it was decided that there was no need at the moment to put catering out for tender and that the next review for catering would be Sept 2023.

We had notification prior to our meeting that Georgina's prices are not going to rise this season 2022/2023, however she would appreciate an agreed minimum number of covers per meeting which was considered a very practical suggestion. The committee considered 20 for Aveland, Hereward and Chapter and 15 from the side degrees would be a fair solution. Current prices for meals therefore remains at £15 - 4 courses & £13.50 - 3 courses. The current menus were also discussed and it was decided to review these before our next meeting. A gas service inspection for the kitchen ranges and dishwasher has also been organised with Shaun Reynolds which is now due.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Following the communication regarding our electricity supply, Western Power emailed us to say that an engineer was to come and inspect our electricity meter. Engineer duly arrived 5th August but as yet we have had no communication from them since then.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Expenditure: Business Rates this year are likely to be approx £4500, lower than previously thought however next year's rates demand are likely to be higher. Other significant utility costs will undoubtedly rise through inflation and estimate our costs this year will be in the region of £14000. We as the BFC are awaiting our rent demand from the Landlords (£960) In addition the resurfacing of the car park was £10000 as a contribution to the Landlords..

Revenue: Currently our projected Hiring revenue remains at £10500, Profit from bar will be approx £2000 and capitation and fees already received from other degrees, lodges and orders has been £2668 thus our overall revenue is likely to be £15168

Our balance at the bank 02/09/22 of £28488

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT:

Held over until next meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

All to be considered at the next meeting

Car Park 'lines'

Décor – Bar and hall

Bar & security Grill

Grounds Maintenance

Members and Officers 2022/23

One of the Electric heaters in the Temple does not work,

The cooler cabinet in the bar needs replacing

Timing of AGM to be decided

Signed

Date

THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: This will be an ordinary meeting followed by the AGM, date to be announced