



RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.

Those Present:

Bob Booth, Neale East, Simon Bowler, Marion Buss, Liz Oliver, Paul Wooley, Francis & Sandra Warren, Patsy Hughes, Irene Cuthbert, Jaquie Rowe, Willie & Alisha Wicking, Carol Arnold, Ian Foster, David Wood, Margaret O'Neil,

1. Apologies for absence

Brian Cutting, Sandra, John & Seana Lanigan, Francis Rowe, Pete the Fence, James Foster, Natalie Wadey, Lawrence Chivers, Liz Beecham, Rita Kirk, Brian Gasson, Pipa Pooke, Dave Barnes, Wayne Wadey, Chris Chivers, Kevin Mayhew, Joan Ridgers, Ruth Palmer, Andy Tollett, Paul Carey, Charlie Carey, John Kent, Vanessa Smith, Peter Mackay, Malcolm Mayhew, Margaret Stoodley, Elizabeth Mitchel, Julian Cheese, David Lawton,

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were passed as a true record.

Proposed : Simon Bowler

Seconded : Patsy Hughes

3. Matters arising

Hessian has been delivered, but it was noted that members of BONCO would be looking at coordinating supplies of hessian for future years, further details to follow.

Torches are being done, but was noted that staffs and wire both needed to complete the job.

4. Correspondence

Contact has been made by Skybus Ballooning with a view to mounting a basket with burners as a float in this year's parade. It was agreed in principle with the proviso that any health & safety concerns raised are addressed.

Action: Paul Carey/Ian Foster

Invites received from :

Newick (29 Oct)	-	No
Eastbourne (01 Oct)	-	Yes (note no bus)
Northiam (08 Oct)	-	Yes (note request for marshals)

Southover not coming to Rye

Neale reported that he was confident that he had covered the BONCO societies but not so the bands and floats etc. Ian said he would cover these. Neale to make contact with Buckswood School to see if they have a band they would like to bring along.

5. Treasurer's report

Ian reported that the accounts are looking healthy with no issues, fundraising has gone well.

Insurance now done, cost just £100 more than last year. Ian to send copy of certificate for passing to Societies organising events that Rye attend to Neale.

St John Ambulance booked, as was Elva recovery.

6. Membership

Neale reported that including new members there were 112 paid up members on the books.

The following 17 new members were proposed and accepted :

Unna & Jamie Sutton-Sherwin, Robert & Caren Draper, Claire Sutton & Keith Twine, Nicola Vernon & Steven Tomkins, Gemma Farrow, Joanne & Tony Wallis, Steven & Clare Wilkinson, Mary Foster & Tom Nicolaysen, Geoff Bennett & Sheila West

Proposed : Simon Bowler

Seconded : Ian Foster

7. Safety Issues

No issues have been highlighted to date, Highways & Rother road closure orders have been done (it was noted that Highways had no complaints last year - the best ever year).

Digital radios have been ordered, hopefully a big improvement in quality of communication on the night!

8. Fund Raising

Patsy reported that she had handed to Ian £56.10 from Jimper's bucket.

Garden Party at Rae Festing's made £400 but it was noted that not many members turned up to help on the day and numbers down. Possibly due to the amount of other events that day.

Ruth will liaise with Ian regarding the Christmas Raffle; Ian reported that he was set to print in the next couple of days.

Further details and events to follow once confirmed..

9. Any other business

Ian reported that production of this year's programme is well in hand, adverts have been mailed out, invoices done, Sandra will liaise with Ian.

Neale to supply obituaries for the programme for Jimper & John.

Ian asked if any members had any pictures from last year that could be included.

Neale reported that the supplier of the T Shirts had run out of stock of the Large size, it was hoped to take delivery by the October meeting.

Ian has taken delivery of more top hats in size 60 at £18 for members, £20 for non members.

Parade, Collectors & Marshalls badges have all been ordered (200 parade badges have been ordered, double last year).

Patsy reported that fundraising has started for the John Izod Memorial Bus; first event will be a Fashion Show in the Town Hall. Further details of events to follow. The aim is to have the bus commissioned on John's 82nd Birthday in May 2017.

It was noted that Rother will endeavour to uphold the ban of street traders this year, however restrictions only apply to the citadel area and only for static traders. No powers to prevent mobile traders. It is understood that Rother's Enforcement Officer will be in attendance.

It was noted that Clancy Docra had offered their services to other societies to deliver and collect traffic cones. Ian to make contact..

Ian will make enquiries regarding car parking at East Guideford.

10. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 12 October at 8pm in the Queen's Head.