



RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.

Those Present:

Bob Booth, Neale East & Jackie Brooks, Simon Bowler, Francis Warren, Rita Kirk, Brian Gasson, Paul Carey, Paul Woolley & Liz Oliver, Jaquie Rowe, Debbie Vliers, Marion Buss, Robert Draper, Patsy Hughes, Christine Chivers, Irene Cuthbert, Joan Ridgers, Ruth Palmer, Malcolm Mayhew, Ian Foster, Brian Cutting, Dave Barnes, Carol Arnold (24)

1. Apologies for absence

Sandra Warren, Francis Rowe, Pete the Fence, James Foster, Heidi Foster, Andy Tollett, John Kent, Charlie Carey, Julian Cheese, Ray Palmer, Emma, Hannah & Charlotte Moon, Kevin Mayhew, Caren Draper, Mags Ivatts, Margaret O'Neil, Irna Mortlock, Lawrence Chivers, Vanessa Smith & Peter Mackay, Seana Lanigan, David Lawton, Mr Timothy Watson Esq.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Proposed : Paul Carey Seconded : Simon Bowler

3. Matters arising

It was agreed that some financial provision would need to be put in place for the 2019 Bonfire, being the 25th Anniversary of the 'new' Society. It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting for further discussion. **Neale to add to the next Agenda.**

Marion reported last month that she had spoken to Timmy and he seemed up for doing a concert at the Rye Community Centre. It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting for further discussion. **Neale to add to the next Agenda.**

4. Correspondence, Secretary & Membership

Participation in Rye Mayor Making – email rec'd from Rye Town Council thanking RBS for participation and asking for feedback. It was agreed that Neale tactfully respond highlighting issue with the parade, and offer support for next year if needed. **Neale to write.**

Invites received from the following societies :

23 September	-	Burgess Hill	No
07 October	-	Eastbourne	Yes
14 October	-	Hastings	Yes

Ruth asked that when responding we ask if our Ryebellion drummers could process with Rye. **Neale to write accordingly.**

Membership - Neale reported that there are currently 48 paid up members.

The following applications for membership have been received and were approved:

Jackie Brooks & Rose & Ilona Dearden.

Proposed : Margaret O'Neill Seconded : Ruth Palmer

Charitable Donations

It was confirmed that the following groups would be granted awards for the 2017 round of donations to be presented in June **Neale to add to the Agenda**

Rye Community Transport (£1,000)	Air Ambulance (£250)
Peasmarsh Recreation Ground (£250)	Rye Cubs & Scouts (£250)
Rye Day Centre (£250)	Canterbury Oast Trust (Rye) (£250)
Rye Community Centre (£250)	Rye Sea Cadets (£250)
Playden WI Hall (£250)	

Proposed : Simon Bowler Seconded : Dave Barnes

It was noted that the unusually high donation to the Rye Community Transport was a one off in support of the new John Izod Memorial bus; Simon Bowler wished it to be recorded that he would not like to see substantially larger donations to any one cause to become a precedent.

Ian agreed to pass Neale contact details to make contact with groups invite to next meeting for presentation (with the exception of Francis – Peasmarsh Rec, Jackie – Sea Cadets, Simon – Playden VH).

5. Treasurer's report

Ian tabled the accounts to date, copies available to members on request.

6. Fundraising

Auction of Promises

Ruth reported that arrangements all in hand with donations coming in thick and fast, no outstanding issues not covered.

Rita agreed to make contact with Pricilla Ryan's daughters regarding possible John Ryan donation. **Rita to Action.**

It was noted that :

- Brian offered to provide back-up PA.
- Helpers to walk items round to show to the customers as items are called by Jimmy confirmed as Malcolm, Kevin and Neale.

Clay Shoot

Confirmed for Sunday 16 July. No progress with Risk Assessment from either John or Willie. Neale to draft Risk Assessment based on guidelines produced by the BASC (British Association of Shooting and Conservation) for circulation prior to June meeting for discussion. **Neale to action.**

It was agreed that each station should have radio communications with the control tent, first aid kits on site, and all crew be fully briefed on the operation of the equipment and emergency procedures.

It was agreed that the competition would be for the following cups - Top Gun, 1st, 2nd, 3rd highest scores. It was agreed that cups would be presented as a one off as getting winners to return for next year is nigh on impossible!

Garden Party – 12 August 2017

Ruth reported that due to Mrs Festing recovering from surgery that her garden is not available this year. However, Ruth has arranged to hold the Garden Fete in garden of the Mariner's in Rye High Street. Further details to follow once confirmed. Jackie kindly offered to bake some yummy cakes.

7. Any Other Business

Joan suggested that next year's 'Not the Bonfire Dinner' could be held in the Tudor Room at the Mermaid Inn with a discotheque. It was agreed that Joan could get quotes for further discussion. Brian Gasson volunteered his services in providing music & lights. **Neale to add to next Agenda**

8. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2017

at 8pm in the Queen's Head (booked).