



RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.

The Chairman thanked all members for their hard work over the year which has enabled donations to the following groups:

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)	

Those Members Present:

Bob Booth, Neale East & Jackie Brooks, Simon Bowler, Francis Warren, Brian Gasson, Paul Woolley & Liz Oliver, Debbie Vliers, Marion Buss, Robert Draper, Patsy Hughes, Christine Chivers, Joan Ridgers, Ruth Palmer, Malcolm Mayhew, Ian Foster, Dave Barnes, James Foster, Heidi Foster, David Lawton, Sandra Warren (22)

1. Apologies for absence

Francis Rowe, Pete the Fence, 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, Pippa Pook, Seana Lanigan, Irene Cuthbert, Mr Timothy Watson Esq. Rita Kirk, Paul Carey, Brian Cutting, Carol Arnold, Jaquie Rowe.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Proposed : Paul Wooley 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 set up a 25th Anniversary Fund.

Joan reported that she had been in contact with the Mermaid regarding holding next year's 'Not the Bonfire Dinner' in the Tudor Room at the Mermaid Inn with a discotheque; they had responded with a quote of £29.00 for two courses, £35.00 for three. No charge for the room. It was suggested that members could look at alternative venues in Rye and to carry forward to next month. **Neale to add to next Agenda.**

4. Correspondence, Secretary & Membership

Invites received from the following societies:

21 October	Seaford	-	No
04 November	Edenbridge	-	No

Robert asked for a list of events Rye (and Ryebellion) will be attending to date. Neale will bring to next meeting. **Neale to action.**

It was agreed that Rye's invite could be issued to all in BONCO (including Cliff) on the same basis as last year. **Neale to action.**

Membership - Neale reported that there are currently 65 paid up members.

5. Treasurer's report

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

6. Fundraising

Auction of Promises

Francis recorded a vote of thanks for all for all the hard work in making the Auction such a success, to date the amount raised stands at a record £5,922.00 with one outstanding payment to come.

Clay Shoot

Confirmed for Sunday 16 July from 1030hrs to 1400hrs at Lea Farm, Rye Foreign (A268, Rye Road). Preparations well underway. Risk assessment adopted as circulated, Dave requested a copy be sent in the post. **Neale to action.**

It was agreed that each station should have radio communications with the control tent (**Ian to hire**), first aid kits on site (**John Kent**), and all crew be fully briefed on the operation of the equipment and emergency procedures (**Dave Barnes**).

Neale reported on an email received from Rita, *Francis has recovered the John Izod Trophy and we are having the name of the winner engraved on it as promised.*

Because of this we propose getting trophies for the 1st, 2nd and third winners as in the past and if the meeting agrees, we will give it one more try with the John Izod Trophy i.e. the winner will get a special John Izod Trophy for winning this

particular event and his name will be engraved on the main cup which will remain with us, The Bonfire Society.

I believe that we paid up front last year for this engraving - Paul is digging out the receipts for same.

This means that we forget about the Top Gun Trophy that Paul suggested as we already have quite an outlay on trophies already but keep it in mind for next year if we have a problem again with recovering the Trophy for engraving.

Marion kindly agreed to co-ordinate the catering.

Garden Party – 12 August 2017

Ruth confirmed that it has been arranged to hold the Garden Fete in garden of the Mariner's in Rye High Street. Times 1030 to 1500, would any member who can help please contact Ruth before the next meeting.

Ian confirmed that he has several items left over from the Auction that could be raffled off on the day. Ruth is hoping to have a cake stall, live music, plant stall and tombola.

Fundraising Concert

It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting for further discussion. Neale to add to the next Agenda.

7. Any Other Business

Ruth reported that; requests have gone out for marshals for the Rye Festival of Sea on 22 July would any member be free that day to lend a hand? Would Bonfire be able to enter a raft, or team in the Tug of War? Neale to add to the next Agenda.

Francis reported that arrangements for hessian for torches is in hand in conjunction with Robertsbridge.

It was confirmed that the Burning Boat will be checked over, it is not anticipated that there will be any problems.

Patsy reported that Rita is a winner in the 200 Club draw.

8. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 12 July 2017

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