**RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB**

**MINUTES OF CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Held on 17 December 2019 at St Leonards at 7.30 pm

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| 1 | **Purposes and Objects**These were read by Roger Bettle followed by grace read by Arthur Robins. |
| 2 | **Apologies**Apologies had been received from Keith Anderson and John Quint. |
| 3 | **Guests**The guests were:-Mike Edwards and Steve Murcell, both prospective members and guests of Bob. Merrett.Jim Stride, guest of Richard BlackistonPresident Nigel Hawkins and eight other members from Bournemouth 5. |
| 4 | **Entertainer**Our entertainer, Wayne the Weird was introduced by Ian Stockdale. Wayne treated us to some jokes and impressive magic with props including hoovers, Rubik’s cubes and staplers. He also did some tricks at close quarters around the table and demonstrated how some tricks could be performed by us. |
| 5 | **Minutes of Last Meeting**The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November were taken as read. |
| 6 | **Matters Arising**None |
| 7 | **Correspondence**We had received a thank you email from Flying Scholarships for the Disabled. Our donation plus the collecting box came to nearly £100. |
| 8 | **Chairman’s Comments**Gordon reported that Ringwood Round Table was doing well. There are 18 or 19 prospective members and they are aiming for the charter meeting which should be in April.Help is needed to reform a 41 Club in New Milton. It would be good if we could assist with this as New Milton Round Table was the sponsor for our own Table.Derek Lynas had suggested Ringwood Day Care Centre as a beneficiary of Christmas card donations. Council felt this was a very worthy cause and would be proposing that 50% be given to them. Gordon asked for suggestions for other local charities. Mike Callaghan asked about the National President’s charity. |
| 9 | **Vice Chairman**Richard told us that the Book and Pen is now held by Gordon.Ladies Night payments and meal choices would be appreciated. |
| 10 | **Treasurer**. Andrew had nothing in particular to report.  |
| 11 | **Sports & Social**Colin Read has circulated everyone attending the New Year’s Eve party but has only had 6 acknowledgments. Any queries should be addressed to David Curle!  |
| 12 | **Membership & Welfare**David reported that Hugh Edwards is making steady progress.John Green is still in hospital and should have test results tomorrow.David Hirst is “working on” the two prospective members who were interviewed just before the meeting. 28 day letters will be issued shortly.John Adams had suggested a “Burns Night” for Jimmy Gordon. This will be a lunch in January, attendance by invitation only. There will not be a meal but the haggis will be piped in and there will be whisky. David will make the necessary arrangements. |
| 13 | **Editor**Bob told us that the copy date is 6 January. |
| 14 | **Speakers’ Secretary**Gordon congratulated Ian Stockdale and David Phelps for the entertainerNext month is the joint meeting with Tangent.  |
| 15 | **Meals Secretary**John Quint was away. Gordon felt the meal and service had both been good. |
| 16 | **Press & Publicity**John Adams needed items of interest to the general public to get coverage in the local press. |
| 17 | **Lay Member/Health & Safety**Paul had nothing to report. |
| 18 | **Immediate Past Chairman** Keith was a late apology due to a family commitment and there was nothing to report. |
| 19 | **Any Other Business** Nigel Hawkins thanked us for a good evening and toasted Ringwood Ex Tablers Club. He advertised their President’s Night on 14 March at the Miramar Hotel. His wife is Tangent President and it would be great if some of us could attend.John Kennedy is taking a group to the latest Star Wars movie on 10 January and asked if anyone else was interested.A number of jokes were told and Martin Hardwick treated us to his unique version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.There were two raffle prizes. Colin Read won the bottle of Black Stump and Bob Merrett won a bottle of Sauvignon.John Kennedy acted as Master at Arms and fined a number of people for various misdemeanours. The competition of the worst tie was won by Simon Head from Bournemouth 5. |
| 20 | **Date of Next Council Meeting** -14 January at David Phelps’s at 7.30 pm. |
| 21 | **Date of Next Club Meeting** – Joint Meeting 21 January at St Leonards Hotel at 7.30 pm. |
| 22 | **The Meeting Closed at** 10.59 pm. |