**RINGWOOD & DISTRICT EX TABLERS CLUB**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on 15 October 2019 at St Leonards Hotel at 7.30 pm

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| 1 | **Purposes and Objects**  These were read by Chris Kean followed by grace read by Steve Wyatt.. |
| 2 | **Apologies**  Apologies had been received from Mike Fraser, Andrew Green, Derek Matthews, Derek Scott and Peter Walker. |
| 3 | **Guests**  Mike Edwards, guest of Bob Merrett. |
| 4 | **Speaker**  Robin Cook gave a very informative talk about the history of Harrods and his time working there. John Clough gave the vote of thanks. |
| 5 | **Minutes of Last Meeting**  The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September were taken as read. |
| 6 | **Matters Arising**  None. |
| 7 | **Region 23 National Councillor**  Richard Dyson had been to his first National Board meeting as Area Councillor and had received his gong, which he displayed. This is the first time anyone from Ringwood has held a National post. Ringwood Table was the talk of the town and the speed with which it had been reformed was much admired. There is a chance that this will be on the front cover of the next National magazine. |
| 8 | **Correspondence**  We have received an invitation to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November. Gordon and Angela will attend and he will lay a wreath. Martin Hardwick will also go.  We have also received an invite to Bournemouth President’s Night on 14 March 2020 at the Miramar Hotel. This is their Ladies Night and is a black tie event costing £38 per head.  Ringwood Rotary Club have a fund raising event at Ringwood Parish Church on 30 November This is Handel’s Messiah performed by Fordingbridge Choral Society. Tickets are £15 each. |
| 9 | **Chairman’s Comments**  Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance were very appreciative of our donation of £750 even though it was a drop in the ocean of their annual budget of £7.5 million.  Gordon is going to a Wareham 41 Club meeting on 13 November, taking an ex neighbour who used to be a Tabler. Gordon is also intending to go to the Christchurch 41 Club meeting on 3 December.  Gordon announced that there would be port after the coffee. 21 October is Trafalgar Day and England are ahead of France in Pool C of the Rugby World Cup, which should be celebrated. The port must be passed to the left as per Navy tradition. |
| 10 | **Vice Chairman**  Richard promoted Ladies Night. Over 60 have booked in. |
| 11 | **Treasurer**.  Andrew had submitted a written report which was read by Gerald Carter. The balance in the account after allowing for all commitments is approximately £1,850. All subscriptions were paid by the end of June. Christmas card money needs to be paid as soon as possible, preferably by BACs but cheque or cash is acceptable. |
| 12 | **Sports & Social**  Colin Read said numbers were not yet critical for the New Year’s Eve Party. However, someone from each table need to contact him or David Curle as there was a pantomime theme for the evening and they did not want duplication of pantos. See page 11 of the magazine for more details.  Gordon is intending to hold Christmas drinks on 7 December. Details to follow.  Jeff Wickens mentioned that our entry in the Carnival had won third prize. Just over £6,000 had been raised from buckets and collections in pubs.  John Kennedy informed us that sixteen Club members are going to Dorset Knobs at the Captain’s Club in Christchurch on 15 November. The event is sold out and car sharing would be advisable as parking is limited.  The visit to Poole Greyhounds has been postponed due to lack of numbers.  John Harper, along with Will Parke and Jeff Wickens had attended the Area 45 President’s Sail weekend. This has been going for about twenty years and Will found out about it through his old Table. There were about 80 people on 13 yachts, most of which were chartered from Lymington. There was a dinner at the Royal Ocean Racing Club but the entertainment (a Roy Chubby Brown tribute act) was awful and many walked out. John’s boat is quite small so maybe a larger one could be chartered in future years.  Richard thanked Mike Callaghan for helping with the Christmas Card. More entries for the photo competition for the card would be welcome.  Numbers were taken for Bonfire Night at the Parke’s. |
| 13 | **Membership & Welfare**  David had no news on Membership but under Welfare he reported on Hugh Edwards. Hugh came home from hospital last Monday. He is making good progress and can walk with help but his speech is still badly affected. He is having lots of treatment and tires easily. He only wants visits from people he knows well and these need to be arranged through Lorna. Friends from the Golf Society and the Club generally are keeping in touch with Hugh and will keep David in the loop.  Peter Lomax mentioned that he and Richard Carter had visited Hugh together and this was helpful as they could talk about Club and golf without Hugh having to say much. David is to organise flowers from the Club for Lorna. |
| 14 | **Editor**  Bob told us the copy date is 4 November. However, there is some flexibility as he will be able to include Bonfire Night photos. |
| 15 | **Speakers’ Secretary**  On 20 November the speaker is Tim Price whose subject is the Royal International Air Tattoo. He is Jenny Stockdale’s cousin.  David and Ian are close to finalising an entertainer for the Christmas meeting.  The joint meeting in January will be an Antiques Road Show. A second antique dealer has been found.  The entertainment at the Fellowship meeting in February will be the competition for Melvyn’s Mug |
| 16 | **Meals Secretary**  John had nothing in particular to report.  Colin Read thanked Gordon for supplying the port. |
| 17 | **Press & Publicity**  John is rehearsing for a play. He had submitted a written report to the effect that he has sent articles to local publications about the reforming of Ringwood Round Table and the cheque presentation to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance |
| 18 | **Lay Member/Health & Safety**  Paul had submitted a written report stating that risk assessments were being received for all relevant events. |
| 19 | **Immediate Past Chairman**  Keith reminded us of the bike ride 7 November, start at 10.30 am. He also mentioned the November film nights. |
| 20 | **Website**  Gordon reported that the beta version is now up and running with a temporary password. He needs feedback and copy about the Club’s history. There is an National competition for websites as well as the one for magazines and Gordon wants us to enter both.  We now have a domain name – ringwood-extablers/org. Three year’s hosting has been purchased for £173 and this includes 10 gb storage. When the website goes live after 31 October the password will change.  Webmasters will be needed. Initially these will be John Quint, Gordon Knott and Richard Carter. It was important that the Vice Chairman was involved to keep the momentum going.  Gordon also made the point that the website is in addition to the magazine and will not replace it. |
| 21 | **Any Other Business**  Richard Dyson has three copies of the National Calendar for sale for next year and can get more if needed. One of his photos is in it. The cost is £7.50 of which £2.50 is for production and the remaining £5 will go to the National President’s charity.  Mike Edwards brought greetings from Chandlers Ford 41 Club. He has signed up for some future events and is impressed with how active our Club is.  Will Parke told us that we have a team in the Area Quiz tomorrow.  The raffle was drawn by Mike Edwards and was won by Robin Cook. As he had already left David Phelps took the bottle of Black Stump to deliver to him. |
| 22 | **Date of Next Council Meeting** 19 November 2019 at Gordon Knott’s at 7.30 pm |
| 23 | **Date of Next Club Meeting** Wednesday 20 November 2019 at St Leonards Hotel at 7.30 pm |
| 24 | **The Meeting Closed at** 11.25 pm. |