

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 10 March 2005

Those present were: Stuart Bond, Stella Bozant, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Bridget Gaskill, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull, Geoff Larcombe, Richard Morton, Stephen Spencer, Christine White and Roy White.

Apologies were received from Lynda Heseltine and Alan Hooker.

Election of Chairman

1. As required, SB stood down as Chairman and the Secretary established there had been no other candidates. NC proposed that he be re-instated. This was seconded by Roy White and he was elected unopposed.

Gala Day 2005

2. SB confirmed that the Viking re-enactment group had been engaged for Gala Day. The minutes of the Town Council meeting showed that facilities would be provided for the group's members overnight and that the Town Council were supportive of the initiative. CW and RW offered to supply the group with wood in the event that there were any last minute issues related to HF's arrangements.

3. SB confirmed that one of the affiliated groups would put on a display of Thai Boxing, Muay Thai thanks to LH for making the arrangements.

4. ShB reported that P Ellington was actively considering the event planned for the schools. After some discussion it was agreed that ShB would contact Cambridge City FC to see if they could help to run a soccer skills event for all the children of the area. ShB further suggested a Tug 'o War event. She said that for H & S reasons the rope would need to be stress tested. SB noted that Peter Irving had offered a rope if required.

5. **Actions for 2006:** EH to check on availability and cost of sheep-dog trial event and SS to investigate the feasibility of a Fire Brigade beer keg water jetting display. Anticipate early bookings to secure the main attractions now.

Balloon Race 2005 Gala Day

6. CW and RW reported on the progress of the Balloon Race. They believed that 400 would be a reasonable number of balloons at a total cost of £129.00. NC said that MM and WM had agreed to offer a meal for two as a prize. PH suggested that if the CA wanted to offer a meal for four as a prize we should pay for the other half. SB said that small gifts with a local connection e.g. tablemats, should be offered to those who returned the balloon ticket from the furthest location. StB suggested that cinema tickets for a family of four would be a good prize. SS agreed to investigate the possibility of Cineworld donating the prize.

Action: Confirm at next meeting and advise Peter Heseltine please for entry in Bridge mag.

7. ShB said that if REACT were not available for the parade she had seen an advertisement for police offer to assist at local events. **ShB and CO to check with AS and proceed as appropriate. Advise SB so appropriate details can be include in letter to Sector Commander.**

8. SB warned that Marex may not be available to run the bar. **Action: SB to contact Marex for Sat & Sun.** He asked for suggestions for possible substitutes.

Duck Race

9. RM formally handed over all responsibility for the Duck Race to NC.

10. PH reported that planning for **Picnic in the Park was well advanced.** St John's had been booked as well as the boats, the marquee, the security and the bands. In the light of SB's comments about Marex, the bar would need to be booked. **Action: SB to write to the Police.**

11. SB said that it was necessary for **the Trustees of the CA to meet before mid April.** He would contact them to make the arrangements.

12. **The next meeting of the CA would be on Thursday, 14th April.**