

Minutes of the Penkridge Gentlemen Spoofers Bi-Monthly Meeting
Held on the 11th April 2018 at the Cross Keys

Present:

Mr Harrison Snr, Mr Hawkins, Mr Harrison Jnr, Mr Southan, Mr Hampton, Mr Briscoe, Mr Laughland, Mr Wright

Apologies :

Mr Adams, Mr Bickford, Mr Archer, Mr Foster, Mr Turner, Mr Kilkenny,



1. Introduction
2. Absences (as above) – with 8 members present a Quorum was established.
3. Minutes of last meeting
Actions from the 9th February meeting were carried forward as part of this agenda.
4. Amendments to the constitution.
The revised constitution (Issue 2) approved at the last meeting has now been posted on the website.
5. Communication
 - Use of 'What's App' was discussed with the following process starting on 1st May.
 - All cumulative fines as at the end of April to be paid using the online banking process by the end of May.
 - From May, on the 'Banter' Group, there will be no fines. As a trial and until the next meeting and in order to generate more banter and fun and to relieve the MoE of the process of reviewing and recording of fines, it was agreed that spelling and names would no longer constitute a fine.
 - Use of Banter Group TRIAL - MoE / Quizmaster role – the nominated person for a month will now be charged with raising an approximate net target of £30 per month from the innovative use of quizzes / bets that will cost each member no more than £2.50 per month (£35 monthly total for the group) – winners of such games will receive a reduction in their £2.50 contribution according to the quizmaster month end report. The £35 is roughly equivalent to the average monthly fines raised recently. This Trial is to last a couple of months and can be reviewed at the end of June.
 - Mr Hawkins will do a Grand National sweepstake - £2 per person – 1st place £7 – 2nd Place £4 - 3rd place £2 – Charity £15. The £2 will be collected by adding 4 fines to each member and reduced accordingly for winners.
 - However, the standards of etiquette, particularly with regards to language and respect to members are to be rigorously maintained by self-discipline and only in extraordinary cases will the MoE / quizmaster deem it necessary to apply a monetary reprimand.
6. Payment of fines, subscriptions donations & expenses
 - Online bank details to be circulated as soon as possible and missing subscriptions for 2018 to be chased by Mr Adams for payment by the end of May.
 - Fines to the end of April to be paid online by the end of May.
 - Local causes to be considered on ad hoc basis.
7. Membership
 - Current membership remains at 14.
 - The criteria around applications and aspirations of membership numbers are still to be considered.
8. Officers Reports
 - Secretary – Nothing to report
 - Treasurer – Nothing to report
 - Sales Officer – Nothing to report
 - Vice Chair / Webmaster – A blog and photograph has been added to the website recording the PGS Masters won in great style by Mr Southan.
 - Chairman - Nothing to report
9. Officers
 - It was noted that some positions may require a Deputy to cover / shadow a role for transition / absence.
Any members wishing to participate in officer roles are to make themselves available to the chair.

10. 2018 Events

- The event formats were discussed specifically around the June 'Invitational' with various options discussed. The room at the Gaol or the Reading Rooms to be booked asap by Mr Wright / Mr Harrison Senior.
- Members to ask various Penkridge residents to see if they want to participate with a potential maximum of 30. Please report interest to the Chair by the end of April.
- Bi-monthly Meetings – dates for the diary - All dates are on the website.
 - Friday 8th June (PGS Invitational)
 - Friday 10th August – **moved from Wednesday 8th**
 - Friday 10th October (PGS Classic)
 - AGM Friday 14th December – **moved from Wednesday 12th**.
 - Annual Championships – Saturday 24th November

11. Community Events / Spoofing Societies

- Fun Run on the 1st July
Ways to participate were considered with the aim of raising money for the nominated charity.
First Responders to be asked by Mr Hawkins for T shirts / buckets as they have offered them for collecting money on the day.
All available members to attend to walk / play and assist in fund raising at Haling Dene.
The possibility / arrangement of a table game for a stall at the event to be investigated by Mr Briscoe.
- Engagement with Other Spoofing Groups
Agreed that we join World Spoofers. The Chair has progressed with no response to several e-mails.

12. AOB

- Mr Southan requested that we should not lose sight of the fun side of the group. In addition, to the occasional formal meetings and the competitions it would be good to have a couple of additional social events (over and above an impromptu meet in the village for a Friday night pint) Mr Harrison Senior asked if Mr Southan would look to organise a couple of Friday night social events during the remainder of the year – Mr Southan duly agreed.
- It was further suggested by Mr Southan that all scheduled midweek meetings be re-arranged to a Friday so that beers and a social including a game of spoof, can ensue. Members will be requested to vote on this last point.

Nothing more was raised and the meeting closed at 8:45pm.