

SOS Meeting - Weds 15th December 2021 - 7:45 PM via Zoom

Attendees: Kelly Ambrosini (chair), Dave Reynolds, Lisa Knight, Anthony Knight, Sue Clarke, Dene Clarke, John Raw, Samantha Townsend, Colin White, Michelle Armstrong (minutes)

Apologies: Trevor Horner, Paul Harle

Financial update

- SC - ST has been reimbursed for her donation. Current balance £2400 + £252.45 cash
- AK is on now named on the bank account so we have 2 signatories.
- Accounting arrangements - do we stick with the same accountant? SC wants to stick as it's late in the day, will aim to get accounts to them by end of Jan then look at a more specialised accountant for CICs next year. Everyone agrees.
- SC - need to get rid of some money. Will reimburse MA, CW & SJ for cabinet materials.
>ACTION - CW to forward invoice to Sue.
- DR - request to pay for some flooring for the middle room. Something functional & hard-wearing.
>ACTION - MA to get her contact Garry to quote. Take measurements to Franks aswell.
>ACTION - MA to contact Danielle Smith to book an evening of clairvoyance.

Vol hrs

- DC - hours logged - Oct 86, Nov 94, Dec to date 30 total 753.
- MA - How do we log hrs if on committee? DC - submit & he will decide what to log.

Event planning - KC - been full on, let's review what has been successful/ not...

Quingo - works at the moment. SC - keep as is in a larger space while covid is on the rise. KC - it is onerous. Suggestion - we rotate to spread the load. JR - offers to write January's. Request for last set of questions. AK - will do pop quingo.
>ACTION - DC - to forward templates.

Rail exhibition

JR - would like to do another. Sun 17th July.
>ACTION - CW to confirm date at committee meeting.

Paranormal investigation - carried fwd to Thurs 21st Jan.

'Steam at the Stute' - Anth Coulls would like to progress this as an event idea.

KA - look to put something on for *Fri 3rd Jun- Queen's Platinum jubilee*. Maybe something for the committee to look into?

The Moobs band. >ACTION - SC to confirm a date with Hazel.

19/03 - 1940s night - DR has booked Wor Vera. Alan Ellwood wants to commemorate the bomber.

Sat 14/05 Frank and the hotdogs Country & Western.

Northern Soul/ SKA/ Motown Night -

>ACTION - CW to liaise with P McCormick.

Lounge Saturdays - committee idea - CW suggests he books Bosko. Small door charge to cover the fee. MA - look to do early summer due to covid situation.

AK - let's do a 'what's coming up' banner for the foyer. To discuss at the next meeting.

Mark Hammie Hammond - for the bar or lounge maybe on a bank holiday.

Ska Sunday -

>ACTION - CW to progress the idea with Paul Strophair.

Other definites when time allows

G&T - look to put on again when covid situation is better.

Cheese Night - Theo Cheeseman from Hunwick

Murder Mystery - Tall Tales

Iain Mindwraith - Alternative night -

>ACTION - DR to email him with a view to putting it on winter 2022.

05/02 - Mews Reunion - ticket price - £3/ 3.50 online only.

>ACTION - CW to sort a QR code for Brothertons window & later bar arrangement with Hazel.

St Patrick's Day - need ideas

23/04 - Boney's 10th wedding anniversary do - DR & KA have asked for a donation to Stute.

SC - *Beer festival - for Oct?* KA - CAMRA may be interested in a collaboration. Would save us money & organisation.

> ACTION - DR to make contact.

Banner unveiling - DR has been in touch with RMT. Would be good to get them to speak. The national secretary got in touch he'd be interested. Talk of a bigger display of banners. Also we'd give Gerald a platform to speak.

AR - what's the progress of the cabinet - need to get a rough date on when that will be ready.

> ACTION - to ask Selwyn at the committee meeting for a guesstimate date & how much manpower we'll need to mount it on the wall.

> ACTION - MA to email Gerald to thank him for the donation.

Heritage compass bid

DR - we may or may not be selected but they offer advice, guidance and mentoring. We could really benefit from the professional steer. Could advise us on SHA/ SRI relationship. SRI needs to become a charity.

> ACTION - DR & SC to go forward as first contacts with the application. DR - need to start thinking about having a sub team to concentrate on funding applications etc. To think about in the new year.

• SC - where are we with Alan Ellwood? DR/ KA - room needs clearing. Maybe a volunteer event? SC has already suggested a table top sale idea for the new year - we could get rid of a load of stuff there.

Stairwell project

LK/ AK - the cheapest was too cheap. Everyone agrees to go with the middle quote. KA - how do we fundraise - a crowdfunder or just via our usual events etc. SC - suggested we produce a banner plus flyers etc to explain why we want to do this 'home fit for heroes' angle. Look to start the project towards the summer.

>ACTION - SC, MA, CW - bring up at committee meeting that they need to decide what to keep. Will they fund a skip perhaps & provide some manpower.

>ACTION - middle room needs another coat of paint so a shout out for some volunteer hours.

KA - thanks to Paul Harle for repairing the window & buying some light fittings.

AOB

DR - personal thank you for another amazing successful crazy year. Will write up a report for the members & customers.

Next meeting: Wednesday 19th January (location TBC)