

Save Our Stute Monthly Meeting 14th September 2021

Attendees:- Anth Knight (Chair), Lisa Knight, Kelly Ambrosini, Michelle Armstrong (minutes), Samantha Townsend, John Raw, Paul Harle, Sue Clarke, Dene Clarke, Shaun Thompson

Apologies:- Colin White, Jane Hackworth Young, Trevor Horner

Minutes review

ACTIONS outstanding

- AK – progress made with vision document promo
- SC – remote membership to progress with the committee
- DR – to ask neighbour re mini digger

Financial update

Current balance £1232.34 with some cash to bank from the Rail Exhibition- £15.00 donations/ £12.00 glasses/ £171.00 cakes. Liability – August 'Singers' invoice.

SC – late accounts fee paid to Companies House £375.00.

Volunteer hours update

July +13, August 92.5, Sept 16 so far

Calendar alert working for some

Meeting updates

ST – committee meeting reported 2020 end of year accounts £26K losses. Date of AGM TBC shortly. Discussed trial of monthly entertainment in the lounge. Query over indoor vaping – denied for now. Upon suggestion ST agreed to post abridged version of minutes of committee meetings on notice board. Rail banner – Gerald will draw up an agreement to be signed by both parties (*ACTIONED and signed 03/10/2021*). ST, DC & Selwyn met to discuss location – discussed just inside the front door losing part of the notice board. DR – SOS should fundraise for the cabinet materials (*agreed*). KA asked who owns the banner (*later confirmed as Bishop Auckland Railway History Group*). PH asked is it insured – confirmed that SRI would be covering that cost. Discussion re J Moffatt's involvement, all agreed that SOS/ SRI with Bishop Auckland Railway History Group would be making arrangements for a handing over ceremony, not any third party.

Event review

Singers – growing but not paying for itself yet. PH asked re an age limit – answer 11-14 (accompanied by an adult), but dependent on child.

Quingo – large attendance 30ish.

Karaoke – very well attended. Discussion on date for the next one. Possibly a Halloween one in the lounge.

Rail Exhibition – JR – all 17 stalls turned up, no hitches, entertainment was great. Thanks to everyone, let's do it again next year. Good networking going on, people enjoying spending quality time with the like minded. G5 Loco company are looking to hold their annual conference at the Stute.

Upcoming events

Erik & Vikings (*later CANCELLED due to band illness*)

Hazel's fundraiser – KA has started sorting raffle/ tombola etc. Polly has raised £1100.00 in raffle tickets.

ACTION – DR to send digital poster, get something in the Crier, SOS to chip in some SOS event tickets as prizes (*completed*)

Fabs

ACTION – MA to push on social media (*completed*).

ACTION – group to look at designing a leaflet showing rest of 2021 events.

ACTION – DR to sort Spectre Detectors visit (*completed*).

SHA directors update - £2500.00 to transfer from Wizard and Typhoon

BIG update - 17/09 – next event weeding, 18/09 – recruitment day at Whistle Stop café 10-12

PH – spoke re Whistle stop café availability for SOS catering due to being currently vacant.

FOSDR AGM – upbeat/ positive

25/09 – Stockton high street AK & DR to be there representing SHA

JR -27/09 – Station pub, St Helens 10-12.15 walk to Hummerbeck bridge

AOB

DR – no reply received from R Aldworth regarding redecoration of stairwell.

PH – will quote for it and for plastering the step

DR – explained to ST re Heritage lottery bid result & what we can do to encourage heritage. Shildon History recall society (Alan Elwood) are considering using smaller end room at top of the stairs for storage/ display. ST will take to next committee meeting (UPDATE: agreed)

PH – suggested they could have their meetings in the lounge.

ST – may be councillor grants available for materials.

ACTION – KA to circulate reminder email on completing the memorial names.

AK – suggested we create a reading room – he has some history books he would like to donate.

Discussion on using existing storage to convert to a library.

Murder Mystery event – agreement to sell tickets at £10 each.

ACTION – DR to order tickets (*completed*).

ACTION – MA to ask Ruth Stapleton re singing at the event (*completed*).

Xmas Fair – to sell 10 tables @ £15 each. **ACTION** – Lisa to lead

Next meeting Wednesday 20th October 2021 7.15pm at the Stute