



Stafford 41 Club

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th November 2016 at The Crown, Hyde Lea, Stafford Chairman – Gary Simmonds

Gary announced that his policy for Grace was that the last to book in for the meeting would say Grace. This month that was Derek Bolton who “stumbled” through Grace with a lot of help.

Seventeen members and guests then enjoyed a steak meal cooked by themselves on a hot stone.

Chairman’s Remarks Gary opened the meeting and announced that we had lost one of our longest serving active members when Owen Bennion passed away in July. He also announced that Sean Spinetto and his partner Tracy Pyatt had recently had their first child, Ava Grace Spinetto.

He was pleased to announce that 41 Club competed for the Tony Taylor Trophy in September and retained the trophy by beating Round Table at skittles.

He also mentioned the Three Peaks and Two Wheels challenge which he had taken part in and which several members had sponsored his efforts. The team’s target was £10,000 for Headway, a local charity. In the end, they raised in excess of £20,000.

Guests – Secretary Paul introduced Jon Burdekin who was previously a member of Petersfield RT and subsequently Petersfield Ex-Tablers Club. He moved to Gnosall in September and may be interested in joining Stafford 41 Club.

Ray Barnett then introduced Stuart Lymer, Chairman of Stafford 176. Stuart informed us that the Fireworks at Shugborough was an all ticket sellout and raised about £8K. The National Trust were keen to have Table back next year. He also mentioned the forthcoming Charity Comedy night on 2nd February 2017. Tickets would be available soon.

Secretary/Treasurer – Paul informed the Club of the National AGM to be held in Blackpool in April 2017 and the inaugural National Sporting Weekend in February. The National Caravan Rally is being resurrected in September 2017 in Oxford.

Six subscriptions were still outstanding but none of the offenders were present tonight.

Social – Nick was unable to be with us but the Chairman advised that it was hoped Ladies Night would be at Brocton on 18th February 2017.

Peak District Weekend. Chris advised that we would be returning to Buxton for the first weekend of March next year. Currently 19 rooms were booked by members.

Sales and Regalia – Mike informed the meeting that fortunately Sales post Brexit had not slumped. He felt we were not facing doom and gloom and he still had as many badges as before.

Peter Micher-Lockett asked Mike (in his role of regalia officer) about the fate of the controller's hats. Ray Barnett advised us that the dog ate his.

Chairman Gary asked Mike about an order for a Past RT Presidents jewel. Mike said that in the interests of keeping the cost down he had chosen to order this with the Club's Past Chairman's jewel - next year!

AOB – Raffle was won by Mike Heenan.

Next Meeting: Christmas Meeting on Wednesday 21st December at Stafford Castle Golf Club. Full details will follow by e-mail.

We then enjoyed a great quiz organised by Gary. This was won by a team comprised of Mike Smith, Mike Heenan, Ray Barnett and Jon Burdekin. The prize was a bottle of port which did the rounds.

Chairman Gary closed the meeting at 10:20pm with the Final Toast.

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