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OPGCMA SOCOM

Meeting Number: 01/09

Date: Tuesday 13th January 2009

Venue 8.00 at the Horns

Attendees

Tracey Hart (Head of Social)

Fiona Horton

Gill Hawker

Absent

Helen Mills

Graham Rose

Roger Weedon

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the November SOCOM meeting were accepted without revision.

2. Notes from the Main Committee

A new PA system has now been purchased, installed and tested in the clubhouse. It is a vast improvement over the previous system. Training for operation to key personnel of OPGCMA committees will be given.

3. Christmas Dinner Dance – Masked Ball

This was a great evening and there have been many positive comments. The vast majority of people wore masks. The food, which was from the Crown Golf Festive Menu, and disco were both excellent. The free wine, courtesy of SOCOM surplus funds, was appreciated, as were the spot prizes, table presents and the festive paraphernalia. 70 people attended.

The pricing of the next function needs to be considered to ensure it is seen as value for money to attract people who would not normally attend a social function.

4. December Club Night

This was the Parlour Games Evening on Monday 22nd December it was very well received with 50 people participating. Crown Golf provided an excellent complimentary buffet.

The rotations of 5 minutes per set with as many games as possible played within the 5 minutes worked very well and allowed for a good flow.

5. February Club Night

A music quiz is going to be provided for this club night at the request of the Lady Captain. It will be kindly devised and presented by Mark Cartwright.

Action: 0109_001 Graham to Purchase presents for February Club Night.



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6. March Club Night

This is the last Club Night for the incumbent club captains and on this evening the Cheque to their chosen charity will be presented. A series of classic comedy sketches will be shown to attendees.

7. Race Night

This will take place on Saturday 21st February. A sign up sheet has been put up in the Club House and already contains names. Tickets may also be purchased for external guests if they wish. For any tickets sold, the names and menu choices should be appended to the sign up sheet in the Club House by the person selling the ticket.

The basic preparations are all complete and the programme has been devised. The horses have been in training for a number of weeks and are good to go.

The following tasks are allocated:

Tracey Hart	MC
Sue Hart	Payment Clerk
Ian Hawker	Tote Seller TBC
Helen Mills	Tote Seller
Lisa Grainger	Tote Seller TBC
Fiona and Gill	Greeters and Stewards
Graham Rose	Race track Steward

Action: 0901_002 GH to confirm Ian H OK for Clerk on the night

Action: 0901_003 TH to request assistance from LG

There will be a draw for losing tickets, which will result in Champagne, which Fiona and Gill will organise.

The ticket price will either be £10 which includes a basket meal and a tricast ticket. A £5 ticket can be purchased which will be the price of entry plus the tricast ticket. Approximately 70 people are expected to attend this event.

The menu options are:

Chicken and chips
Fish and chips
Veggie burger and chips

These options are to be confirmed with Crown Golf.

Action: 0901_004 FH to confirm Race Night meal options and pricing with Crown



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8. Captain's Drive-in

This is Saturday 21st March. Norman the incoming captain would like a band to play. The meeting discussed the options with possibilities being Red Zone Alley and the Celebration Band. Mark Taskas advised Tracey of a good singing duo that performed at the club during the Christmas Period but TH is awaiting contact details.

Action: 0901_005 TH to chase MT for duo contact details
Action: 0901_005 FH to contact Red Zone Alley for pricing and availability

TH will also discuss with HM about whether she is aware of any good bands through her contact with entertainment agencies. The new Club Captains have requested that the bar closes at 12 with carriages at 12:30 for main events during their year.

The food for the Captain's Drive-In needs to be arranged. This will be a formal three-course sit down meal. The options required are mainly from the existing menus and are as follows:

Starters

Vegetable soup
Pork and apple pate

Alternative option - Deep-fried Brie

Main Course

Grilled salmon with hollandaise
Lamb
Cheddar cheese quiche

Seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Apple pie and custard
Homemade chocolate tart and cream
Alternative option - Strawberry shortcake

This will be served with coffee and mints.

The existing menus indicate a price of £20.95

Action: 0901_006 FH to contact Crown Golf to confirm options and pricing



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Currently the ticket pricing based on 80 people is as follows:

Meal	-	£21.00
Flowers	-	£1.50
Tips	-	£1.00
Band	-	£4.00 or £5

The budget for the band is £320 but this may need to be revised depending upon how much the band will charge. The meeting carefully discussed the pricing to try to keep it as low as possible but it agreed was difficult to see where costs could be saved without compromising the entertainment.

9. Any Other Business

The Financial end of year report has been published. SOCOM has a very surplus (< £100). The losses from the P Party affected the end of year figures.

Currently there is no booking confirmation for the Guildford School of Acting Singers who are booked to perform at Oak Park.

Action: 0901_007 TH to ask GR to chase Booking Confirmation for GSA

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 10th 2009 at The Horns

