

# MINUTES



## OPGCMA SOCOM

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**Meeting Number: 8/08**  
**Date: Tuesday 26 August 2008**  
**Venue 8.00 at the Horns**

### **Attendees**

Tracey Hart (Head of Social)  
Fiona Horton  
Helen Mills  
Roger Weedon

### **Absent**

Gill Hawker  
Graham Rose

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

### **2. Notes from the Main Committee**

There is a large number of vouchers awarded as Competition Prizes which have not been redeemed against Crown Golf although the Committee have paid for them. Negotiations are ongoing to see if any of this money can be recovered from Crown Golf.

### **3. August Social Night**

This was not a formal club night as no competition prizes were handed out although SOCOM arranged a social activity in the form of a Portuguese 4 Club Challenge. The evening coincided with Alyson and Phil's Golfathon. 32 people participated in the activity with prizes of wine being distributed. No fee was charged for entry to the event.

### **4. September Club Night**

This club night will be on Friday September 5th and will be a quiz run by FH. GR has already provided the quiz. Teams of 4 will participate (£1 per head). 5 bottles of wine will be purchased as prizes (a budget of £5 per bottle has been allocated). The float of approximately £30 was made available. There will be 6/7 rounds of questions. Answer sheets need to be prepared.

**Action: 008\_001 FH to buy prizes for September Club Night**

**Action: 008\_002 FH to prepare answer sheets**

### **5. October Club Night**

This is "Call My Bluff". FH will organise this. 8 words are required from the odd word suggestion sheet. FH will read through the material made available by TH. Assistance will be required from GH on this evening.

**Action: 008\_003 TH to provide electronic copies of Call My Bluff material for FH**



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### 6. Captain's Day Dinner Dance

86 people attended this evening. The quality of the food has definitely improved although there were still some issues surrounding how to keep food hot as some tables had luke warm meals. Extra staff were made available (overseen by Richard Pilbury) which meant reduced waiting times at the bar which was appreciated by everyone. The band 'Out of the Shadows' was generally well received although some members thought the music appealed rather more to the older generation amongst the members attending.

The costs can be attributed as follows:

£500 for the band  
£124.50 for the flowers  
Refreshments for the band  
Tips  
Meals at £20.95 each

The flower arrangements were truly magnificent.

Future events need to consider how we might assist the kitchen in preparing and serving the food by selecting meal components which are either cold or can be prepared in bulk (ie: soup). HM volunteered to discuss the options for the Christmas Dinner Dance Menu.

**Action: 008\_004 HM to discuss Christmas Menus with the kitchen**

### 7. November Music Event

The November Music Event on Saturday November 1st and an Elton John tribute act has been booked for £550. Tickets are £10 each and members can either buy tickets (those bringing guests are most likely to do this) are put their names on a sign up sheet and money in an envelope. 4 tickets will be made available for the Charity Day auction. Ticket sales will start in September. Crown Golf have been informed that an artiste has been booked as they had enquired as to whether the evening was still available for another booking.

**Action: 008\_005 TH to produce tickets and distribute**

### 8. Christmas Dinner Dance

It has been confirmed that this will be a "Masked Ball". A disco will be booked as requested by the Captain.

**Action: 008\_006 HM to book Christmas Dinner Dance disco**

The type of disco was discussed at some length and it was concluded that a good mixture of music was needed rather than just records from a specific era.



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### 9. Any Other Business

GR suggested Guildford School of Dance and Drama. GR has offered to do some research to determine how feasible it would be to invite the students back to Oak Park as they were very successful previously.

**Action: 008\_007 GR to make enquiries to GSA to see if they would be available and any cost implications**

The meeting also discussed the possibility of having a cabaret type entertainment act rather than music for dancing at one of the major events.

Burn's Evening – Although there is no formal event for this FH has identified a possible alternative event (New Mill in Eversley) if people request it.

TH has been going through the Social diary for 2009 with the forthcoming Club Captain. The weekend of the music (or alternative no food event) will be the last Saturday in October.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 8pm at the Horns.

