

MEDSTEAD FETE AGM

Friday 7th November 2014

MINUTES

Present:

Adam Byford - Treasurer
Debbie Bickerdike - Secretary
Martin Simmons
Hans Taylor

Apologies:

Kervin Labrosse - Chairman
Ian Bickerdike
Duncan Pate

Chairman's Report

The report was read by Hans Taylor in the absence of the Chairman

I am very happy to report that as a result of the points mentioned in my last report ie, back to basics, increased marketing activity etc, this year's fete was an absolute success. We had the weather on our side and a good turnout however my team and I anticipated a much bigger crowd especially as the village population has grown tremendously over last two years.

This year's Village fete had a much more "Family Feel" and that is what we would like to build on for next year. Families and individuals that attended spent generously.

This year we also made a tremendous improvement on our operation by having our own storage shed built on the green. Martin we are extremely grateful to you for that.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie for her attention to detail in all admin matters and the rest of the team for all the hard work in making this year's village fete a success.

Without you there would be no village fete !!!

Treasurer's Report

Overall this has been a very good year for the fete organisation. We generated a good amount of income, invested in storage to keep the fete running for the future and supported local clubs and organisations to the tune of £3,100, details of which you can see in the accounts.

If we start with the Fete itself. This year the fete raised just under £2000, £500 up from last year. The revenue generated on the day was £1000 up on 2013, this is of course due to the much nicer day we had and people seemed to stay around much longer. Although partly weather driven we have received very positive feedback on the entertainment we had last year, which is great as this was the cause of the higher expenses. The costs of the ducks and circus skills was nearly £400 more than the birds of prey cost the previous years, accounting for most of the expenses increase we saw this year. Significant efforts were made this year to keep costs down where possible focusing on keeping excess stock and waste to a minimum.

On top of our fete fundraising we received a donation of £1500 from our sister the ball. This made a welcome boost to our income for the year. On top of this we received £500 from the parish council towards the cost of our storage, more on that in a minute, and I was able to secure £250 from my company as match fundraising.

As I said we made a significant investment in a storage shed on the village green. Up until now we have been relying on good will, mainly of Martin Simons, to store our marquees and other equipment. The new shed will allow us to keep everything in the centre of the village making it easier to get at for the fete, ball and other village events that it is used for. This is a big step for the fete committee that we have been actively looking to achieve over the last 2 – 3 years.

Overall then for the year our outgoings have exceeded our income by £1240, driven by the investment in the shed of net, nearly £2000. Despite this we still have a healthy bank balance of just over £4800 from which we will be able to provide support to local people, groups, organisations and charitable causes.

Requests for Funds

The following organisations have requested funds from the Fete Committee:

Group	Reason for funds	Amount
Bowls Club	Branded polo shirts (approx 15 @ £15 each)	£225
Village Hall	2 external signs for car park	£400

All requests of funds will be considered at the next Fete Committee Meeting (date to be confirmed).

General discussion/comments from floor

- As we currently have a sizeable bank balance, the question was raised as to what would happen to the money that is not allocated within the village this year.
 - The treasurer confirmed that the balance would roll into next year and allow us to fulfil more requests at the next AGM
- Enquiry was made as to the whether the storage shed had been completed secured.
 - Martin confirmed that the weather boarding is yet to be finished and the final door fitted. However, he assured us that the shed is totally secure
- We asked if anyone had any suggestions or comments with regards to attractions for the 2015 fete.
 - A suggestion was received concerning Alton Model Aero Club which may run flight displays of their model aircraft. Kathie Hoff has offered to email us with further information and contact details.