

MEDSTEAD FETE AGM

Friday 20th November 2015

MINUTES

Present:

Kervin Labrosse - Chairman
Adam Byford - Treasurer
Debbie Bickerdike - Secretary
Ian Bickerdike
Duncan Pate

Apologies:

Martin Simmons
Lesley Sheldon-Browning
Barbara Rice
Michael Turpin

Chairman's Report

We've had an interesting year which has included some changes to the members of the committee. We said goodbye to Hans, but have been joined by some great new people; Lesley, Barbara and Michael. One enormous plus point for us this year was the completion of the storage shed which help us immensely with the operational setup of the fete.

We had a successful fete this year and raised a good amount of money; up slightly on last year. So our bank balance is looking healthy and we are eager to give some money back to appropriate local causes and organisations. The ethos of the fete is to raise money primarily for local concerns.

I enjoy the fete and working with the rest of the committee. We are already starting to plan for 2016 which comes with new challenges. We are very under resourced and desperately need more people to join us to not only ensure the continuation of the fete, but to also bring new and fresh ideas to the event. We don't want to just repeat the same fete year on year, but want to change and improve and we can only do this with bringing new members and their ideas into the committee.

But one thing that won't change; it will ALWAYS be **Medstead Village Fete** – a family event – with the support of local organisations and regular stall holders each year.

Treasurer's Report

As hopefully you were all there you will know that we had a lovely day for the Fete this year, and this comes through in the numbers. Our income from the fete rose by over £750 compared to last year, our income is directly linked to the weather as this is the key driver for how long people spend at the fete so a better day means more money going into the pot. Expenses for the fete were also higher. This was driven by the higher costs for providing the food, with lower costs for the entertainment and not providing a cash prize for the grand draw, which was thanks to the wonderful prizes that my colleague Barbara collected from donations around the village.

You will see that I have split the stalls income into two blocks. One where the stall holders kindly donate all of the proceeds from their efforts, and I can only thank them again for their support and generosity to the

fete. We also have a £100 donation from the Traditional Furnishings stall included in this amount. The other part is where we collect effectively an attendance fee from them based on the rules we have provided to them.

Overall the fete generated nearly £2,700 for the village this year, including two payments from Homes, one for last year and one for this. We also have support from other local businesses, be it funding a barrel of beer at the fete, or donating prizes to the grand draw, so we must say thank you again to all of them.

We also saw £300 from Marquee hire this year, which is always a welcome addition to our income, again an increase from last year. If you need a marquee our rates are very reasonable. You will see also continued spend on equipment for the fete. This year we purchased a number of new gazebos, a marquee from the Star pub which we had been using for past fetes, and smaller items such as jugs, rosettes and new advertising banners.

Requests for Funds

The following organisations have requested funds from the Fete Committee:

Group	Reason for funds	Amount
Bowls Club	12 new delivery mats	£109.90
Rotary Club	Medstead lunch	£500
Medstead School	Replacement picnic benches	£600
Broadlands RDA	Cover increased annual costs for 1 rider	£250

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

General discussion/comments from floor

- A request was made to move the date of future AGMs so it didn't coincide with the run up to Christmas, or take place on a Friday, as there was a lot of other activities taking place in the village which meant that the public attendance was low.
 - It was highlighted by the committee that the meeting couldn't be moved much earlier as it had to take place after the accounts were finalised at the end of October, and before the 2016 planning started – therefore it had to be either November or December.
 - With regards to moving it from a Friday – the majority of the committee members have full-time jobs which means they are way from home/overseas for most of the week and Friday is the day which most of the committee would be available.
- We asked if anyone had any suggestions or comments with regards to attractions for the 2016 fete.
 - Kathie Hoff asked whether we had approached Alton Model Aero Club after her suggestion last year – we did, but they were not interested in attending the fete. Kathie has offered to ask again for the 2016 fete.
 - Kathie Hoff has also offered to help sell raffle tickets for the 2016 fete – we will ensure she is provided with some in plenty of time to distribute before the event – Thank you Kathie.