

Minutes from Committee Meeting of The Danish Society Inc

Date of Meeting: 13 July 2009

Venue: Danish House, 6 Rockridge Road, Penrose

Attending: Finn Nielsen, Marion Stewart, Roger Knights, Dawn Nissen, Kurt Marquart, Keld Burlon, Kim Basse, Inger Mortensen

Guests: Pam Logan (Editor), Erik Nissen

Apologies: Antony Barrett

Agenda:

1. Minutes of previous meeting, matters arising + Secretary's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Membership
4. Danish House, incl social activities
5. Valhalla
6. News Magazine
7. General business, incl socials timetable and SGM minutes

Meeting Start/Finish: 7.35pm / 10.05

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion/Actions:	Accountable/Due:
1. Minutes, matters arising and secretary's report	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held 8 June had been distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Matters arising:</i></p> <p>IQP organised for building WOF.</p> <p>Keld has looked into the possibility of getting a new lock for the bar.</p> <p>Re cracked tiles on the roof; Keld will look at this later when his shoulder is better (no good climbing around on the roof at present!).</p> <p>The secretary had nothing to report, except she is still missing a soft copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2009. I'll keep trying!</p> <p>A: That the minutes of the committee meeting held on 8 June be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keld 2. Marion <p>Carried</p>	<p>Does Keld, Kim, Kurt, or Roger have a copy still, and could you please email to Inger</p>

<p>2. Treasurer's report</p>	<p>Bank register circulated at meeting, no questions.</p> <p>Nilfisk deed has been executed.</p> <p>Roger moved, Finn seconded that the renewal of the Nilfisk lease be signed. All in favour.</p> <p>Tax return has been left with accountant, and we're waiting for this to be completed.</p> <p>A cheque for Armourguard for \$195 charged on 25/6 is for reloading computer/alarm connection to new computer.</p> <p><i>Re: Charities Commission</i></p> <p>Our application has been turned down again – because we're not charitable enough and come across as being only for Danes. However, we have based our rules very closely on those of the Indian Society, who have already been accepted – and have done so on the recommendation of the Charities Commission, so Roger will phone the person he has talked to before to discuss this.</p> <p>If we have to change rules again, we'll have to hold another SGM, or bring it up at the AGM in November.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the new rules have been registered with the Register of Societies as required.</p> <p>B: That the treasurer's report be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marion 2. Keld <p>Carried</p>	
<p>3. Membership</p>	<p>New members, Charlotte Bull and children, have applied and are all ok.</p> <p>C: That Charlotte Bull be accepted as new member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finn 2. Dawn <p>Carried</p> <p>From 1 July onwards new members will pay fee for remaining year + the following year, effectively giving them 15 months membership. This is to avoid people paying a full year's membership and then be charged for another full year three months later.</p>	

	<p>D: That the membership report be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finn 2. Dawn <p>Carried</p>	
<p>4. Danish House</p>	<p>A great party on 4 July with about 80 guests. Several people made a very big effort to help out with preparations. It can be dangerous to acknowledge the hard work of some and then forget others, but it was agreed that Kim should put in her write-up in the magazine, a big thank you to everyone who helped out in any way.</p> <p>Keld: Quote for new keypad lock for the bar: \$300 (retail \$600).</p> <p>Keld is looking at a Carlsberg promotion which we might be able to participate in through Independent Breweries.</p> <p>Our electric bread slicer is dying, and we need to start looking for a new one.</p> <p>It seems one of the problems we have with the alarm and the log on the computer, is that the memory in the alarm is not big enough to keep track of all comings and goings throughout a month. This information needs to be downloaded to the computer more regularly. For this the computer must be turned on all the time. Otherwise, it costs about \$300 to extend the memory.</p> <p>There were some discussions around getting implements for the house such as a leaf blower and a shed for storage. However, this is maybe something to look into at a later stage.</p> <p>Inger brought up that we have the Danish House 10 year anniversary coming up in February 2010. This obviously needs to be marked. It was planned to put this in the calendar for the weekend of 27-28 February. Roger will ask Karen if she would like to be main organizer of this event.</p> <p>A new shop in Albany sells European cheese and other delicatessens. Keld will talk to him about supplying things like Havarti – maybe see if he wants to advertise in our magazine (discount voucher?)</p>	<p>Antony, Roger, Finn to look into how to best fix this</p> <p>Roger to talk with Karen</p> <p>Keld to talk with Albany shop-owner</p>

	<p><i>Re: Double-booking of Danish House</i></p> <p>This was a very unfortunate mistake, which has now been discussed with the member in question, and apologised for. We're waiting for her to come back to us with a claim for reimbursement.</p> <p><i>Re: Licensing Authority</i></p> <p>Our hold-up is with the duty managers rather than our actual club license. Finn's application went to Wellington in error. We're still legal but obviously need to get managers sorted. Keld also still has a valid renewable license.</p> <p>However, we need new managers, so we can spread the load. Inger would like to become a manager again. She will look into whether her license can be renewed (doubtful after 12 or so years!). John Stewart would also like to become a manager. Kurt also expressed interest. Finn thinks his brother Lars may be interested. Inger will find out some information regarding what is required and where to get courses etc from.</p> <p>It was also discussed that there may be occasions where a special license would be required for parties at Valhalla.</p> <p>E: That the Danish House report be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inger 2. Kim <p>Carried</p>	<p>Inger to write letter from Danish Society supporting the renewal of both Keld's and Finn's managers' certificates</p> <p>Inger to look into renewal of own license and requirements for new applications</p> <p>Finn to find out about special licenses</p>
<p>5. Valhalla</p>	<p>Valhalla report was circulated prior to the meeting. A copy of Richard Logan's report on roading issues was also circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Richard recommends and the committee agrees that we should pay the \$1312.50 to Sanders, stipulating that this is the full and final payment for this job. Because it was Sanders who paid the contractors etc in the first place, we are relying on his information as to how much the 1/6 (which is our share) actually amounts to.</p> <p>Marion reported that the Society has received a grant from Auckland Regional Council of \$15,000 towards further planting / coastal upgrade. This is the maximum amount we could get, so it is very satisfactory. Palle did an excellent job putting the application through at a short notice.</p>	

	<p>Marion further reported that we now have two site first-aid kits to be used for working bees, these are OSH-approved. The permanent first-aid kit in the hallway will be re-stocked as possible, but it is noted that things disappear from it on a regular basis.</p> <p>F: That the Valhalla report be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marion 2. Inger <p>Carried</p>	
<p>6. News magazine</p>	<p>Pre-advertise October function 17 October (hunting theme). This clashes again with Valhalla working bee (could maybe be held mid-week).</p> <p>Pre-advertise jazz evening 25 September – Kim will talk to her father regarding this.</p> <p>Also medister and havarti in stock. With regards to sild, we're still looking for a new supplier.</p>	<p>Kim re jazz evening</p>
<p>7. General business</p>	<p>AGM coming up in November. We need to elect a president. Furthermore, Marion, Antony and Kurt are up for re-election. Marion and Kurt declared themselves happy to stand for re-election. We need to find out whether Antony is also willing.</p> <p>We need some more greeting cards with Danish Society logo. John Stewart can organise these (re-sized) and print 1000.</p> <p>TV-screen and DVD-player sourced for \$849 plus the bracket for the children's play-room. Finn moved, Keld seconded that we go ahead and get this. All in favour.</p> <p>The minutes of the Special General Meeting were distributed for comment prior to the meeting, and a few corrections were brought up.</p> <p>We need the minutes of the last AGM from Rolf.</p> <p>Recent clashes between Valhalla working bees and social functions have highlighted the need to try to coordinate the various calendars as well as school holidays etc. It was discussed whether we need to try and think 12 months ahead all the time rather than make a 12 month plan at the beginning of a committee-year.</p>	<p>Antony – re-election?</p> <p>Marion / John re cards</p> <p>Inger, SGM minutes</p> <p>Inger to contact Rolf for these</p> <p>Inger to look into how this can be done</p>

	<p>It has also become apparent that we need to have a house-keeping calendar which could maybe be part of our monthly agenda and help us remember such things as renewal of licenses, building WOF's coming up etc. Karen has a lot of knowledge around this. Roger and Kurt to ask her if she has a soft copy of the schedule she created at some point which we could use as a starting point. Everyone should also think about what would be important for them to have on a house-keeping calendar.</p> <p>Marion asked about access to membership register via our web-site. Keld reported that Lena is now finished with her courses and will be able to get onto this.</p>	<p>Inger to look into this</p> <p>Roger / Kurt to talk with Karen</p> <p>Everyone re house-keeping calendar</p>
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Next meeting: 10 August 2009

Meeting Host: Dawn