**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 26th November 2013**

**At The Anchor Inn**

**PRESENT**

Robert Palmer (Chair) Barry Leathwood

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Jacqui Sparks

 Tina Gardener

 **13/64 APOLOGIES** - Rob Wright, Lyn Palmer, Sue Frances

 **13/65 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2013, were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

 **13/66 TREASURER’S REPORT**

 No report was available due to the Treasurer’s illness.

 **100 Club**

 Lyn was pleased to report that for the second month we still have 100 members.

 The 100 Club Christmas Draw will take place at the Coffee Morning on 20th December.

**13/67 FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

 The general feeling was that the display was very good, comments to this effect appeared on the Combwich web site. The food quantities were right and the new BBQ worked very well. The weather, although cold, stayed dry for the display.

 Brian Hutchings and Tom Jacobs may be interested in the Pains Fireworks training for next year.

 The donation bottles have been collected containing a total of £56.25 from the Post Office and £1.28 from the Anchor.

**13/68 CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TREES**

Reply slips have been returned and 77 wished to attend the dinner. As we can only seat 74 the 3 people on the waiting list were informed accordingly.

Vegetables, crockery, etc have been ordered. Agreed to meet at 10 am on Saturday to set the tables up. Robert will contact Sandie and Reg to ask if Chat and Chill will decorate the village hall on the evening before the dinner. It was agreed that the Choir will entertain us after the main course at approximately 8.15pm.

The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on after the Christingle service on 8th December, and Ray Howard will be asked to do this again as ‘Buttercup’. OPRA will pay for the hire of the costume.

**13/69 BARN, PAVILION &TRACTOR AND MOWER**

The tractor has now gone to its new owner and we have the grass cutter and are waiting for final documentation to allow it to travel on the highway. The Treasurer is transferring funds in order to repay Mike Gardener the £2,000 he is owed. We still have a gang mower and acrobat from the tractor and it was agreed to go ahead and advertise these on eBay.

The marquee used for the firework display needs to be folded and put away when dry and we agreed to deal with this on Sunday, 8th December.

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 **13/70**  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barry had emailed Mervyn re the key to enable the Christmas lights to be switched on. Agreed to email him again.

 The next meeting date will be agreed after the New Year.

 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed……………………………………….. Date………………………..