

Minutes of the BFMD Executive Committee meeting held at 5.15pm on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at the Tiverton Hotel

Present: Jim Enright (Chairman), David Disney, Kevin Finan, Peter Hare-Scott, Kim Knox, James Millar, John Potter, Chris Prentis, Peter Shaw.

Apologies: Rhys Roberts, Michael Gutierrez

Rhys was congratulated in his absence on the very prestigious quality award the hotel had received from the Best Western Group.

1. Chairman's Introduction

Jim reported that BFMD now had 54 paid members, Around 68 were booked for this evenings meeting, of which 17 were new.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2011

The Minutes were approved and may be put onto the website.

All actions listed had been progressed.

3. Financial Report

John Potter advised that problems at HSBC had delayed the opening of an account but he was hopeful that a cheque book would shortly be available. The only outstanding account is an invoice from the database supplier, Round ash Associates, for £342 including vat.

John will claim the membership funds of about £1785 from MDDC when the bank account is in place.

4. Web Report

Peter Shaw advised that the website had now been updated.

ACTION: Further refinements would take place over the next month with regard to a Membership page and selection by category.

5. Next BFMD Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20th March. The seminar will be entitled "Tips to beat the Taxman" and will be presented by Thomas Westcott.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.a AGM : It was agreed that the AGM would form part of the Nov 22nd meeting.
- 6b A dinner-dance was not thought advisable for this year.
- 6c James Millar will investigate the possibility of an outside event at Quicke's and/or Yearlstone.
- 6d It was agreed that the May meeting would commence with top business tips from Jim and would then involve each table identifying other top tips to be presented to the room. The best table would be recognised following a vote.
Further thought to be given and the detail agreed at our next Exec meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

5.15pm, Tuesday 20th March, prior to BFMD

The meeting closed at 5.55pm