

WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 25 August 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

Present: Ernie Rivett, Robert Pepper, Eileen Perrigo, Alexa Baxter, Debbie Hildick-Smith, Chris Constable, Nigel Utting

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Judy-Ann Cheevers, Lynda Smith
- 2. Minutes of the meeting 14 July 2023** were approved.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (AB)**
 - a) The 60's Club money will be transferred from liabilities into balance in the September balance sheet.
 - b) Average table numbers have increased slightly.
 - c) It was agreed to move £10K from the current account into the Nationwide savings account.
 - d) It was agreed we should renew the Bridgewebs annual subscription (results only) for £61.20.
 - e) AB noted we are being charged £11 pa for the domain name.

5. Membership Report (LS)

The club wishes to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. The following people will complete their probation in September and we wish them every success and enjoyment of the game at WBC.

Welcome to: Matthew Potter 6 Sep
 Barry Gore 7 Sep
 Sonia Fiumana 12 Sep
 Peggie Stratford 12 Sep
 Paul Stratford 12 Sep
 Susan Schiff 13 Sep

- a) Jasmine Whiteway (member until 2018) has passed away.
- b) Roger Pyart has also passed away. Roger has generously left the club a legacy of £10,000 (see item 8).
- c) We have 1 new member: Sue Kallend and
- d) 3 returning members:
 Sue Hodge
 Gillian Montgomery
 Bernie Dalziel

The WBC membership stands at 194.

LS reported that the Welcome Pairs (3 September) has been cancelled through lack of interest. This date will revert to normal Sunday Bridge.

6. Windows Up and Down (ER)

ER presented the four decisions to be made regarding windows from the quotations and opinions he has received.

- I. Do we need external double glazing? The Committee voted against.
 - II. Do we remove the internal Perspex double glazing, replace the cracked pane and redecorate. The Committee voted in favour.
 - III. Do we accept the Rustington Windows (RW) quote to replace two panels in the upstairs window? The Committee voted in favour.
 - IV. Do we accept the RW quotation to repair the fascia prior to redecorating? ER needs to discuss approach to the drop wire attachment. The Committee voted in favour.
 - V. It was noted that a surveyor used previously to assess the building did not recommend replacing current frames, which are in good condition, with double glazing. This view was supported by Rustington Windows and the decorators.
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- I. FANS: The 9inch corner fan (above cupboard) on the east facing wall, does not work, bearings gone, but its controller does.
 - II. The 12inch fan on the east wall, (nearest fire escape) is working, but will need cleaning to assess whether it works silently, but the controller is broken. It was agreed to purchase a new 9inch fan & controller for the corner and move the working controller to the 12inch fan at a cost up to c£2500.
 - III. Re the fan above the fire escape door, ER to investigate removal.
 - IV. ER will pursue fans and windows with Barkers Electrical and RW respectively. **ER**

NOTE: - Following the meeting a visit was made to [Barkers](#). The electricians are coming on Monday 11th September. They will fit the new 9inch fan and take the working controller from the non working 9inch fan and fit it to the 12inch fan. The 12inch fan will be cleaned and tested. If acceptable no further work required. If the switched controller and cleaning of the current 12inch fan does not meet expectations, a new 12inch fan will be fitted possibly at a later date.

[Rustington Windows](#) were also visited. They are coming on Friday 15th September to measure for two new upstairs window panels and new fascia boards.

Inside the main room downstairs they will assess the removal of the internal Perspex and replacement of cracked window pane.

An accurate quote for all this work will be made for consideration by the committee. If accepted then a work date will need to be agreed.

7. Hills Competition (ER)

- a) All the notices are posted, online and on the noticeboard.
- b) EP has sent a request for catering quotation from last year's supplier. It was agreed to get rid of the risotto for a lighter alternative and puddings to include fruit salad as a lighter option . Afternoon tea will be with biscuits only, no cakes. **EP**
- c) DHS and J-AC will visit the venue and find out how to use the dishwasher. **DHS**
- d) Eddie (the Director) has not responded to ER's email request. To be chased. **ER**
- e) 1 team has already entered. It was agreed that money should be presented upfront with each teams' entry. **AB**

8. New Trophy and Competition in memory of Roger Pyart (ER)

- a) Cost around £100. NU to further research trophies, possibly a glass bowl on a wooden plinth? **NU**
- b) ER suggested the handicapped Wednesday afternoon session during the Spring Festival for the competition for the Roger Pyart Trophy.
- c) The Ernie Rivett Trophy could then be presented to the winners of the less experienced pairs in the same session.

9. 60's Club (CC)

- a) The 60's club has raised £2700 for the club in its inaugural year. In the new year starting this month, after all the comings and goings, it currently has 87 members.
- b) Where there are gaps in numeration as people have not renewed, these numbers will be removed from the draw.
- c) The purpose of creating the club last year was to cover the sharp increase in energy bills which it has done. Approximately half of the money collected was paid out in prize money.
- d) A list of winners over the last year will be posted on the noticeboard.
- e) AB and CC will reconcile method of payment and share numbers for the current members.

10. BBO (NU)

- a) Should we be offering a BBO session jointly with other clubs so that members have an opportunity to play in a decent sized online 'room'? Local clubs have already done this and we could ask to join. RP suggested we promote the regular Oliver Cowan Friendly Bridge. It was decided that it's not viable for the club to run BBO sessions because of the low numbers who sign up so instead, we will investigate local club sessions or using the Oliver Cowan run online bridge sessions before deciding which to promote. **RP/NU**
- b) ER will be asking for interest in online friendly team matches during the winter months on a Friday morning. NU to assist in this request. **ER/NU**

11. AOB

- a. NU asked for a committee decision on fouled boards. Currently they are marked F on EBU score and the scoring program then calculates the results for that board in 2 parts, and one for when it was played before the hands were switched and one for when it was played after. It was agreed that the board would be marked 40-40% of global score as a penalty. **NU**
- b. RP will remove the name of new members from the website after 1 month. **RP**
- c. Should the Roger Pyart obituary be updated re the new trophy? **RP**
- d. Re players who overcall with a 4-card suit. There is no EBU ruling on this. It was agreed that if it is a partnership agreement then as a courtesy to opponents, the partner should alert the table to the fact that an overcall may be 4 cards only.
- e. The trial of a handicap event on a Wednesday afternoon was a success during the Spring Festival. It was agreed to hold another handicap session before Christmas. TBA **(ER)**
- f. A big thank you to Ernie for sanding down and revarnishing the bench.

The date of the next meeting is:

Friday 27th October, 10.00am at Byron Road.