
WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Thursday 9 February 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Lynda Smith
2. **Minutes of the meeting 6 January 2023** were approved.
 - a) In future the Minutes will be watermarked as 'Draft' until the following meeting approves them. (DHS/REP)
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) ER Thanked REP for taking on the website management. ER also thanked the Committee for their efforts over the previous 12 months and asked for suggestions to improve the club, membership and attendance. (ALL)
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) A new Duplimator has been purchased at a cost of £3,580. (AB)
 - b) The average number of tables is c5.8 which is above the 5.2 average required for break even. (AB)
 - c) After the prices were raised, the bar is no longer making a loss. (AB)
 - d) WBC had a surplus of £1595.70 in the calendar year 2022.
 - e) We had a small surplus in January.
 - f) All outgoings and costs that can be managed have been adjusted leaving the major overheads such as insurance, electricity as the major variables (ER/AB).
 - g) ER will include an item regarding managing costs in his address at the AGM. (ER)
 - h) NatWest Online banking is established and operating well. £20,000 of funds were moved from The NatWest account into the Nationwide Business Savings account in January. Interest has already been added. (AB)
 - i) The cost of the card reader in the first year of operation was £220 in total. NatWest is closing the Broadwater branch in April so cash payments will have to be made in South Street after that. (AB)
 - j) The monies raised in Charity week will be paid to them this month. (AB)

5. Membership Report (LS)

- a) Most members have now renewed. We have retained the membership at an acceptable level but it is now below 200. Final numbers will be ready for the AGM. (LS)

7. AGM 2023 (ER)

- a) It was agreed that 60's Club and Teams events will be raised as items under AOB at the meeting. (NUER)
- b) ER has all the trophies or they are promised. They will be engraved before the AGM ready to be presented to 2022 winners. Names on the boards will be inscribed on February 10th at a cost of £234. (ER)
- c) AGM notices are posted online and, in the club, 2022 accounts are complete and signed.
- d) A pianola letter announcing the AGM date by Sunday 19th February. It will call for any motions for the agenda by 26th February. (DHS)
- e) Members having no email address will receive a copy by post. (DHS)
- f) ER and AB will present their reports. (ER/AB)

8. BBO & website

- a) It was agreed to reduce the current prominent position of BBO instructions. This will now be a link on the website. (REP)
- b) The committee invited REP to review the website and make any relevant changes to it such as current events, timings etc. (REP)

9. Teams (ER)

- a) The Winter League is now complete.
- b) A notice asking for interested parties to sign up for 2023 teams' events will be posted in the Club. (EP)

10. Roles and Responsibilities (ER)

- a) ER's alterations were reviewed and an updated list will be created and posted. (ER)

11. Directors Refresher Course (NU).

- a) Still no reply to our email expressing interest. Further efforts will be made. (NU/AB)

12. County Tournament Organisation.

- a) SCCBA called for help but it was agreed WBC are already fully involved at the county level and no action is required.

13. AOB:

- a) Timers for sessions. It would not be appropriate to have timers on Weds and Thursday afternoon and other sessions do not have timing issues. No action.

- b) REP praised the provision of hosting and has put an item promoting the hosting system in a prominent place on the website. (REP)
- c) REP asked how we decide the number of boards played at each session. Our system was explained and no action required.
- d) REP asked how Directors decide the movements at sessions. It was discussed and no action required.
- e) May 2023 will have 3 Bank Holidays because of the Coronation and it was agreed normal BH rules for hosting apply: no afternoon sessions and no evening host. (EP)
- f) Spring Festival dates were agreed as Sunday May 14th until Friday 19th. A notice will be prepared for the website.
- g) Since the meeting it has been decided to move the teams to Sunday 21st May (EP)
- h) It was agreed we should have a handicap system on some annual competitions; this will come up at the AGM. (ER)
- i) Hills 2023: the caterers and the Director have been booked and the hall has been retained from 0930 until 1900 at a cost of £315, but likely to be reduced as we are a previous regular customer.
- j) Fire Extinguisher and PAT testing are due. (ER)
- k) The Resuscitator is 3 years old now and will need new batteries when the green light turns to red. It is currently OK.
- l) A reminder will be given at the start of every session regarding potential entry into the National Pairs competition if a score of greater than 55% is achieved.
- m) The next meeting is the AGM. Tea and cakes will be available beforehand. (EP/J-AC)

The date of the AGM meeting is Saturday 11 March at 10.00am at Byron Road.

A short meeting of the new committee will be held to determine the date of next meeting.