
WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Thursday 30th March 2023 at 10.00am

MINUTES

Present: Ernie Rivett, Eileen Perrigo, Alexa Baxter, Chris Constable, Nigel Utting, Lynda Smith and Robert Pepper

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Judy-Ann Cheevers and Debbie Hildick-Smith
- 2. Minutes of the meeting 9th February 2023** were approved.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (AB)** AB presented the accounts for February. LS queried the large amount paid for P2P, AB said that it was possibly due to more than one month being collected. [\(This has subsequently proved to be the case\)](#) The P2P levy is increasing in April from 49p to 51p per player. The county element is staying the same at 7p. EBU element going up from 42p to 44p..

5. Membership Report (LS)

- There are 12 new members : Vicci and Robin Johnson, John Fozzard, Claire O'Meara, David and Olwen Williams, Matthew Potter, Barry Gore, Sonia Fiumana, Peggie and Paul Stratford, Susan Schiff.
- Pam Graves has rejoined, and has paid the admin fee of £10 instead of the joining fee of £15.
- 213 members, 22 not paid and unlikely to [\(confirmed later they were removed\)](#), therefore 191 members.
- Members reaching the end of their probation: Krystyna Czarnecka, Krzysztof Czarnecki , Moira McNair
- LS reported that the cost of flowers delivered has escalated. Agreed to send a card only for significant birthdays and flowers only to members coming out of hospital. Will review at the end of the year.
- Request from a member for a list to be put on the board showing telephone numbers. NOT POSSIBLE due to GDPR. Pianola is the only recourse, or via LS for those without Pianola.

6, Spring Festival (all)

Men's Pairs is currently not well supported – may be cancelled if further support cannot be encouraged.

Wednesday afternoon confirmed as handicap; Thursday evening confirmed as Stratified Discussion followed re stratification, Directors to sort.

Team Event: Use average NGS for handicapping or an EBU system? ER to investigate. If more teams enter (10 at present) then it may be possible to have 2 sections one of which would be for less experienced players, decision when full list is settled. A spare cup would be needed. EP and LS to liaise re decisions on relative experience.

Drinks "on the house" will only be provided for this competition, wine or soft drink only with lunch..

Cost per team £60. Prizes to be reviewed nearer the time,(AB) general agreement to reduce monetary prizes.

Various offers to provide food were received (EP)

7. Teams events, online and mentoring (ER)

Latest engraving not very satisfactory on some trophies. Try another company? (ER)

Mentoring: Not much response. Two dates 20th and 27th April. Put on website (RP)

Online: still struggling. To continue during April if sufficient support then break until the autumn. Notice on Pianola (NU)

Teams event: Notice to go on board and on website asking for preference afternoon or evening (EP/RP)

8.Actions from AGM (ER)

Non gender-specific nomenclature requested. Not all agreed, but nevertheless decided to use the terms "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" from now on.

Voluntary donation box for tea, coffee and biscuits. Agreed to try, CC to source a suitable box.

Promotion/advertising : CC to investigate use of a stand at the seafront Rotary Fair at the end of August. .Guildbourne Centre? [\(Positive response since received from the Rotary\)](#)

9. Directors' Refresher Course (NU)

Messaged Eddie Williams again but no response. A Saturday in April suggested.

10. Duplimator (NU)

Installed but still playing up (hand records) NU to uninstall and reinstall the software.

Initial glitches re the cards appear to be over. Noted that when we reorder cards there is no need for bar-coded ones which are more expensive.

11. Repairs (ER)

Computer tower went for repair because of cutting out.

Clogged fan identified causing overheating. New fan and battery supplied. £85.

Quote of £1530 supplied by Peter Mansell for outside decoration including rendering and windows. Rendering may not be required, but perspex on some of the windows may need extra work. Sill on window in hallway needs attention. The door at the back of the bar is rotting, so no point in painting it. Replace it? Get another quote? But it must be for the same work. Noted that the cost of paint has risen alarmingly.

Electrician will be needed to service heater and thermostat and repair spotlights.

A new kettle is on order (NU)

12. AOB:

Do we need a recycling bin? AB to investigate size and cost.

Query from Colin Smith – it appears that the Welcome Pairs event will not be viable with only WBC. Agreed to ask Horsham to participate (LS)

Query re Bridgemates received from Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club (Eastbourne) [\(EP has subsequently spoken to Caroline Kemp and directed her to Bridgemates\)](#)

Request to update New Members ' page on the website (RP)

Meeting finished at 11.27

The date of the next meeting is Friday 21st April at 10.00am at Byron Road.

(Apologies from CC)