
WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 6 January 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies for absence:

2. Minutes of the meeting 2 December 2022 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- a) ER extended our thanks to Roland Heath for all his work on the club website. Heath said he enjoyed working with the team.
- b) LS has received no further feedback from the Hills questionnaire (attached). Members were prepared to pay more for the day and the prize monies will be reviewed. We will change the lunch menu so that we do not provide cake at lunch and in the afternoon.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a) Purchase of a small accounting package was discussed and will be further investigated. (AB)
- b) Nationwide have now opened our business savings account. It was agreed that £20,000 should be invested initially. (AB)
- c) PTP charges for December will be included in January accounts. (AB)
- d) We made a small loss in December.
- e) Comparing financial balances from December 2021 to 2022 we have increased our funds by c£1600.
- f) The visitor table money has increased to £5 as of 1 January 2023. There will be no table money increase for members.
- g) A budget forecast will be sent out with the AGM Agenda and a proposal re future costings put to the attendees. (ER)
- h) The energy costs have come in under the forecast amount for 2022 (ER)
- i) The income of c£2800 from the 60s club will remain in the accounts until September 2023 and has helped provide extra income for the club. (ER)
- j) It was agreed to review the practice of giving prize vouchers for every session. This costs the club c£4000 p.a. A question will be presented for a vote at the AGM.
- k) Other regular outgoings e.g., wages and insurance fees have been costed into the 2023 forecast.

Membership Report (LS)

- a. One new member – Artur Lybacki
- b. Members reaching the end of their probation: 7 Jan - Linda Murdoch, 13 Jan - Andrew Cundiff, 17 Jan - Carol Jones and 18 Jan - Maura Lowin.
- c. Annual subscription renewal: we have received £2900 of a potential £5000 to date. There have been 4 resignations and others may follow from members who no longer play. A reminder will be sent out. Members who have not paid annual fees by the AGM will have their membership lapsed automatically and a £10 administration fee will be charged to members who re-join after lapsing. (LS)
- d. Membership fees will be an item on the AGM agenda. (LS)
- e. We are sad to report the death of Pat Carter who was a long standing and loyal member.
- f. Handling of communications following the death of a member will be reviewed to ensure all members are made aware asap. (EP)

5. Charity Week (EP)

- a) We raised an outstanding amount of £800 not including money from the sale of books. It will be divided between Turning Tides and the local Alzheimer's society. A Pianola will be sent out to everyone. (EP)

7. Christmas Party (EP)

- a) There were 8 no-shows on the day that we were not informed about. It would be appreciated if people who cannot attend for whatever reason, however late, could contact the club to avoid waste. It was agreed that we will ask for deposits next year. (EP)

8. Teams Events (ER)

- a) We have 4 teams for the West Worthing event. We need surnames for one couple who have entered. (EP)
- b) ER has worked out method of play so that all pairs meet all other pairs. (ER)
- c) There are 3 teams for the online Kings Park fixture taking place on Friday 27th January. (ER)

9. Roles and Responsibilities (NU)

- a) There was no time for this item in today's meeting so preparations and suggestions will be included in the next meeting. **ALL**

10. Heath's replacement (ER)

- a) We are extremely grateful to Heath for all his hard work and delighted to welcome Robert Pepper to the role. He will be inducted by AB. Welcome Robert. (AB)

11. Directors Refresher Course (NU).

- a) We have had no reply to our email expressing interest and candidates have not confirmed availability. Refreshers will be sent. (NU)
- b) This will be rescheduled for February if required.

12. Duplimator

- a) NU received confirmation the machine cleared customs in Stockholm on 4 January.
(NU)
- b) Another club have purchased our borrowed machine so we currently have no Duplimator until ours returns from Stockholm for which there is no date.
- c) We have Duplimated sets until Thursday 12 after which we will have to manually deal cards until our machine returns.
NB Directors

13. AOB:

- a) It was agreed that the parameters for the 2023 competitions (which run from January to January) will be the same as for 2022. We will use NGS grade at 1 January. (AB)
- b) The Tuesday pm BBO session continues to be poorly attended. A Pianola will be issued to all members giving details of how to enter and stating that it will be withdrawn at the AGM if current numbers remain the same. (NU).
- c) IT was agreed to reintroduce EBU SIM Pairs competitions in 2023. (NU)
- d) The Roy Skelton competition for members with NGS under 7 will be held on Sunday 26th February. NGS level on 1 Jan will be used.
- e) All Sussex clubs were contacted regarding interest in the David Pavey competition on 22nd January. Only Horsham and Patcham responded. We have 7 tables and most of the entrants are from WBC. This is very disappointing as it is the same amount of effort to organise as if there were 15 tables. EP will email the SCCBA to discuss the viability of running it at WBC next year. (EP)
- f) ER has the handicapping information from EBU and we will use this to encourage entries for a new competition during the Spring Festival. (ER)

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 9 February at 10.00am at Byron Road.

Please note Colin has classes so the car park will be in use.