

WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 1 December 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Chris Constable
- 2. Minutes of the meeting 27 October 2023** were approved.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (AB)**
 - a) Our PlusNet contract is due to expire on 22 December. AB has looked at contract comparisons with the best being BT at £31.46 pm + VAT, which includes calls. The meeting agreed that we should switch to this contract. **AB**
 - b) AB has had further contact from NatWest regarding the Business Profile for the club's account. Most queries reflect a lack of understanding on their part and no action is required.

5. Membership Report (LS)

The club wishes to extend a warm welcome to our new members.

- a) We have 2 new members: Cynthia Marchant and Pam Corney.
- b) Tony French and Paul Anderson completed their probationary period in November.
- c) The WBC membership stands at 201.
- d) LS to send out renewal notices next week. **LS**

6. Review of Hills Competition (ER)

- a) Overall ER had good feedback and most people were happy with their day. We have received several emails expressing thanks to WBC.
- b) There were 20 teams in all, 9 were external to WBC. It was agreed to run the competition again in 2024. **ER**
- c) ER expressed thanks to the people who helped beforehand and at lunchtime, allowing the event to stay on time and enabling a swift clear up.
- d) EP was disappointed with the caterers, especially as they knew what to expect from last years' event: they arrived somewhat late, there were no tablecloths as requested and the food was plated up in the kitchen and handed to players who stood in line. It was agreed we would not use them in 2024. **EP**

- e) Eddie (and Kathy) Williams did a good job as directors. Their charges had increased but after discussion were deemed fair. They have been rebooked for 2024. **ER**
- f) It was agreed that we must seek ways of reducing our losses next year. The two main topics that we targeted were lunch: changing what we serve and how and replacing financial prizes with a choice of chocolate or wine.
- g) Changes to the running of the event will be investigated and agreed by Spring 2024 and discussed on the March Agenda (pre-AGM).

DHS

7. End of Year Reviews (ER)

- a) The membership fees will remain the same for 2024. **LS**
- b) Table money will remain the same for 2024. **AB**
- c) Nick's wages and Christmas bonus will remain the same for 2024. **AB**
- d) Nick will be asked to come in to clean after the party on 8th. **AB**

8. AOB

- a. AB asked (post meeting) which charities are to benefit from charity week? **All**
- b. LS suggested we review Honorary Membership. It will be an item on the next AGM for the members to consider and so they are aware how to nominate someone for honorary membership. ER to review any relevant rules. **ER/DHS**
- c. We should start to consider actions for the AGM before the January meeting as notices will need to go out in February. **All**

The date of the next meeting is:

Friday 26 January, 10.00am at Byron Road.