

WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th May, 2008 at 7.30pm.

Present: Colin Jones (Chairman), Gillian Weatherley (Secretary), R Quainton (Club Captain), Marion Allin, Lyn Arnold, J Barton, Norman Gascoyne, Francis Glassborow, J Griffiths.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** R Moore
2. **Minutes of the previous committee meeting** on 27th March were agreed as correct and passed.
3. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda**
 - (i) **Thursday afternoon boards**

Some club members are attending Wednesday and Thursday sessions which use the same boards. It was agreed to delay posting Wednesday night's results until 2.00pm at the earliest on Thursday. Members attending the Thursday session, who also played on the previous night, will be asked to sit in the opposite direction. **Action: F Glassborow will discuss with P Simmonds and notify T Burwood-Smith.**
4. **Chairman's Report**
 - i) **Strategy for the Club.**

The Chairman will draft a strategy for the club and distribute for the next Committee meeting.
 - ii) **EBU Strategy**

The EBU Strategy was discussed. It was agreed to revisit when further information is available.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - i) The current bank balances are available from the Treasurer.
 - ii) **Membership Subscriptions.**

Currently half of the members have paid their subscriptions for 2008. Paying by direct debit was discussed. Issuing calendars, once subs have been paid, something along the lines of Thame Bridge Club, were discussed and agreed in principle. This will be revisited.

It was agreed to pay F. Glassborow £200 pa honorarium for preparation of the duplimated boards.
6. **Club Captain's Report**

No further news since the AGM. It was agreed that at least 1 member of a team should be a keyholder having regard to the limits agreed with the village hall committee. J Griffiths will ask Roger to forward relevant email addresses to Ron. GW handed over the

responses to the request for members interested in taking part in the Chiltern and Wessex Leagues.

7. **OBA Report**

An EBU representative will be attending the OBA meeting on May 29 at Oxford BC, 7.30 pm. It was agreed to encourage people to attend. Peter Baxter, Norman Gascoyne and Ron Quainton have agreed to be OBA representatives.

8. **New Members**

Proposals for Pete Preston, Ann Wieland and John Cecil were accepted and they were welcomed to the club.

9. **Suggestions Book**

There was one suggestion. **Action: GW to contact the author for further details.**

10. **Functions and Sub Committees**

i) The Chairman will contact last year's members to see if they are willing to continue with their roles for the coming year. **Action: C Jones.**

In response to the request for directors and scorers, it was agreed the Secretary will contact:

ii) W Rodderick and M Sloper to be scorers with M Lucas as a reserve. (GW to contact T Burwood-Smith re training.)

iii) M Lucas and A Lambe re attending the EBUdirector's training course.

iv) F Glassborow distributed a draft Training schemata. He would like to introduce additional courses for all ability levels. It was agreed in principle that the cost of a two hour session will be £5.00. This will be revisited at the next meeting. FG and GW will attend EBU teacher's course in October.

v) It was agreed to consolidate/improve upon the current Host system. FG agreed to look at the system, possibly making use of bridgebuddies website, and posting dates when a host is available on the club's website and informing the partnership host. **Action: FG to look at improvements for the current system. GW to ask members to sign up as host on needed dates.**

v) **Action: GW will contact BGB and ask them to send a dlm file for the sim. Pairs, so F Glassborow can duplimate the boards.**

11 **Premises**

i) **Current**

Action: C Jones will contact The Village Hall Committee to arrange a meeting to discuss the grass around the car park; cutting back the bush near the dust bins; insurance; the new kitchen, ask whether we can put a book case in the end room, whether alterations can be made to the end room to accommodate matches and, raise the many complaints the committee has received over the cleanliness of the hall.

A complaint has been received about the table cloths. Lyn Arnold agreed to wash them. As the club no longer has a house manager, it was agreed in future to ask more members to be involved with the

day to day running of their club and help with the routine jobs such as washing table cloths and making coffee. **GW will put instructions next to the coffee machine to enable members to prepare the coffee and ask D Roberts to include an item in Trumpit.**

iii) **Future**

Action: C Jones and the property sub-committee will arrange for discussions/ a meeting with Portcullis Tennis and R Haycock.

12. **Monday Evening**

It was advised that the fans in the teaching room can be used in the main hall when it is hot. The Village Hall Committee has advised that it is not possible to open the windows in the main room as the whereabouts of the keys are not known.

13. **Thursday Afternoon.**

Going very well. Philip Simmonds is to be commended for his sterling efforts in making the afternoon such a success. The Committee thanked Philip for all his hard work.

14. **Supervised Play**

- i) The sessions are well attended.

15. **Calendar**

i) **Competitions**

The Handicap Individual will revert to Wednesday, the Open Individual will revert to Friday, the Open Pairs will remain on Wednesday and the Handicap Pairs will remain on Fridays. Mixed Pairs will be held on the 5th Wednesday and the Penny Marris will be held on the 5th Monday.

ii) **Calendars**

Action: Norman agreed to produce next year's calendars.

16. **Website**

Action: F Glassborow volunteered to look after the electronic form of the Club Calendar to incorporate all the Club activities at a single place.

17. **Any Other Business**

- i) Jayne Castle's handicap is 52 and Andrew Speyer's handicap is 53.
- ii) The Chairman agreed to be nominated for the County Selection Committee.

Action: C Jones to advise D Talbot.

18. **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 28th August, 7.30 in the club rooms. **Please notify the Secretary as soon as possible if committee members cannot attend.**