

# WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Peter Baxter (Chairman), Gillian Weatherley (Secretary), J. Griffiths (Club Captain), Marion Allin (Membership Secretary), Lyn Arnold, Norman Gascoyne, Francis Glassborow.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** J Barton, R Moore
2. Minutes of the previous committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November were agreed as correct and passed.
3. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda**
  - i) Dealing Machine update  
The teething problems are now resolved. There have been some complaints over distribution. This was discussed and it was agreed that the hands will continue to be randomly dealt and not 'selected'.
  - ii) A mutual back up arrangement with B McCarthy has been agreed.
  - iii) Wantage Bridge Club has enquired about WBC preparing their pre-dealt boards. It was agreed that it was essentially up to F Glassborow and he will discuss with Wantage.
4. **Chair's Report**

Colin Jones is considering accepting nomination as the Chair in April.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

The current balance in bank accounts is available from the Treasurer.
6. **Club Captain's Report**

It has been very difficult finding people to take part in the teams competitions this year, in particular attending away fixtures. Consideration should be given to running 3 teams next season.
7. **OBA Report**

The OBA is increasing the cost of supplying pre-dealt boards to clubs. They are also in discussion for the provision of payment for competition entry fees.
8. **Property sub-committee.**

N Gascoyne had nothing to report on finding new premises. The search will continue.
9. **New Members**

Proposals for Wendy Simon, Bill Simon and Beryl Game were accepted and they were welcomed to the club.
10. **Suggestions Book:**

It was agreed to put the Village Hall's post code on the notice board. The Hall doesn't have a postal address, research has shown that OX10 6JJ is near by.

**Action: GW to prepare a notice.**
11. **Tournaments**
  - i) **Penny Marris**

Last year's event was discussed. A few entries have been received for this year. It was agreed to hold the event on Monday next year which may prove more popular. The dates this year are Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Action: GW to prepare a list. LA will ask for additional entries and find partners if necessary.**

ii) **Butler Scoring**

Butler scoring for each team member was discussed. The Club Captain felt it would be fair to say that over the year, the average is a good representation of a player's score. It was agreed that all captains should prepare butler scores and make them available for team players if they ask for their scores.

**Action: Club Captain to notify Team Captains of this decision.**

iii) The handicaps are being finalised and will be published as soon as possible.

12 **Monday evening**

i) **Host System**

There has been little interest in operating a host system on Mondays when partnerships are more static. Monday players tend to use the Partnership Host via telephone when looking for a partner.

ii) The Mixer evenings which generally proved popular last year will continue. The dates for this year are Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> September and 29<sup>th</sup> December.

**Action: GW to prepare list for LA and ask Wednesday players as required.**

**LA to announce the event.**

13. **Premises**

i) **Front door / Water in the car park**

The front door has been repaired. P Baxter will email Ruth re the water at the front entrance and the 'bog area' in the car park.

**Action : P Baxter**

**Action: J Griffiths will contact a friend who has some unwanted gravel.**

14. **AGM.**

i) **Officers**

The following agreed to stand for the coming year.

Secretary: Gillian Weatherley, Membership Secretary: Marion Allin.

Committee members: Lyn Arnold, Norman Gascoyne, Francis Glassborow and Jennie Griffiths. A replacement for the Club Captain is yet to be found.

**Action: GW to contact Richard Moore and John Barton.**

ii) **Subscriptions**

The lengthy time taken by some members to pay their subscription was discussed. It was agreed to remind all members that their subscriptions must be paid by the end of April as stated in the Constitution. A reminder has been added in the current calendar. The subscription fee will remain at £5.00 this year until the outcome of the EBU's consultation is known.

**Action: GW to place reminder on the notice board and the website and ask Debbie to include an item in Trumpit.**

iii) **Table Money**

It was agreed that the table money will remain at £2.00 for members and £2.50 for non-members for the coming year.

15. **Calendar**

i) **Charity Night.**

It was agreed that duplicate pairs will be played on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Table money will be £3.00 per player. It was agreed not to ask for the donation of raffle prizes this year. The beneficiary of the evening will be the Friends of Wallingford Hospital. It was stressed that the evening is for all club members

**Action: GW to prepare a notice for the board/website**

**L. Arnold will invite Monday players.**

ii) **Simultaneous Pairs** – there are two CIN Sim Pairs on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2 further BGB Sim Pairs on 9<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> October and 1 OBA Sim Pairs event on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

16. **Any other business**

i) A letter received regarding the host system was discussed and a response will be forwarded by the Secretary. To avoid any disappointments, guidelines will in future be given for the hosts and those using the system.

**Action: GW to forward a response. Prepare guidelines.**

ii) Arthur Tulip will hold a short revision course on the 4 Tuesday evenings in June. Arthur is considering taking a year off from teaching.

iii) Supervised play on Thursday afternoons is progressing well. It is hoped those attending will naturally move to the main duplicate session on Thursday once supervised play is finished. It was agreed that the table money from the session will be given to the supervisor. FG is hoping to write an overview of the teaching prospectus for next year.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

15. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

Please let the Secretary know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.