

# WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Peter Baxter (Chairman), Gillian Weatherley (Secretary), Richard Moore (Treasurer), J. Griffiths (Club Captain), Lyn Arnold, J. Barton, N. Gascoyne, F. Glassborow.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** P. Welch
2. Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed as correct and passed.
3. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda**
  - i) It was an oversight that Debbie Roberts and Mike Brown had not been formally announced as new life members. It was agreed that the Chairman would do so at this year's Christmas party.  
**Action: P Baxter**
  - ii) The initial problems with the dealing machine have now been resolved. Hands will be provided for Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening, with printed handouts to follow once the software has been mastered.  
**Action: F Glassborow**
  - iii) In response to the EBU Pay to Play Questionnaire, it was agreed the club would expect to continue to affiliate to the EBU and would prefer a single average Pay to Play fee.  
**Action: GW to forward the questionnaire to the EBU.**
4. **Chairman's Report**
  - i) There have been reports of members still being rude to the directors. If this continues and we lose our directors, the fee for a professional director is £40.00 a session which would involve members paying an additional £1.00 table money. Debbie Roberts is including an item in Trumpit.
  - ii) The Secretary had received a card from Tony-Burwood-Smith thanking the club for the flowers and their good wishes.
  - iii) Thanks to Edna Gillet who sent flowers on the club's behalf to Marie Carol on her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported on the current bank balance.
6. **Club Captain's Report**

Wessex League: B Team lost one match 3-17. A team won one match 13-7, C Team are yet to play. D team is doing well; won 2 matches 18-2 and 20-2. Lost one match, 9-11.

Chiltern League: Played one, won 11-1.
- 7 **OBA Report**

The OBA are still looking for a new chairman. The cost of the Seniors Competition has risen from £6 to £7.50. The rising entry cost of competitions was discussed. 20% of the cost goes towards prizes. It was felt the high cost deters people from entering.

**Action: NG to put forward the suggestion that prizes are limited to the winner/top two. GW to add item on EBU Questionnaire.**

8. **Property sub-committee**
  - i) The Chairman was happy to report the replacement of the water heater and new thermostats, the repair to the broken window and new stocks of paper towels and toilet paper.
  - ii) NG had nothing to report on finding new premises.
9. **New Members**

Proposals for E Horsup, G Poole, J Banister and H Warburton were accepted and they were welcomed to the club.
10. **Suggestions Book:** Nothing to report.
11. **Monday Club**
  - i) **Host System**

It was agreed to try again for Monday evening. Appears to be going well on other nights.  
**Action: GW to prepare a list of dates for 2008 - also for Wed/Fri.**
  - ii) **Directors Course**

**LA to contact PB when she would like to attend a Director's Course.**
12. **Premises and Status**
  - i) **Room Clearances** – On Mondays, following a clearance, the tables and chairs need to be removed from the small committee room which is used for teaching on Tuesdays.  
**Action: LA to advise Peter Welch and the Monday directors.**
  - ii) GW to contact Ruth to remind the Village Hall Committee to let us know whether or not a full clearance is required.
  - iii) Christmas decorations – P Baxter and J Barton will put these up on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. **PB will bring a step ladder.**
13. **Calendar** – OBA Swiss Pairs held in Oxford on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
  - i) **Christmas party formats:** Monday – Military Bridge, Wednesday – Play with the Experts. Raffle prize money to be donated to Sue Ryder.  
**Action: FG to prepare boards.**  
**GW to place notices on the board / obtain prizes.**  
**PB to discuss wine with Phillip /Tony**
  - ii) GW to ask Debbie to include FG's correct new telephone number in Trumpit.
14. **Any other business.**
  - i) On behalf of the club GW formally welcomed Lyn Arnold to the committee.
  - ii) Winter car parking has returned – GW to place notice on board.
  - iii) PB will discuss a mutual back up agreement regarding the dealing machine with Bill McCarthy.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.
15. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm.

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