

# **WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB**

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 held at Wallingford Bridge Club**

Present: Peter Baxter (Chairman), N. Gascoyne (Secretary), J. Griffiths (Club Captain)  
J. Barton, L. Burwood-Smith, F. Glassborow, R. Kelly, G. Weatherley.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

R. Moore, Kate Gould, P. Welch.

### **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were passed.

### **3. Matters Arising not Covered by the Agenda**

#### **Proposed new Club Constitution and Rules**

The draft Club Constitution and Rules was discussed and accepted by the Committee. Members will be asked to contribute any comments to F. Glassborow as soon as possible and not later than Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 14 days prior to the AGM.

**Action: G. Weatherley to post the draft Constitution on the notice board.**

### **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman advised that the Village Hall Committee is unable to meet with us until 17<sup>th</sup> April. A meeting will be sought for 17<sup>th</sup> April or, as soon as possible, to discuss the general cleanliness of the Hall; the on going problems with the boiler and the very lengthy delays in replenishing supplies such as paper towels and light bulbs.

**Action: P. Baxter to arrange a meeting with the Village Hall Committee which will be attended by The Chairman, The Treasurer, J. Barton and L. Burwood-Smith.**

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer advised that there is £38,053 in the bank.

### **6. O.B.A. Report**

N. Gascoyne reported that in County team events, Teams from Oxfordshire have won the Porter Cup, are currently second in the Markham and 2nd in the Dawes Leagues.

### **7. New Members**

Joan and Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Page and Valerie Welch had applied for membership. They were accepted and are welcomed to the Club.

### **8. Suggestions Book**

There were no new suggestions entered in the book.

### **9. Functions and Sub Committees**

There was nothing to report.

### **10. Monday Club**

The handicaps are nearly finalised and will be published shortly.

Wednesday and Friday's handicaps are completed, the results for the handicap competitions need to be regenerated. F. Glassborow thought that when the new handicaps are put in, the program should regenerate the results. T Burwood-Smith will be asked to regenerate the results from the handicap competitions using the current handicaps.

#### **11. Premises Update**

The Secretary is still waiting for a reply from the Donkey Sanctuary and Mr. Cromer regarding Carmel College. The school in St. George's Road may be coming available.

#### **12. AGM**

The committee recommendations were discussed at the last committee meeting. The cups will be collected from the 2005 winners and engraved with the 2006 winners for the AGM.

**Action: G. Weatherley to organise the cups for the AGM.**

The auditor has requested that he receives the books for auditing by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.

**Action: G. Weatherley to contact R. Moore and request that the books are with the Auditor by 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### **13. Calendar**

##### **Mixed Pairs**

The first fixture was well attended; the second is on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Penny Marris Trophy – New Handicap Competition**

It was agreed that due to administrative problems, the first scheduled date for the competition, 29<sup>th</sup> March, will be cancelled. Anyone who has arranged to play on the night is still welcome to do so. Duplicate pairs will be played. The competition will go ahead on the other three proposed dates with the best two results counting. The Tournament Committee will discuss the rules for the competition and report their recommendations to the Committee before the next meeting.

**Action: P. Baxter to ask the Tournament Committee to discuss the rules and report their recommendations to the Committee.**

##### **Mixer Evening**

It was agreed that many of the Monday players are happy playing only on a Monday night. It was also agreed that the Committee should do all they can to enable the Monday players who want to, to progress smoothly to other club nights. Meeting and playing with some of the Wednesday and Friday players, may encourage those who want to, to play on other club nights. Following a suggestion from a Monday Player and a favourable response from the majority of the Monday Club, it was agreed to hold a Mixer Evening on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Action: G. Weatherley to discuss with P. Welch and prepare a table slip to gauge the numbers interested and find partners for those wishing to take part.**

##### **OBA Sim Pairs**

To date, there is no evident interest in Wednesday and Friday players taking part in the event at the club, in a separate section on a Monday evening.

**Action: G. Weatherley to post an item in Trumpit and on the website.**

**Action: N. Gascoyne to organise the boards for the OBA Sim Pairs.**

It was agreed to add: "Subscriptions Due" at the top of the page for April in the new Calendars.

**Action: N. Gascoyne**

## **14. Any Other Business**

### **Team Selection**

Via a committee member, a member of the club suggested that annual Butler scores should be used to select the best players to represent each team; team players should be chosen on merit. The difficulties involved with Team selection were discussed including the pros and cons for using Butler scoring and the problems encountered when teams are demoted/promoted. The Chairman added that those chosen to play for teams should play regularly at the club. The Club Captain advised that Butler scores are taken into account to a certain extent when liaising with Team Captains. Final selections will be discussed at a committee meeting. The Club Captain offered her thanks to the Team Captains for all their work.

### **Supervised Play**

The general consensus with the current students is that a Tuesday evening would be more preferable than a Monday. The issue of paying the supervisors was raised. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Classes**

A. Tulip has advised that the Bridge for All is currently being restructured. From September all the bidding will be covered in Year One over 3 x 10 sessions. It is thought that the Year Two Course may not be required to run every year - it is difficult to know until the new course materials have been seen and the number of students/ level of interest are known.

### **Computer Generated Hands**

Computer generated hands were discussed. It was agreed to trial computer generated hands for several months. If successful, the possibility of the club purchasing its own equipment will be discussed.

**Action: P. Baxter to organise with B. McCarthy upon return from his holiday.**

### **Contacting Members**

Contacting members by email was discussed. This is now the easiest way to contact most members - rather than writing or telephoning them. A mailing list could be used to circulate information relating to the bridge club. The Club Captain advised that another club uses email addresses when looking for partners at short notice and that this was very successful. It was agreed to ask Members for their email addresses.

**Action: G. Weatherley to prepare a form for those members who wish to be contacted/provided with information, relating to the bridge club.**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

## **15. Date for next Committee Meeting:**

This will be decided by the new committee following the AGM.