

WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday August 25th 2005
Meeting started: 8.30 pm

Present: Peter Baxter (Chairman), Richard Moore (Treasurer), J. Griffiths (Club Captain) J. Barton, N. Gascoyne, F. Glassborow, Peter Welch + Lyn Arnold

1. Apologies for Absence: Gillian Weatherley
2. Minutes of the previous committee meeting were amended by assign Peter Welch to those present and then passed.
3. Matters arising not covered by the Agenda
FG reported that purchasing the equipment for producing computer dealt boards would cost about £3000 if they were collected from the UK supplier. The Committee agreed to go ahead, the Treasurer to provide a cheque for the correct amount and FG to arrange collection.
It was agreed that the Club would pay the £18 annual maintenance fee for Scorebridge when it became due.
4. Chairman's Report
Nothing to report
5. Treasurer's Report
(Bank balance information can be obtained directly from the treasurer).
6. Club Captain's Report
Wessex League 2007/8: The Club will be entering 4 teams. These are now complete with captains. Teams A-C have for assigned pairs and team D has 5. The dates of matches will be arranged at the Wessex League Meeting at Oxford Club on Thursday 13th September.
Chiltern League 2007/8: The Club has entered 1 team.
7. OBA Report
Seniors Competition: the cost to go up from £6 to £7.50 (includes lunch)
8. New Members: The proposals from 9 new members were accepted.
9. Suggestions Book: Nothing
10. Premises
Present: Peter Baxter waiting for a response to an email to Ruth re various items including the light not working in the corridor and the need to deal with the overgrown bushes.
Future: NG said that little progress had been made. The Donkey Sanctuary now looked out of the running. Other possibilities were still on the table but the replies to our communications were slow. Members were asked to continue looking for possible locations.
11. Calendar (all relevant dates already notified to Secretary).

Harwell Cup: this no longer seems to be a Club invitation event and not to go in Calendar

Pead Plate

1) This year's: PB to arrange drinks, JG to arrange nibbles and napkins.

2) Next years: equivalent date

Sim. Pairs; Discussion as to effect of two of these being on Open Pairs Nights. Decision to go ahead anyway.

Charity Nights:

This year's to be two rounds of 12 boards (3 sets of 4, players rotate at same table after each set) New tables for the second set.

Len Salmon Trophy

We are the away teams this year. We need to make it abundantly clear to Abingdon that they are the hosts even though they are using our premises and they must do the entire organisation including catering. Proposed date 28th October (as long as premises are available.

Mixed Pairs: To remain the 5th Wednesdays

Penny Marris: To remain the 5th Fridays

Handicap Individual: only 11 rounds as there are no available dates in December 2008

Christmas Parties: dates as agreed

Mixer Evenings: 5th Mondays

12. EBU Pay to Play. We had had a considerable discussion of this with the EBU Club Liaison Officer before the meeting. Our feelings are that we need to wait for the EBU's final proposals but had made comments on the interaction between Club affiliation fees and Pay to Play. We felt that the EBU needed to justify its current proposals for affiliation fees (graded by the number of duplicate events per week).

The issue of Club Subscriptions was also raised and a strong sentiment for setting these to zero was expressed. Players asked to fill in their contact details the first time they play each year. (Similar to the scheme at South Bucks)

13. Monday Club: nothing to report

14. Host System: working well at present on Wednesdays and Fridays. Monday players had expressed an interest in principle but the different nature of the evening (players much more wanting to play with those they know) and getting volunteers made it impractical for now.

15. Classes: Owing to an administrative hiccuph publicity has gone out very late. As the tutor (FG) will also be away for 3 weeks in September/October it was decided to reschedule these to start on October 20 (8 weeks followed by 12 weeks starting in January and 10 weeks in the Summer). There will be supervised play (taken by FG) on Thursday afternoons from January)

16. Life Members. It seems that we have actually failed to notify Mike Brown and Arthur Tulip that the Committee decided to grant them Life Membership. In addition we have not currently got facilities to display the Honours Boards which makes Life Membership rather hollow. It was suggested and agreed that all active Life members should appear under a

suitable heading in the Club Calendar (i.e. preceding the rest of the membership list)

17. Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th November