

WALLINGFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th March, 2008 at 7.30pm.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** R Moore
2. **Minutes of the previous committee meeting** on 14th February were agreed as correct and passed.

3. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda**

(i) **EBU Strategy document**

The document was discussed. The additional cost to the club appears to be approx 17p per player. Future consideration should be given to raising table money to £2.50. It was agreed that The Chairman will summarise the document to present at the AGM. Following this, members will be sent a copy of the strategy via email and invited to forward any questions/ comments to the Secretary.

Action: P Baxter / G Weatherley

- (ii) The issue of matches taking place on Club nights was raised. The Committee reaffirmed the policy that Captains are expected to avoid matches on Club nights. In particular matches should not be arranged for Wednesday or Friday nights. The preferred night for home matches is Thursday.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The current bank balances are available from the Treasurer.

6. **Club Captain's Report**

A captains' meeting was held last week to which Ron Quinton as prospective Club Captain, and Colin Jones as prospective Chairman, were invited. Pre-dealt boards were discussed. Captains were asked not to hand-deal the "pre-dealt" cards, but to use the other boards. They were informed that Francis has agreed to produce a set of boards if asked in plenty of time.

No good things to report on matches. The D team finished 3rd, the C team, with 1 match to play, looks likely to be relegated. The fate of the B and A teams will be decided in their last 2 matches.

We won't be able to run 4 teams and 1 Chiltern League team unless we have more pairs. Various suggestions were made.

- (i) Putting an announcement in each Trumpit.
- (ii) Putting an announcement on the website.
- (iii) Putting an announcement on the notice board.
- (iv) Putting a table slip on each table on Teams night for 3 months.

Action: GW to prepare ii, iii and iv and contact Debbie re i.

7. **OBA Report**

The next OBA meeting will be held on 31st March – attended by P Baxter and possibly N Gascoyne.

8. **New Members**

Proposals for Colin Hoad and Glynn Leaney were accepted and they were welcomed to the club.

9. **Suggestions Book:**

There were no suggestions.

10. **Functions and Sub Committees**

Property Sub Committee

N Gascoyne discussed a letter received regarding possible negotiations with Portcullis Tennis Club at Hithercroft. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Tennis Club and Roger Haycock and WBC's new Chairman.

Action: N Gascoyne.

11 **AGM**

- i) The Auditor has informed the committee that he requires the books two weeks before the AGM.

Action : GW to contact R Moore and ask for the books to be with Roger no later than 9th April.

- ii) The nominations were discussed and placed on the notice board.

Action: L Arnold will contact M Allin to ask if she is willing to stand as a Committee member.

Action: GW to prepare the Agenda and publicise the AGM via notices on the web / board and announce on Club nights.

- iii) The winner of The Most Improved player was chosen. Arthur has advised of The Most Improved Student. **GW to contact P Simmonds re The Most Improved Monday Player, order the lettering for the Honours Board, collect the trophies and engrave for 2007 winners.**

It was agreed that the committee should regularly announce /or ask the director to announce specific events on club evenings.

13. **Calendar**

Nothing to report.

14. **Monday Club.**

- i) A request has been received to change the worn bidding cards.

Action: J Barton will replace after his holiday and buy new as necessary.

- ii) A letter received by L Arnold concerning pre-dealt boards was discussed.

Action: F Glassborow to respond to the letter and prepare a guide to all things concerning pre –dealt boards.

- iii) A suggestion to make the lay out of the travellers the same as the individual scorecards was discussed. F Glassborow advised that the software doesn't permit such changes to be made to the travellers.

Action: L Arnold to advise.

- iv) F Feates is holding 120 of the Club's old cushion pads and has asked if they are still required.

Action: L Arnold to advise of the committee's decision that the cushion pads can be disposed of.

- v) L Arnold reported that the cleanliness of the cups was raised by Thursday afternoon players. It was pointed out that the majority of players on club nights use disposable cups. In general it is the Thursday afternoon players who use the china cups.

- vi) A request has been received for some old tables for Mill Stream, Benson.

Action: G Weatherley to advise that there are no spare tables at present.

15. **Any Other Business**

A meeting is to be arranged with the Village Hall Committee following the AGM on 23rd April.

Action: GWeatherley to arrange a date.

15. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th or 22nd May. G Weatherley to advise.**