

Waltham Forest Bridge Club

COMMITTEE MEETING - 04/05/2015 - MINUTES

Present were Colin, Cathy & Peter R. Apologies from Peter H

1. News

- Steven Coulter has agreed to join the W.F.B.C. Committee.
- Jocelyn has become our latest member.
- Simple Systems evening arranged for 14/05. Anne Catchpole & Colin to liaise. £2.00 table money.

2. Minutes from last meeting on 01/02/2015 were agreed.

3. New Constitution

- This was agreed by The Committee - thanks to Peter Hatton especially for his help.
- Special General Meeting to be held at the club on 01/06/2015 to discuss the new constitution, take questions and then to take a vote on its implementation. Cathy is to facilitate.
- Colin to notify members of the SGM on Thurs 07/05 and Mon 11/05.
- Also on these dates members are to be reminded that it is essential to start Bridge by 7.30.

4. Rent and Table Money Increases

- The Quakers are increasing the room rental from 03/08.
- We therefore have no option but to increase table money for members to £4.00 from 03/08. Visitors will pay £5.00.
- Annual Subscriptions will remain the same.

5. Finances

- As table money is to rise in August we can foresee an improvement in our Income/Expenditure situation.

6. Competitions

- It was agreed that for competitions the club enters for, preference should be given to members who are regular attendees.
- Membership should be inclusive so as to give members with differing levels of experience and perceived ability an equal chance to represent the club in competition.

7. Access to Member Details

- Colin has tried to update our member list and details.
- Cathy is to continue the checking and updating of our records. She will also implement multi-broadcast emails.
- It is hoped that our new member Steven Coulter who is I.T. savvy will help us with this and improve our systems.
- ScoreBridge have a helpline to help with club website I.T. issues. Gwynne is the usual contact on 01525 875575.

8. Advertising

- Cathy is to design a poster to advertise Bridge, the benefits of Bridge, and our club.

9. Bridge Table & Play Issues

- It is to be reiterated that we must make better efforts to reduce the time it takes to play each round so as to increase the chances that we can play 21 boards an evening. We must try to stop discussing the hands in-between boards. We should also try to play the hands more quickly. The Timer should be better respected and occasionally boards may have to be taken away.
- We believe general manners at the table have improved but we must continue to improve matters.

10. A.O.B.

- The Quaker building is having a new lift put in and so the building will be closed w/c 25/05/2015, therefore no Bridge on 28/05. Cathy and Colin to speak to Celia to seek recompense for that week.

11. Next Committee Meeting arranged for 19/07/2015 at 2pm - Colin's home.