

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on 3 October 2016

Present: Berwyn Aston, Steve Cane, Jo Childs, Sheila Gabriel, Bill Gordon, Jeff Green (chairman), Derrick Kime, Rodger Livesey, Helen Robinson, Frances Wilson.

1. Apologies: Gary Ames, Gordon Barker, John Eyre, Barbara Kime, John Phalp, Bob Turnham.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. There were no matters arising.
3. Chairman's report
 - 3.1 JG explained the volume of work he has to deal with and it was agreed to appoint a Deputy Chairman. SG was proposed and seconded and accepted the role.
 - 3.2 The meeting with Gosling Sports Park had been postponed due to their unavailability.
 - 3.3 Plans for the AGM at 18.30 on 21 October were agreed including a Resolution that the formal Notice given for the calling of this AGM is sufficient.
 - 3.4 The club handbook for 2016/17 will not be published due to problems experienced by JG. This is to be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.
 - 3.5 Bill Gordon (BG) reported that he had sent a letter to 2 club members on 27 September following a complaint about matters at the club. BG has received no response other than an e-mail to all of the committee. The committee has agreed that there will be no further response to previous correspondence or to the e-mail to all of the Committee on these issues.
4. Tournament Secretary's report
 - 4.1 The "High Rollers" convention will continue but only when there is a minimum of 5 tables at any event. This is a list of pairs which achieve very high scores.
 - 4.2 It was proposed that prizes would be awarded to A, B and O category winners at all sessions except for Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, where there will be no "O" prize. This is conditional on Bridgewebs being able to produce the summary results necessary and HR will investigate this. This is to be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.
 - 4.3 It was proposed that Permitted Conventions at all sessions will be level 4 except for Tuesday evenings, which will continue to be yellow card and Thursday mornings, which will continue to be level 2 excluding strong club systems. This is to be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.
 - 4.4 The club has entered 5 teams in the NICKO and 2 teams in the Flockhart.
5. Membership Secretary's report
 - 5.1 Only one member has not renewed club membership. A number of members have not renewed their stadium membership. FW is making every effort to remedy this but visitor fees will be charged if there is no resolution.
6. Publicity Officer's report
 - 6.1 JC reported on the marketing sessions held recently and said she plans for two more at the Howard Centre and at Gosling.
 - 6.2 JC is in the process of getting club pens produced despite difficulties with the supplier.

- 6.3 JC is purchasing additional tea/coffee mugs for the club.
- 6.4 JC has plans to put committee members' names on the notice board, to investigate advertising in parish magazines and to find more ways to promote bridge lessons at the club.
- 7. Treasurer's report and draft accounts
 - 7.1 These were accepted by the committee who thanked the Treasurer in his absence for his excellent work.
 - 7.2 The committee approved. £30 donation to the chosen charity of the late member, Ted Shaw.
- 8. AOB
 - 8.1 There was insufficient time to cover all the items on the agenda.
 - 8.2 JG will notify the committee of the date of the next meeting
 - 8.3 It is necessary for a committee member to liaise with external organisations which want to use the bridge room. JG will deal with this until someone is appointed.
 - 8.4 Clare Crout has agreed to be Trophy Officer if required and an audit would be needed to establish the location of trophies. This is to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. The committee expressed their thanks to Clare.

Jeffrey Green
Chairman
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