

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Committee meeting 25/01/2018 Minutes

Present: Srimath Agalawatte, Berwyn Aston, Steve Cane, Jo Childs, Sheila Gabriel, Jeff Green (Chair), John Phalp, Clive Richardson, Frances Wilson.

1. Apologies

Gary Ames, Gordon Barker, John Eyre, Ian Greig.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were approved by the committee.

Matters arising:

- A. JG is organising the Bridge Safari raffle and asked committee members to sell tickets at the sessions they attend. The draw will be on 17 April.
- B. GLL have agreed that members can bring their own alcohol to the clubroom.
- C. Angie Lozanova has taken over coordination of Chicago and Cake. Thanks to Angie from committee.
- D. The club have made a £50 gratuity payment to Lyn (GLL bar staff).

3. Approval of new members

List approved

4. GLL update

See separate minutes of meeting with GLL.

Thanks from committee to SC, for his work setting up the initial car registration numbers list and to David and Janet Wren who have kindly agreed to take over the ongoing administration of the car parking agreement.

5. Commercial review

JG and JE met with Arnie (auditor) for a commercial overview and a number of clubroom matters have been considered. In future, outside organisations that use the clubroom will be given honorary life corporate membership. Visitors and students who are not members will be given temporary associate membership. These will require changes to Club rules.

6. Approvals of equipment

The committee approved the repair or replacement of a dealing machine and the purchase of 30 Bridge Tabs, plus appropriate software and 10 gang chargers. It was agreed to display the scores on the TV screen during the last round at each session and also to continue to display running percentages on bridgemates. The latter will be reviewed when Bridge Tabs adopted.

7. Change to rules

Prizes and trophies postponed to next meeting as IG absent.

8. HBA Meeting

Club representatives meeting 27 January will be attended by JG and SG. Committee members made suggestions of issues to be raised.

9. Tournament secretary's update

Postponed to next meeting as IG absent.

10. Membership update

Latest contact details on members area of website. Phone numbers withheld if requested.

11. Chief TD update

- A. Repeated mis-scoring 1. Amend 2. Warn 3. Penalise
- B. SA to take up finishing times of AM sessions with TDs
- C. SA is considering a blue point event over a weekend to be identified.

12. Members survey update

JC to send draft survey to committee members for comment by deadline. The intention is to issue this survey no later than the end of February 2018. There will be a Word hard copy for those members without computer access but these will be restricted by TDs.

13. Publicity update

JC updated the committee on Bridge Safari publicity and new cups.

14. Teaching update

Fast track was successful with 11 attendees with one late drop out. Buddies were used to make up numbers to three full tables. Many thanks to Shelagh Wilson, Nadia Button and Felix Green. Some of the attendees are joining our Beginners class. Future Fast Track courses at the club is under review. Committee thanked SG for stepping in the absence of GA who is unavailable for personal reasons. JG reported the sincere apologies of GA for having to withdraw, which was only after much consideration was given in the circumstances. The committee recorded their good wishes to GA.

15. Safari Bridge update

Jan coordinating. SG to communicate to members. Committee members to attend reception 1630 17th April if they can and/or to participate.

16. New data protection laws

FW to investigate.

17. Date of AGM 2018

JG will advise.

18. AOB

- A. Agreed donation to Hospice £50 by cheque to Helen in memory of June Ball.
- B. Branded coffee and quality biscuits to be bought either in bulk or on special offer.
- C. Club diary has some telephone numbers missing. Felix Green has agreed to take on the role of creating the club diary and will rectify omissions etc. Committee thanks Felix.

Steve Cane

Hon. Sec.