

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 15 March 2018

Present:	Jeff Green, Sheila Gabriel, Frances Wilson, Gordon Barker, Clive Richardson, Janet Wren, Srimath Agalawatte, Ian Grieg, John Eyre
Apologies:	Steve Cane, Berwyn Aston, Gary Ames, John Phalp, Jo Childs

1. January 2018 minutes	Approved. Outstanding matters – changes to rules re membership (see below), Prizes and Trophies (see below) Date of AGM 2018 - Thursday 25 October 2018 @ 6:20pm.
2. Approval new committee member	Janet Wren co-opted onto committee, will need to be agreed at AGM. Jeff welcomed and thanked Janet for taking the Minutes.
3. Approval new members	Approved.
4. Membership secretary update	FW proposed an updated membership application form. It was agreed that the form would be amended to allow members to opt out of sharing information with HBA and GLL/Gemini.
5. Data protection	FW has investigated how to deal with the revisions to the Data Protection Act with the EBU, using their template. It was agreed that the club will consult a solicitor to ensure that club practice meets the requirements of the new law. Approximately 30 members have opted to not have their telephone number available to other members, FW to email them asking permission to share their telephone number with the chief tournament director and to use it at their discretion.
6. GLL & Clubroom updates	GLL have in hand the employment of additional managers to support with the running of the Centre. Car parking in hand. Decorators to be in April/May overnight. Possible use of Trackside bar for some evenings and weekend being investigated. Supporting Bridge Safari event. External lights to be improved. GLL electrician to organise additional plug sockets. Trackside bar keys to be provided. Sue Patrick is taking over the running of the tea, coffee and biscuits from 1 st May but we need another volunteer to acquire the milk and to assist.
7. Changes to rules	Membership - year 1 and 2 students will be members at no cost, year 3 students to pay. Prizes and trophies – cleaned and stored by Ian, currently missing several. Agreed to build a long display unit in the clubroom to house the trophies with a list of winners on the main noticeboard. IG, SG and JG to meet to review the prize money awarded and matters arising.
8. Tournament secretary update (IG)	Draft diary for 2018/2019 drawn up, Felix Green has kindly agreed to support with the production of the club handbook. The covers for the diaries are prepared. Club now has over 500 members. Jeff has written to all members. Looking to increase numbers on a Monday evening and to expand Pairs League, B and C flight teams. IG to investigate possibility of running Swiss Pairs events 4 times a year at a weekend. Possibility of running a bridge session on a regular Tuesday morning slot, and the Committee is considering both handicapped pairs and teams, initially one session each and every month. Another type of competition is “Speedball”, which is a lot of fun and the Committee is considering that also.

9. Chief tournament director update (SA)	Nothing to report at this juncture.
10. BriAn & Arcscorer (SA/SG)	Club is committed to using the tablets and is trailing using Arcscorer and BriAn software. BriAN allows the director to set up the event without using a separate scorer. It was agreed to proceed with BriAn. A new Router will be installed shortly.
11. Members' survey update	It has been updated and is now being sent out.
12. HBA meeting update	JG sent out information on this to all committee members.
13. Publicity update	Left until next meeting
14. Teaching update	Supervised play – SG needs additional help due to the increase in numbers, committee approved paying £20 per session for an Assistant. Gentle duplicate – 5 sessions beginning 13 April. Fast track courses – it was agreed that JG, PC, SG, GA to meet to discuss future plans.
15. Safari Bridge event	6 pairs needed, all committee members to encourage. SG to discuss with Mike Allen following up with individuals who attend other sessions.
16. Club raffle	Tickets sent out to club members and businesses. Committee members to sell tickets at sessions they attend where relevant and to others outside the club.
17. Visitor initiative	Left until next meeting.
18. TV announcements	SG prepares these each week and as a reminder any information to be included in the TV announcements should be sent to SG in full by the Saturday if these are to appear the following week.
19. AOB	GB will liaise with Roy to back up EBU score data to the lap top. Bev Purvis, from EBU, is attending committee meeting in May and Safari Bridge in April. WGC centennial celebrations, bridge club to look at linking with this and a Sub Committee will be formed. The Committee passed their good wishes to Derrick Kime who is currently unwell.

Janet Wren
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