

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Committee Meeting Thursday 28 September 2017

Minutes

Present: Gary Ames, Berwyn Aston, Steve Cane, Jo Child, Sheila Gabriel, Bill Gordon, Jeff Green (chair), Ian Greig, Rodger Livesey, Clive Richardson, Frances Wilson.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Srimath Agalawatte, Gordon Barker, John Eyre and John Phalp.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Remit of Chief TD – moved to next meeting

TD announcements – SA will assume responsibility for organisation of TD announcements. It may also be possible to put these on the TV screen.

The committee acknowledges with thanks the work conducted by GB to date.

Changes to rules – Dealt with later in meeting.

Trophies and awards – Responsibility of IG.

Table numbers – Dealt with later in meeting.

Restricted events and playing without standing – There will no longer be any restrictions on playing without standing in any event.

3. Approval of new members

The committee approved the new members on the list compiled by FW.

4. Preparation for AGM

JG noted that BG and RL are not standing for re-election and the committee thanked them both for their considerable contribution over many years.

Notice of AGM has been issued.

Prizes have been organised and prize-winners notified.

Majestic Wine to deliver wine and soft drinks.

BA to organise glasses.

There will be separate reports from JG and SG.

The agenda will be issued soon.

5. Approval of accounts

RL reported that the accounts have been audited and circulated.

Payment for 2016 diary doesn't appear in the accounts – JG to check.

Apart from this, the committee approved the accounts.

JG explained why the club needs a significant surplus and he is also dealing with the audit on ancillary matters.

## 6. Changes to rules update

Committee approved the suggested changes to the rules in respect to TD rulings and the appeal process and agreed to strike out the sentence in the rules which states that the TD has the authority to bar individuals from events.

All changes to the rules approved by committee in the last year will be put forward for ratification at the AGM in October.

The committee agreed that the yellow card on a Tuesday pm may no longer be appropriate, particularly bearing in mind that Wednesday am is level 4. JG, SA and SG to review this with G b in the first instance.

## 7. Table numbers – yearly update

The committee acknowledged with thanks the value of figures produced by GB but there is a need to review this as Bridgewebs may enable automatic compilation of statistics. JG described measures the club is taking to increase membership. Committee members need to focus on best behaviour at bridge and encourage TDs to intercede when necessary.

## 8. Christmas café bridge event

SG to convene sub-committee to organise this event with the aim of raising the club's profile in the community.

## 9. Teaching update and BfA promotional video.

GA presented the update and announced that the next fast track event will be held on January 20/21 2018.

The committee viewed the BfA promotional video, which is on the club website.

GA mentioned that there could be a link between bridge cruise participants and member recruitment. Malcolm Harris to be consulted by GA as he often directs bridge cruises.

## 10. GLL and clubroom update

There is still concern over the lack of lighting at the side of the building near the road. JG continues to liaise with GLL over this.

Clubroom being reorganised – IG will keep trophies at his home.

## 11. Tournament secretary's update.

IG circulated details of forthcoming Club and county events.

## 12. Clubroom equipment update

All electrical equipment has been PAT tested.

CR to order fridge for milk and to get quotes for a drinking water machine.

JG to seek GLL approval for tea, coffee and biscuits, together with water, to be provided by the club.

IG is seeking to purchase a trophy cabinet and storage cupboards from auction.

## 13. Membership update

New members put forward by FW were approved.  
FW reported that most members have renewed their membership.  
Membership fee for 2018/19 to be approved at AGM to include 6 years for £40.  
Club's preferred method of payment is by BACS – this to be included on the form.  
Members who want to use other GLL facilities to make their own arrangements.

#### 14. Publicity update

Pens have arrived.  
JC contacting new members to welcome them to the club.  
The cost of additional mugs was approved by the committee and JC is to order them.

#### 15. Tea Supplies

Covered earlier in the meeting.

#### 16. Charities and raffles

JG to summarise what is needed to organise the Christmas raffle.

#### 17. Members' survey update

This has been postponed as questionnaire currently being compiled.

#### 18. AOB

Security is still an issue and the number of key holders has been limited.  
The club is seeking someone to organise a car – share scheme as some members do not attend pm sessions as they do not like to drive in the dark.

Steve Cane  
Hon. Sec.  
29/09/2017