

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2017

		Action
	Present : Jeff Green (Chairman), Sheila Gabriel, Jo Childs, Berwyn Aston, John Eyre, Ian Greig, Clive Richardson, Roger Livesey, John Phalp, Frances Wilson, Gary Ames, Gordon Barker.	
	Welcome Jeff Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked BA for taking the minutes in SC's absence.	
1	Apologies were received from: Steve Cane, Bill Gordon, Srimath Agalawatte	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <p>From 2.4 Club Quiz. This was cancelled due to lack of support and John Eyre agreed to follow up the sale of the raffle tickets with Bill Thurl who was collecting the money. The Committee agreed to roll the raffle forward to the Christmas events if there is no earlier suitable occasion.</p> <p>From 4.1 FW reminded the Committee that the sale of raffle tickets shouldn't be discounted.</p> <p>From 4.2 IG asked if the Table money had been sent to Felix's three chosen charities and JE confirmed the money had been sent.</p> <p>From 4.3 Charities. It was agreed to support Isabel Hospice this year.</p> <p>RL said that the HBA was asking Clubs to nominate Charities for 2017/18 so that was postponed for discussion until the July committee meeting.</p> <p>From 17 TD courses postponed in SA's absence</p> <p>However the first of the 4 TD courses is being held at the Club on July 1st SG offered to put information on the website. JC will include it the next newsletter. To qualify as a Club TD, all 4 courses have to be completed, not necessarily in the same year. For hosting the courses the Club either gets 1 free day course or £50. If the Club pays members to attend they must be prepared to direct at the Club after approval from the Committee.</p>	<p>JE</p> <p>SG JC</p>
3	Approval of new members -FW The 9 new members were all approved.	
4	AGM The date has been changed to Friday October 13 th Steve to circulate members 28 days beforehand.	SC
5	<p>Carpet and Blinds approval -JG</p> <p>A Universal Care carpet has been chosen in the natural colour Latte. Comes with a 7 year commercial guarantee. £6290 includes underlay, bars, fitting. VAT and removal of existing carpet. The proposal is to have vertical blinds fitted which will prevent the sun from fading the colour of the carpet. Colour stone grey at a cost of £1675 + £150 for weights to be fitted.</p> <p>Decorating of room. David Hutchinson from GLL has agreed to get this done for us and can start as soon as we like.</p> <p>FW to photo the old curtains and will put them on eBay, for collection only.</p> <p>JC and FW will take them down and if they don't sale will put them in a skip.</p>	FW JC FW

	CR will remove the rails	CR
6	Changes to Rules Updates Item carried over to next meeting	SG
7	Schedule of events 2017-18 , including Sims - IG It was agreed to keep 7 types of EBU and HBA Sims plus the 2 charity events and competitions the same as this year but omit the Stratified Pairs .IG JG and SG to look at diary dates before the next meeting so that the final dates can be given to Roy Button. IG to form a subcommittee to identify what the membership really wants for the following years regarding competitions, perhaps new ones and at which sessions to hold them. A survey is to be sent out to members in Sept /Oct.	IG,JG SG IG JC
8	Pairs league-JE To be held on the second Wed in each month. JE and SA have had several meeting and discussions on how to run this event. It will be a prestige event for the club and should attract high level players. There will be a minimum of 3 divisions of 5 Tables. It is not limited to only the strong players and members will be in a division with players of an equal standard. It will run for 3 months at a time. It was agreed to go ahead this Sept. Details to be worked out by JE, SA and Malcolm Harris	JE SA MH
9	GLL update-JG JG reported on the meeting today with David Hutchinson.	
9.1	The air con is working now but the middle unit needs to be replaced at a cost of £3700. Two other units also have a limited lifespan so all may need replacing in the near future. The units have all been serviced but the gas is running very low and cannot be replaced as that type of gas is no longer available, so they are not running efficiently. To keep them going CR reported that they should be run at a min of 19 degrees and a max of 23. If they go over that their life will be shortened. JG to get a price for replacing all the units. GLL take responsibility for the AC will pay for replacing the units and servicing.	
9.2	The toilets will be looked at again to try to improve the flushing. The seats have been replaced and air fresheners will be put in the rooms.	
9.3	There was an unfortunate incident when one of our members' was very abusive to a member of GLL staff when told they couldn't go in the trackside bar where a children's event was being held. This is quite unacceptable and JG will be following it up. This sort of behaviour is taken very seriously.	JG
9.4	Food It's been agreed that we will not provide tea and coffee in the evenings when the bar is open nor should we bring in alcohol. However it is of no concern to GLL if we now bring in our own food and drink at other times. EBU and HBA events can now cater for themselves.	JG
9.5	Publicity A television is to be installed behind reception and the Club can use it for a short advert. GLL would like the Club to promote the Centre in our newsletter. JC to organise both.	JC
9.6	Corporate Membership with GLL JG with JE has negotiated a very good new deal with GLL	

	<p>Our members will not need to renew their GLL membership. The Club will pay the amount agreed to GLL</p> <p>It was however not clear whether a membership number would be issued to new members. This would be required by those who might use other GLL facilities. JG to check this out and associated matters with GLL.</p> <p>The following was proposed and was accepted by the Committee.</p> <p>Membership to the Club One year £10 Three years £25</p> <p>This could be reviewed at a later date to include a five year membership. Visitors £5 and will only be a member of GLL for the three hours they are playing Bridge, should encourage them to join.</p> <p>Bridge Students 12-15 months free.</p> <p>Life member of GLL £5</p> <p>No increase in Table money for at least the next 2 years, the earliest Sept 2019.</p> <p>JG and JE to inform members and HBA and EBU</p> <p>This was all seen as a very positive move for the Club.</p> <p>JE will cover all this at the AGM</p> <p>JG to confirm all the above with GLL</p> <p>JG and JE to agree on notification to all members</p> <p>JC to put it in newsletter</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG JE JE JG JG JE JC</p>
10	<p>Membership update -FW</p> <p>See attachment</p>	
11	<p>Teaching update –GA See attachment</p> <p>Fast Track Bridge. This is going ahead with 8 students at the moment. GA and SG to report back at the next meeting. The Committee agreed GA's suggestion of increasing the price for the year 1 course from £40 to £50 per term which will include the provision of the "Bridge for All Year 1" publication. GA will discuss with Peter Clark year 2 and 3 fees and this will come back to a future Committee meeting for a decision.</p>	<p>GA SG</p>
12	<p>Publicity update - JC</p> <p>Started promoting in 5 local parish magazines, which accept commercial adverts, the Sept. lessons, the next FTB course in January and other Bridge sessions. By bringing in the advert the Club offers one free Duplicate session or 5% off a lesson package. Next bulletin to come out next week.</p>	<p>JC</p>
13	<p>Club room equipment update - CR</p> <p>Power points electrics etc. £400/£500</p> <p>CR and colleague will put these in the Club room and a light sensor in the lobby. All agreed by Committee.</p>	<p>CR</p>
14-17	Due to lack of time these items will be carried over to the next meeting.	
	Date and time of next meeting Thursday 20 th July 2017 at 5pm	
	JG thanked the Committee.	

