

BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday

12th October 2017 at 14, Luckley Wood

Present: Bill Barclay (BB) Joyce Baldock (JB) Ian Adnams (IA) Dave Lee (DL) David Pinder (DP)

- 1. Apologies** – were received from Dave Green and Alan Brown (belated)
- 2. Minutes of the meeting dated 18th May 2017**– were accepted and signed as correct.
- 3. Matters arising** – JB passed over some more historical documents to DL who reported that if no further information is forthcoming the matter should be abandoned.
- 4. Chairman's report** – There had been one small glitch on LMS when a team had entered IMP's instead of VP's but this was swiftly dealt with. He extended thanks to all 3 Davids for their hard work in getting the Leagues, Pivot and Handicaps installed on the Web. Ownership of the ISP account with ONE.Com has been transferred to DG and arrangements will now be made to transfer ownership of the domain name. Sadly, due to an impending change in Lifestyle, BB plans to be moving out of the area within the next 12 months and a new Chair must be sought. A lengthy discussion ensued on succession options.
- 5. Secretary's report** – only a few minor issues which had all been dealt with by passing over to the relevant officer.
- 6. Treasurer's report** – nothing to report.
- 7. League Fixtures Secretary's report** – in his absence DG had submitted a written report. A new feature is available on LMS for entering contact details of Captains and the home venue, BB was not sure about the EBU security of such information and would ask DG to check this angle. It was agreed that the current spreadsheet is satisfactory.
- 8. Pivot secretary's report** – The new EBU laws are now in operation and the handicap system supported by DP is working

very well, a quick check of the match results so far show no great difference between the new and the old. He suggested that the 'drop dead' date be extended to the end of the month thus giving teams an extra League Free week in which to arrange matches. The subject of walkovers, as raised by an Ascot team, was discussed and DL asked to investigate further and let IA have a response to forward to the team(s) in question. Aerospace reported difficulties in arranging their match vs Bracknell Forest Kirk and asked for an extension to the deadline – agreed.

9. **Reserve Players** – a possible relaxation in the rules concerning the use of reserve players was discussed at some length. Whilst this was generally agreed in principle there are considerations of how to police it and guard against abuse. IA to Agenda it for discussion at the next meeting.
10. **League reinvigoration** – Suggestions included contacting novice/improvers groups and educational establishments (players must be over 18 years old), offering an initial free entry and reducing matches to 18 boards within this group - BBL to provide equipment and, possibly, venues. All Committee (including those absent) asked to furnish DP with potential contacts. JB to look into producing a poster. BB to produce an email questionnaire to distribute to all local Bridge Clubs. ? change the season to the summer months, March through to October/December
11. **EOSP checklist** – JB was thanked for producing a comprehensive checklist. IA to book the Hall for May 31st. BB to look at poster enhancements.
12. **Any other business** – none.
13. **Date of next meeting** – Committee: Thursday 8th February 2018, 2pm at 14 Luckley Wood. AGM: Thursday 17th May 2018 (time and venue?)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.30pm.