

MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 16 July 2019

Present:

Val Smith (VS) Chair Jenny Watson (JW) Secretary Dave Harper (DH) Philip Wolfson (PW) Hilary Powell (HP) Vice Chair David Powell (DP) Treasurer Dave Parkinson (DNP)

	Item	Action
1	Apologies for absence	
	Bob Middleditch (BM)	
2	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 April 2019 were agreed.	
3	Matters arising from previous meeting	
	3.1 DP to contact Darrick Wood school again. The school was keen to set up a bridge club, but no further contact yet.	DP
	The primary school children can't always learn much in the time available.	
	Janet Butler is happy for her sponsorship money to be used for teaching training. Graham King will be helping to teach with DP.	
	5 PW and DP have started discussing PW taking over as Treasurer. DP will	
	continue until the next AGM, with a gradual handover to PW from the October audit onwards.	DP/PW
	7 No door entry fobs provided yet by SGC	
	10 HP has purchased new boards and cases, and 26 board deals are now being used for Web Mitchell movements. Spare sets of 33 board movements are available for evenings with fewer than 15 tables.	
	12 The Stirling University collection raised only £4. To be made up to a £25 donation using club funds.	DP
	13.2 Slow play continues. Players to be reminded where possible to speed up	Directors
	13.3 No bell to be used.	
4	Financial position Cash balance was £5k at the end of June. There will be more income than	
	forecast to the end of September. The club is averaging 16.5 tables each week against a forecast based on 15.	
	No reaction from SGC to the club increasing the rental payments to £110pw.	



	DP will deputise for PW when he takes over as Treasurer.	DP/PW
	HP and DP will tell Aces Bridge Club that we will not deal for their monthly competition any longer now that John Gibbons is their regular dealer. The loss of the £10 monthly income will not be significant.	HP/DP
5	Club membership and table numbers Our table numbers have generally remained high, despite falling table numbers at some other clubs. Most other clubs play more than once a week, and BNBC is regarded as comfortable and friendly. We have around 126 paid up members, with a cap of 130. However a number of members rarely, if ever, play at the club for a number of reasons. It was agreed that DP would analyse the number of times members have played, and that we would consider having a 'non playing' membership category to avoid future new memberships being blocked by people who do not attend.	DP
	Discussion to be had at the next meeting on how to define 'non playing' and whether a constitutional change is needed. The lowest recent number of tables was 11 for the cut in teams in June. Members to be asked at the AGM whether they wish the cut in teams evenings to continue.	JW
6	Directors VS will cover any dates when Fred Tedore is due to direct if he is not fully trained by then.	VS
	Directors need to keep up to date with rule and law changes. DH to notify directors of anything new.	DH
7	Competitions	
	The Corbett/Mitchell competition will have 4 levels this year and we must decide how many teams to enter. Once again, arrangements to be made early to secure participation of members willing to play for BNBC.	DNP
8	Any other business 8.1 Members to be reminded that parking at the rear of SGC is only for those with a blue badge or with the agreement of the Committee, ie other illnesses and disabilities or for those who carry equipment	VS/HP
	8.2 We have an agreement with SGC that the air conditioning should be working. Windows and doors to be kept shut to maximise effectiveness. VS to approach SGC to discuss.	VS
9	Date of next meeting 22 October 2019, 3pm at Val Smith's	