

Crawley Bridge Club

Committee Meeting 29/7/16

Attending

Helen Kent, Alan Litchfield, Betty Lecky-Thompson, Richard Jameson, Sylvia Webb, Mark Randall, Mervyn Wotton

Bridgemates

There was a general discussion of the pros and cons of obtaining a Bridgemates system. Mervyn, who has researched things thoroughly and on whose shoulders a lot of the responsibility for operating the system would fall, drew the meeting's attention to the disadvantages and potential pitfalls. These included:-

The different types and levels of problem that directors might have to deal with.

The changes to provision of support activities that will be necessary, i.e. player database maintenance, P2P and printing, sometimes under pressure at the start of the evening.

The need to update the 3 Bridgemate software components (Bridgemate Control Software (BCS), server and table unit) every so often.

The 3 new/changed user interfaces that directors should understand, i.e. ScoreBridge, BCS and table unit.

Mervyn had also obtained a commentary from Dick Wheeler at Worthing Bridge Club about their experiences introducing the system and the practices they had adopted to operate it.

It is expected that the use of Bridgemates will necessitate two separate roles at the start of a session. One person will set up and operate the Bridgemates system and another will organise the evening (furniture, table set-up, dealing, announcements, movements and queries).

A motion to obtain a system was put to the vote and carried by four votes in favour with two abstentions. Mervyn did not vote. From the director's standpoint he was not in favour but was prepared to go along with the majority view.

The order will comprise:-

Bridgemates II handsets x8

Bridgemates II server

Laptop (plus mouse) preloaded with Bridgemates and Scorebridge software

Carrycase

We will advise Bridgemates we wish to proceed and arrange delivery/instruction on a Friday club night when MW, HK, RJ and HDV can all attend.

Action: RJ

Membership Renewal

We have spoken to Shirley Robinson about the process of membership renewal and agreed how to proceed. Shirley has supplied a copy of the GIBC membership list which has been reconciled with our CBC list. The GIBC renewal form for this year is now to hand and a modified version including the CBC element will be produced and circulated. The objective is to complete this year's subscriptions renewals process by the end of August.

Action: RJ

The Monday night cadet session has become established and the players in that group should be invited to join CBC.

Action: HK, RJ

Sheila Becarevic Men vs Ladies

This event had to be postponed. It was agreed to re-schedule it.

Action: HK,RJ

Committee Meeting Minutes

It was agreed to publish the minutes of committee meetings on the website.

The meeting closed.