

Crawley Bridge Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 30/1/19

Attending

Helen Kent, Peter Watkins, Richard Jameson, Alan Litchfield, Betty Lecky-Thompson, Mark Randall

1. Minutes of the Meeting 25/7/18

The minutes were agreed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

The proposal for an Anniversary Lunch should be carried forward with a view to the event taking place in July this year.

Action : HK and BL-T

3. Finance

Our current account balance stands at £5.5k.

4. Bridgemates and Capacity

Bridgemates. The three additional handsets have arrived. We now have a total of fifteen handsets which is commensurate with the physical capacity of the restaurant.

Furniture. The attendance on Wednesdays has increased. It is becoming routine that we need to be able to set up for twelve tables. This involves folding away at least two of the big tables plus setting up the playing tables and chairs. To get this done in a timely manner requires at least two volunteers to arrive by 1845. It was decided not to implement a formal rota unless it proves necessary. We have a pool of volunteers (RJ, MR, SR, PW) who have agreed to arrive by 1845 on the nights they are playing to assist Mervyn (or whoever is directing) with the set-up.

5. Calendar 19/20

Mark Randall has agreed to act as Competition Secretary.

It was agreed that that the diary for next year will similar to this year's.

Action: HK, RJ

W 10 Jul Anniversary Lunch

F 20 Sep Compensated Teams

W 9 Oct Men v Ladies

F 18 Oct Individual

W 13 Nov CiN Simultaneous Pairs

F 6 Dec Xmas Party

F 10 Jan Charity Simultaneous Pairs

F 14 Feb Valentine Pairs

W 19 Feb SCCBA Open Simultaneous Pairs

W 19 Mar Compensated Teams

F 17 Apr Handicap pairs

W 29 Apr AGM

6. AGM

The AGM takes place on Friday 17/5/19. It was agreed to ask Mervyn to put an item on the website a few weeks in advance of that date canvassing for members to join the committee.

Mervyn has suggested this would be better done by means of an email. I agree and will action accordingly.

The current members and officers agreed to continue if required.

Action: RJ

7. Dealing Machine

It has been suggested that the club invest in a dealing machine.

There was discussion of the benefits we would derive.

1. Details of the hands can be uploaded to the website. 2. It is a useful teaching aid. 3. Preparing the hands for simultaneous competitions is no problem. 4. It is suggested that it produces more interesting hands. 5. HCP per game by seat are given in the unlikely event that someone complains they never get any points.

The projected cost is £3,584.20. This includes a new 4-drawer filing cabinet for secure storage.

Based on the experience of other clubs it was anticipated that all the hands for the week would be produced in advance at one sitting. We would need a pool of volunteers to do that and a rota to manage it.

It was agreed by a majority that we proceed with this investment.

A sub-committee comprising MR and RJ will liaise with Mervyn to move this forward.

Action: MR and RJ

8. Partner Finding

Things have changed since the advent of email-based partner finding. Betty requested a change to the wording on the website to reflect that.

Action: BL-T

The meeting closed