

BACH

Notes from meeting held 5th March @ Kim's Bistro

In Attendance:

Wynne Gifford (Honorary President)

Sue Barnes Pam Deverill Steve Deverill Ian Hamilton Reg Hull

Amanda Marnham Hazel Rebbeck

Apologies:

Val Cameron

1. Finance

Ian presented the finances for the period 18th March 2013 to 24th Feb 2014. The following was noted.

- 1.1. The monies are now paid into a club bank account with Ian & Sue as signatories.
- 1.2. We generate surplus funds of just over £100 pw.
- 1.3. Current surplus is 4.3k. This would be 4.5k if the prepayment for the hall is added back.
- 1.4. The projected surplus @ end June will be 6.5k for the 15 month period.
- 1.5. Average number of tables is on the rise. More details in membership section.
- 1.6. Proposal is for Ian to prepare accounts up to 30th June in line with the club year end for competitions. Tony Martin has previously agreed to audit the accounts.

2. Membership

Reg had prepared a schedule showing the rise in membership. It stimulated discussion and the following was noted.

- 2.1. We are currently averaging 12.4 tables. This is an increase of 1 table over the last year.
- 2.2. The employment of 2 Board rounds is currently the simplest solution. If the number of tables continues to grow we will look at alternative movements.

2.3.Red Section.

- 2.3.1. Pam & Sue have candidates for the Red Section. They will encourage them to come and play @ CH starting beginning August.
- 2.3.2. Pam will score.
- 2.3.3. Wynne & Reg will support Pam as required.

2.4. Website.

- 2.4.1. Booking In via the yellow book and the website is working well. Sundays are a popular booking in day.
- 2.4.2. There is steady traffic peaking on Tuesday's when members review performance and stats.

2.5.Directing.

- 2.5.1. Sue is keeping people moving at a good pace and we managed 24 boards this week.
- 2.5.2. Sue will be away for a week soon and will ask John Boorman to cover. This could be a long term solution for Sue's absences.
- 2.5.3. Refreshments are working well. There are occasions when cups are not washed up. Sue will continue to remind people of their responsibilities at the beginning of sessions as and when required.

3. Oscars

- 3.1. The date was set at 14th July.
- 3.2. The criteria for prizes will be the usual mix of best performers and special awards. The standard of the club is now higher there resulting in c50 prizes if the usual qualification of "played more than 20 times and have an average greater than 50% " is used. It was agreed to alter this criteria to the Top 25 who have played more than 20 times. This will mean there will be c35 prizes.
- 3.3. Reg has already sourced some educational DVD's prizes and will complete the exercise by sourcing the usual array of cards, pens, pads etc @ at average of £5 / £6 per prize.

4. Christmas Bridge Dates

- 4.1. We will be closed on Monday 22nd and 29th December. Re-Open 5th Jan
- 4.2. Christmas Party will be on 15th December

5. Pre Dealt Hands & Dealing Machine

After much discussion no definitive conclusion was reached as to whether to implement pre dealt hands. The following key points were made.

- 5.1. The purchase of a dealing machine is expensive @c3k.
- 5.2. The annual rental of the facility from Lingfield would be £120 pa. In addition there would be set up costs for boards and cards of £500.
- 5.3. Reg had previously circulated a paper including costs and benefits and will re-send to Ian for further deliberation.
- 5.4. A significant number of people had reservations about pre dealt hands, including general mistrust of fairness and psychological pressures when bidding.
- 5.5. The Jannersten duplimate boards have a prohibitive holder for the travellers. Wynne suggested we could use the North slot to hold the traveller.
- 5.6. Further trial. Sue and Ian are going to borrow a set of Jannersten duplimate boards from Lingfield and see if:-
 - 5.6.1. We could accommodate a traveller easily
 - 5.6.2. We can run a further trial

(Amanda departed @ 14:30)

6. Scoring

Manual scoring is working well at this time. We do not input contracts as this would be too time consuming albeit very informative.

Reg has investigated electronic means of scoring. It was decided that this was not an option we should progress at this stage. For information the following is a summary of options.

- 6.1. Bridgemate II. Cost c3k
- 6.2. Bridgemate Pro-reconditioned c1.4k
- 6.3. Cloud software and tablets c1k

7. Members Safety and Club Insurance

A debate took place as to liability for accidents, locking up etc. The following actions were agreed.

- 7.1. Wynne will contact Alan Wesley for advice on lighting in the car park.
- 7.2. Ian will investigate club insurance policies and costs.

8. Next Meeting

- 8.1. Next meeting should be just after the accounts are produced so that we can properly review the year and discuss the way forward.

9. Minutes

- 9.1. Reg will issue for approval and file with previous minutes on website

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14:50

For info Main activities and responsibilities

- ❖ Bookings - Amanda
- ❖ Books & Accounts - Ian
- ❖ Director - Sue
- ❖ Locking up - Steve & Reg
- ❖ Opening & Setting up - Amanda & Irene
- ❖ Host/Partner - Wynne
- ❖ Red Section Leader - Pam
- ❖ Refreshments - Val & Hazel
- ❖ Scoring - Ian
- ❖ Stationery - Wynne
- ❖ Website - Reg

Reg (05/03/14)