

HEREFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 6th October, 2015.

Present: Peter Watts (Chairman), Chris Chowney, Maggie Eaton, Ed Bourne, Steve Booth, Dave Weller (Treasurer), Gordon Thornewell (Secretary).

Apologies: Tony Voogd

Minutes: Minutes for the meeting held on 25th August, 2015 were accepted as a true record except in AOB teams scoring is being investigated with Bridgewebs by Chris and the question is still being investigated.

Matters Arising: One team has been entered for the NICKO. Entry for Sim Pairs has been registered. Web links to training topics not yet established and Chris awaits suggestions. The Sport Hereford event did include activities other than athletics- perhaps we should try to be included next year.

Treasurer's Report: Income is £50 down on budget and with a projected end year deficit of £75 if we achieve the budgeted 6 table average, currently only 5.25. However, the room hire is to be increased to £14/hr adding about £250 to the year end deficit and a further £190 loss if table average is not increased from 5.25. To address the situation, to which imminent replacement of the playing cards is another un-budgeted cost, an interim increase of table fees to £3(visitors £4), effective from 1st November, 2015, was agreed.

Chairman's Report: Chris Chowney and Ben Britton won the County Men's Pairs event. We have four teams in the Inter-club teams and after the first round 3 of them are well placed. We are to remember the Kambites seminar at Ross, 11th Dec.

County Rep's Report: There has been no meeting but County membership is reported to be ca.500.

Correspondence: None.

Club Competitions: Ladies invitation event, coffee break, and inter-club match, all deferred.

Christmas Social: Tony is organising play, John Thacker is to be asked to provide drinks and Maggie agreed to co-ordinate food supplies. Our 40th Anniversary will be celebrated on 12th April, '16. Should this be an open invitation event? Invite founders or near founders?

AOB: EBU Score, Ed to review and advise on change over from Scorebridge to EBU score. Laptop scorer to be up-dated by connecting on line. HBC Code of Conduct to be published on our website. Attention was directed to the EBU article on "What makes a successful Bridge Club". To encourage developing players promote handicapped 'ordinary' duplicate pairs through the winter programme.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 1st December, '15 at 17.45.

