

HEREFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 1st.December, 2015.

Present: Peter Watts (Chairman), Chris Chowney, Maggie Eaton, Steve Booth, Tony Voogd, Dave Weller (Treasurer), Gordon Thornevell (Secretary).

Apologies: Ed Bourne

Minutes: Minutes for the meeting held on 6th.October, 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: Increase to table money to £3(£4 for visitors) was implemented on 17th.November. Chris was asked to amend the website entry accordingly. Our 'Code of Good Conduct' is on the website. Bridgewebs can accept team scores and convert to '%', but needs to be monitored. It was agreed that EBUscore would not be implemented but would be reviewed later. Scorebridge licences are to be renewed for Dave, Peter, Chris, Gordon with Ed as primary licensee. Improve your Bridge - Maggie with Tony suggested an open evening on Tuesday,9th.February,'16. To include guests of any standard to an evening of relaxed Bridge and a coffee break, no visitor fee. The aim being to promote interest in our game and our club. The idea was accepted with enthusiasm.

Treasurer's Report: Saxon Hall confirmed an increase in the room hire charge from £11 to £12 with effect from 1st.January '16. Table average is 5.3 and with the raised table fee break even is now 5. Membership has fallen to 41, the effect of the reduction is mitigated by the hire charge being less than anticipated.

Chairman's Report: Our teams are 3rd., 4th., 6th. And 12th. In the Ledbury teams league. Our Nicko are through to the 3rd. round. We are trying to form two teams of 8 to contest the county qualifying round of the Garden Cities Cup. County Pairs at Tarrington, 5th.March '16 – the hall hire contract is signed and Peter will ask Ed to look after promotion as for previous events.

County Rep's Report: Entries for the in house teams league has fallen to 7. It is desirable to have two divisions to avoid having too big a difference in playing standards. A minimum of 8 teams are required – can we encourage more participation? A county pairs league is very successful at Gloucester and a joint venture with Worcestershire is under consideration. P2P fee not being increased this year. The decline in club membership is a concern and The Birches have advertised in the local press. Gordon will arrange listing of the club in Hereford local directory.

Correspondence: Letter from Saxon Hall re room hire charge.

Club Competitions: Additional handicap events, etc. - deferred.

Christmas Social: All in hand as for previous events. 40th. Anniversary on 12th.April – deferred.

Next meeting: 26th.January 2016 at 5.45pm..

